



## Penny Diane Moorehouse-Coates

December 14, 1953 - October 27, 2016

Penny Diane Moorehouse-Coates was the fifth child of Andy and Helene Moorehouse. She had four brothers, Bob, Larry, Ron and Donald (“Moose”). She was born and raised in Carthage, Missouri.

Penny learned to play a Hammond organ and played at many social and private functions. She worked at Bob’s Shoe Warehouse until going to Missouri Southern College, majoring in psychology. After graduating from college she got a job at the Joplin Regional Center as a case worker. She worked her way up to the ranks to eventually becoming the director.

Penny met Ed Coates during her last college years. They were together 38 years, 12 of those years they dated then got married. They moved from her home on Olive Street, purchasing their permanent home on Highland Avenue. Penny retired in 2014, only to become sicker with cancer and suffered tremendously until death. Penny passed peacefully in her sleep October 27, 2016.

Visitation was held Friday, October 28th at the Southwest Missouri Bank community room. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 29th at the Harvey Cemetery East of Carthage near LaRussell.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Ed, I was happy to visit with Penny at your home last summer. Penny and I went through a lot of challenges at work. She was a stand up person for people with disabilities. It was clear she loved her life with you and loved her family. My sincere sympathy Cathy

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**Cathy Backs** - November 07, 2016 at 07:51 PM

JD

“ Ed you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jill Denefrio** - October 29, 2016 at 02:27 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Penny's struggles. I worked with her at the Regional office, she was always a delightful and very conscious individual who was amazing at helping individuals with disabilities.

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**Doris Obradovich** - October 28, 2016 at 10:54 PM

JL

“ Penny was an amazing lady! She cared so much about people with disabilities and about her staff! She was such a great mentor to me and to so many others. I love you Penny and you will be missed.

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**Jana Littlefield** - October 28, 2016 at 09:26 PM