



Carmen Elaine Pucheu

April 8, 1952 - June 28, 2021

Private services will be held at a later date for Carmen Elaine Pucheu, 69, who passed away on Monday, June 28, 2021 at her residence in Lafayette.

Left behind to cherish her memory is her son, Josh Verdu of Baltimore, MD; her daughter, Emily Kittrell and her husband Bennett of Raleigh, NC; her granddaughter to be, Elaine Kittrell; her sister, Pennye Pucheu and her husband Clyde Morvant; her niece, Katie Pucheu-Morvant and her husband Aaron Morgan, and her nephew, Charlie Pucheu-Morvant.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Frye Pucheu and Elaine Guillory Pucheu; her paternal grandparents, Charles Henry Pucheu and Lillie Mae Frye Pucheu, and her maternal grandparents, Arcille Guillory and Cora O'Connor Guillory.

Carmen Pucheu was born in Lafayette, LA on April 8, 1952, the only child of Charles and Elaine Pucheu until her baby sister Pennye came along 6 years later!

Carmen graduated from Northside High School in 1970 and from The University of Southwestern Louisiana with an English Liberal Arts degree in 1974. She taught high school for 14 years, first in Louisiana at Teurlings and Fatima High, and then at Enka High when she moved to North Carolina in 1979. While teaching at Enka, she began working part-time with Nacel Open Door Student Exchange Organization, helping to place exchange students in homes while they studied in the US. She later made Student Exchange her full-time job as a Regional Director and Advisor to Foreign Exchange students for a total of 29 years. Carmen was also a host mother to 14 exchange students from Korea, Brazil, Spain, Germany, and Argentina over a span of 18 years. She had a personal interest in other countries and also wanted to leave a legacy by helping others promote international understanding and language education in their own communities.

Carmen loved to work in her garden, planting beautiful flowers. She collected garden accessories, angels, and figurines until you couldn't see the grass or yard. She left this

world with 30 bags of mulch and potting soil, as well as 22 bags of birdseed, and could be heard by neighbors yelling: "Go away bad squirrel!" She also enjoyed collecting antiques and souvenirs from her travels to Europe. It wouldn't be a visit with Carmen unless she told you a story from one of her many travel destinations like Spain, Argentina, France, England, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland.

Carmen's greatest joys in life were raising her two children, Josh and Emily, traveling, advocating for foreign exchange, shopping with Penny, and spending time with family. Carmen's presence and spirit will be missed dearly by those whose lives she touched over the years.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

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Comments



“ Penny, sorry for your loss. I remember Carmen while @ NHS. May she Rest In Peace.



Glynn Hebert - July 08 at 07:16 PM



“ Penny, we're so sad to hear about Carmen's passing. She was an amazing friend to me. After our car crash, she came to see me at the hospital every day & truly lifted my spirits. Introducing Blaine & I was a gift from God. She was so loving & energetic, & she never tired of making someone feel loved & special. She is our Friend. We will pray for you & her husband & children. Thank you for finding us!! God bless y'all!

Blaine & Dianne Latour - July 05 at 06:46 PM



“ Penny, sorry to hear about your sister. Although I haven't seen her since graduation, I can see she is just as beautiful as she was then, not to mention she looks just like your Mother. I have fond memories of her and your family when I was visiting my grandmother who lived next door. What a treat to play with the most beautiful Barbie doll clothes that your mother had made. My God bless you and your family and our prayers are with you always.

Denise Dartez Scalisi

Denise Scalisi - July 05 at 04:52 PM



“ It is heartbreaking to hear of Carmen's passing. May the good Lord welcome her with open arms. I've always reflected on our memories we had in high school. I sure would like to share some of those memories we had with your cousins that lived down your street when you were a young girl. She was my first girlfriend and always called me Charlie Pye. Please let me know of further arrangements. May God Bless you and her family.

Charles Haddad - July 12 at 10:03 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and love to you all.



Gwen Morvant Miller - July 05 at 10:27 AM



“ Dear Pennye, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister and dear friend. Through the years your love of spending time with her and her family was evident. I know how much you will miss her truly. I didn't realize that she was my age. I was born in 1952 and graduated in 1970 from HS. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Penny Black

Penny Black - July 04 at 02:22 AM



“ Pennye, this is so sad and unexpected. I am so very sorry this happened.

Mike Sebastian - July 04 at 02:10 AM



“ Penney and Fly,

My heart goes out to you and her family . Such a shock . She was a school mate of mine and her Birthday was the day before mine , she was such a sweet friend always dressed so perfectly, always wondered what became of her and seems like she had a wonderful career and two beautiful children . I know you will truly miss her especially if she lived near you....

Sincerely
Christine Collins Howard

Christine Collins Howard - July 03 at 10:42 PM



“ Penny & Family,

May your beautiful sister rest in peace until you meet again in the presence of Our Lord. God Bless & Keep You during this difficult time. I will remember her at mass this weekend.

Sincerely,

Liz Webb Pavy

Elizabeth Pavy - July 03 at 05:04 PM



“ Penny, I remember Carmen when I'd go to your house for a sleepover & I admired her as a teenager while we were just kids. I particularly remember her listening to Simon & Garfunkel's "Parsley Sage Rosemary & Thyme" in her bedroom. To this day, I still think of her whenever I hear that song!

Cabrini Broussard - July 03 at 02:31 PM



“ Penny, my heart breaks for you. If she was anything like you, the world will be missing out.
You and the family have my prayers and love.

Brenda Broussard - July 03 at 10:57 AM



“ didn't they grow up on corner of Venus and Neptune st

Eric - July 03 at 12:04 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of Carmen's passing. She taught me at Teurlings and I truly admired her. She was an awesome teacher! We did cut up at times but she always kept her cool! May the memories of her life bring comfort to you at this difficult time. God bless and sincere condolences. Laura Gerami



Laura Gerami - July 03 at 05:43 AM



“ She was a great person and love her children and birds and her sweet dog . She also love her sister god bless and rest in heaven .

sherri folsie - July 02 at 10:22 PM



“ Thank you Sherri

Pennye - July 02 at 11:59 PM



“ Thank you so much Sherri

Pennye - July 03 at 12:00 AM



“ I have fond memories of Carmen and was in awe her her kindness, intelligence and beauty.

We shared a neighborhood and community of exceptional mothers.

Wishing her family and friends much kindness. Rip dear soul.

nadine bourg - July 02 at 09:40 PM



“ Thank you Nadine, I love what you wrote

Pennye - July 03 at 12:02 AM



“ Growing up down the street from Carmen, n Pennye, was a treat. Always a smile, n such a loving young lady, it's not surprising that she fostered children n become an advocate for students. She was special when she was in school and continued to open her huge heart n share her love with others! The family is in our prayers. I'm very sorry for your loss, the mom, teacher, n advocate, sister, she will be missed, God Bless all.

lynnette Deshotels - July 02 at 08:48 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words

Pennye - July 03 at 12:03 AM



“ I am deeply sorry knowing of her Passing. We worked together with the exchange student program in North Carolina. She gave so much of herself to the program and to the students. They were part of her life. She was unique, so full of energy and dedication. She will be remembered for all the wonderful things she did to so many young lives with the program and school. It hurts so much! May God give her the peace she deserves. I will have all of you(family) in my prayers and may God give you all the strength so important at this time!

vilma acosta - July 03 at 06:49 PM