



Beverly A. Palmer

October 25, 1951 - August 25, 2024

BEVERLY A. PALMER, lovingly known as “Penny,” was born on October 25, 1951, to the late Mabel E. Palmer and Richard Palmer. She passed away peacefully at the age of 72 on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 3:54 a.m. at Sinai Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Penny was a devoted member of Saint Ann’s Catholic Church, where she began her faith journey as a child. She attended Saint Ann’s Elementary School and later graduated from the Institute of Notre Dame (IND), a Catholic all-girls high school in Baltimore, Maryland, where she sang soprano in the Acappella choir. Her education at IND instilled in her the values and discipline that guided her throughout her life. After high school, Penny pursued her passion for nursing at The Helene Fuld School of Nursing in Baltimore, earning her nursing degree in 1972. She furthered her education at The University of Baltimore, studying Business Administration.

Penny began her distinguished nursing career in 1975 as a Staff Nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital, caring for surgical patients with skill and compassion. In 1977, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to work in the Open Heart ICU at Crawford W. Long Hospital. Despite her new experiences, her heart remained in Baltimore, and she returned to continue her nursing career.

Back in Baltimore, Penny’s dedication led her to serve as the Director of

Nursing at Union Memorial Hospital, where she worked at the first Subacute Unit. She continued her leadership as Director of Nursing and started the first Subacute unit at Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC), then moved on to Genesis Multi Medical Center. She later served as Director of Nursing at Loch Raven VA Medical Center, where she eventually retired. Throughout her career, Penny exemplified selflessness and devotion in nursing. Her boundless compassion and nurturing spirit touched the lives of countless patients and their families, inspiring her staff, colleagues, and patients alike with her tireless efforts and unwavering empathy.

An active member of several professional organizations, including the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses and the American Nurses Association, Penny was a beloved figure in the nursing community. Her compassion, dedication, and empathy were a testament to her character, and her influence will be felt for years to come.

Beyond her professional achievements, Penny was known for her vibrant personality and her beautiful hair, which always complemented her radiant presence. She enjoyed reading, singing in her opera soprano voice, watching Western TV shows, spending quality time with family and friends, trying new restaurants, and traveling. She had a fondness for Cadillacs, often driving them on road trips to visit loved ones. Every year, she made cherished journeys to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to see her sister Carolyn, and to Rehoboth Beach, Bethany Beach, Ocean City and Myrtle Beach, where she stayed in her timeshare for her birthdays.

Penny was not only a dedicated nurse but also a generous soul who gave freely to family and friends. She was a gem, known for her loving, caring, and kind nature. A woman of deep faith, Penny found comfort in daily Bible readings, hymns, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which she faithfully prayed at 3 p.m. each day.

Penny is survived by her four siblings: Carolyn Smith, Elaine Edmonds, Eric (Maggie) Palmer and Vivian Palmer; one uncle: Joseph Palmer; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and other family members. She also leaves behind her beloved and devoted nieces, Khristian and Khadeijah Palmer-Rhodes; her devoted godson, Boris Day, and goddaughter, Shalai Davis; her childhood best friends: Sharon Johnson-Stewart, Sandra Canty, Rachel Carrenard, Ariel Stanely, Cynthia Johnson, Marlene Howard and Claudia Lewis; her longtime friend: Sister Jeanne Barasha; dear friends: Audrey Ernestine

Day, Mary Kumah, Mamie Edwards, Phyllis Olanrewaju, Joan Armstrong, Barbara Hannon and Cathy Portera. A special thank you to her caregivers, Shirrelle Hughes (niece) and Marie Debrosse Solomon (friend), for their loving support. The family extends a heartfelt gratitude to all the family, friends, classmates, church members, coworkers and colleagues, who touched Penny's life and shared in her journey. Penny Palmer's legacy is one of love, support, kindness, and unwavering faith. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her, and her memory will forever be cherished.

Cemetery Details

New Cathedral Cemetery

4300 Old Federick Rd
Baltimore, MD 21229

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
528 E. 22nd St.
Baltimore, MD 21218

Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Family,
Sending you strength and support during this
challenging period. My deepest condolences.
VAMHCS co-worker from Perry Point. Patricia
Caple*



Patricia Caple - September 05, 2024 at 10:51 PM

CB

“ *Cecelia S Bowman sent a virtual gift in memory
of Beverly A. Palmer*



Cecelia S Bowman - September 05, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CB

Sending love and prayers to the family. May she rest in eternal peace



Cecelia S Bowman - September 05, 2024 at 06:13 PM

SJ

“ *Very kind and sweet and will be missed love and peace Sandy.*

Sandra jackson - September 05, 2024 at 05:29 PM

MN

“ McCarroll & Ryoko Nole purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Beverly A. Palmer.



McCarroll & Ryoko Nole - September 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM

CR

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my dear friend. I met Penny while working at the VA Loch Raven Facility in 2001. She was a wonderful person who brought joy and positivity to the workplace. She was an excellent nurse in caring for America's Veterans ensuring they always received the best care. We kept in touch after we both retired, I would send her cards while I was traveling, she was so appreciative of the post cards letting her know the places I was visiting. Our last conversation was in July in which we talked about how her friendship and encouragement helped so much at the workplace, I was so fortunate our paths crossed. I will miss her laughter, joy and kind spirit more than word can express. RIP my dear friend Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure.

Carla Ruff

Carla Ruff - September 05, 2024 at 03:55 AM

TA

“ Team Turner ATL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverly A. Palmer.



Team Turner ATL - September 04, 2024 at 08:33 PM

AC

“ Anna C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly A. Palmer.

Anna C. - September 04, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly A. Palmer.



September 04, 2024 at 04:34 PM

PB

“ Wow, I am truly sorry to hear of Penny's passing. Penny was so kind to me as a little boy. We went to St. Ann's Catholic School and because I was young child and Penny was a few years older than me she would walk me up the hill to St. Ann's and probably bring me home as well. We lived on the same block Cecil Avenue. of course as I got older and times went by, whenever I saw her we still had that same connection. As life moves on, I wish I had taken the time to find her and thank her. It's nice to hear how great a leader, friend, and co-worker that she was. My condolences to the Palmer for their loss.

Patrick Britton

patrick britton - August 30, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ *Deepest sympathy and sincere condolences for the family. Penny was a lovely lady and a kind soul. Worked with her several years at Loch Raven VA*
Joyce Smith Retired Chief Nurse



Joyce Smith - August 29, 2024 at 09:42 PM

EH

“ *Oh, dear Penny - too soon. Remembering the fun times learning to become a nurse at Helene Fuld School of Nursing of Provident Hospital, Inc. class of 1975. Was looking forward to our 50th year reunion and celebrating with you. My condolences to your family. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Evelyn Hoover - August 29, 2024 at 06:52 PM

AB

Penny and I worked together as nurses at Lock Raven VA and she was fun to be around. We laughed a lot. One day she told me she felt liberated when she turned 50. She non longer felt she had to listen/and accept people non sense and decided not to allow anybody to intimidate her. She spoke her mind whenever necessary. I liked it and kind of adopted her new way of thinking. She loves her family, especially her precious twin neices and her nephew Brian. I am sad to see go so soon Penny. Rest in peace! Annette

Annette Banatte-Victor - August 29, 2024 at 07:56 PM

GM

My condolences to the Palmer family. I met Penny at Loch Raven Community Living Center when I transferred there from the D.C. VAMC. as the Assistant Associate Nurse Manager. Penny was an excellent nurse and took pride in her role as a nurse who knew her residents well and loved her family. She and I often shared family stories and pictures. Upon my retirement and relocation back to my home state of N.C. we remained the best of friends and stayed connected with phone calls, birthday cards and personal visits upon my visits back to Baltimore. Penny and I referred to each other as My BFF (best friend forever). RIP my BFF. You will be missed 🙏 Gladys F. McGhee

Gladys F. McGhee - September 04, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 28, 2024 at 10:34 AM

SM

Penny, as I called her, was a wonderful extraordinary nurse and friend. She took care of my father for over a year in the hospital and nursing home until he died in 1985. She remained as part of our family until she passed. I will miss her. As we say in the Jewish religion. "Baruch Dayan HaEmet...May her memory be a blessing."

Sheila Mentz - August 29, 2024 at 03:33 PM

KC

Penny is what I called her also, she was a very nice lady and RN. She was the NOD on night shift at the VA medical center where we worked together. I am going to miss her. But this is not good bye, this is good night. She is resting in heaven. When you get to heaven Davenport is waiting for you to make you laugh. Love you Penny.

Kathy Cook - August 29, 2024 at 07:04 PM

HC

*Ms. Penny Palmer:
I have many memories of my dear loving friend, co worker, Penny.
She was always admired our
Vets & family at the LR CLC by her ability to care & put them first.
May the Lord provide comfort to her family which she loved them
much. Her nieces, siblings, & others 🌸🕊️*

Hilda Curet - September 04, 2024 at 12:51 PM



She was the NOD at the BRECC and she was my friend. RIP dear friend.

Rick LR - September 06, 2024 at 04:32 AM