



## Penny A. McCleary

June 26, 1944 - July 17, 2023

Penny Ann (Lewis) McCleary, 79, of Clarion, passed away early Monday morning, July 17, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on June 26, 1944, in Brownwood, Texas; daughter of the late Blaine A. and Cleo L. (Haines) Lewis.

Penny graduated from Clarion Area High School and then attended Clarion State College where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Speech Pathology and Audiology.

She married Calvin H. McCleary on July 20, 1967. He survives. They would have celebrated their 56th Anniversary this month.

For 30 years, Penny was employed as a Speech Therapist for both the Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 and Clarion-Limestone Area School District until she retired.

She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion where she served as Eucharistic minister and taught religious education.

Penny was an avid reader and enjoyed participating in Bible studies. She loved flowers and attending her grandchildren's sports and activities. Penny always looked forward to her traveling adventures with her sister.

In addition to her husband, Penny is survived by her daughter, Amanda L. Stitzer and her husband, Michael, of Centre Hall, PA; her step-daughter, Karie Ann McCleary of Boise, ID; 3 grandchildren, Anna, Abigail, and Ayla Stitzer, all of Centre Hall, PA; and 3 step-grandchildren, Christian and Carena Shrum

and Dylan McCleary, all of Boise, ID.

She is also survived by her sister, Judith L. Feldman of Wichita Falls, TX; her brother, Steven B. Lewis and his wife, Beth, of Lantana, TX; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Penny was preceded in death by her step-granddaughter, Karise Shrum.

Penny's family and friends will be received from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion where Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10 a.m. with Rev. Monty Sayers presiding.

Interment will take place at the Leatherwood Cemetery in New Bethlehem.

# Cemetery Details

**Leatherwood Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
715 East Main Street  
Clarion, PA 16214

### Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
715 East Main Street  
Clarion, PA 16214

# Tribute Wall

LN

“ Omg I can't believe your eternally away from this earth :( you were such a great person a wonderful wife to Calvin a great mother to Mandy an nana to your grandbabies! I've always liked your posts an comments on facebook I've always commented I am so sorry that you were not well health wise I enjoyed having you an Calvin as neighbors! RIP Penny you will be deeply missed!

Lillian Spaller Morehead City NC - July 31, 2023 at 01:20 PM

DB

“ Mandy - My deepest sympathies to you and your family. May you find comfort in the hope that lies in Christ Jesus. Romans 10:9  
Dan Bessetti

Dan Bessetti - July 24, 2023 at 01:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Penny A. McCleary.



July 21, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Penny A. McCleary.



July 21, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Penny A. McCleary.*



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July 21, 2023 at 07:27 AM



“ *Such a wonderful person...heaven gained an angel.. so sad to hear this... she was an amazing fur momma to all her sweet pets .. was a pleasure knowing her.*

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**Magnolia Brown** - July 21, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Our Sympathy to Calvin and family, My sister Paula and I were special friends of Penney for fifty to sixty years. I always visited her when back in Clarion. She was special. Those we love don't go away,they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. I have a lot of Relatives in the Leatherwood Cem. they will help her. Rest in Peace. Gordon and Dee Stewart, Mason, Ohio*

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**Gordon Stewart** - July 20, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Mandy, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I remember your mom being such a joyful, kind lady. May the memories of her bring you comfort. - Courtney Ganoe Filer*

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**Courtney Filer** - July 20, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Penny A. McCleary.*



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July 20, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Our condolences to Calvin and Mandy, and to your families. You all are in our prayers. -Jim and Barbara Fiscus*

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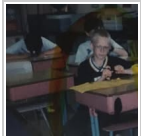
**Donna** - July 20, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *mrs mc cleary was my first speech teacher when i moved here in 1968 great lady taught me alot miss her jeff atkinson*

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**jeff edward atkinson** - July 19, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Penny i will miss your smile and talking to you about our friends horses You were not only my speech teacher but also had my children and we remained friends all this time i am going to miss you sweet lady till we meet again RIP*



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**Millie Brewer** - July 19, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to my dear friend's family. We had wonderful times together and I will miss her terribly.*

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**Bonnie Dodd** - July 19, 2023 at 09:37 AM

SF

“ *Best Aunt EVER!!! May she rest in peace and look down on all of us.*

Scott David Feldman - July 19, 2023 at 09:35 AM

CH

“ *Very sorry to learn of Penny's passing. We were school mates from first grade at the old Main Street school to graduating from Clarion High School. I will always remember the special memories that Penny and I shared while in both Clarion School District as well as attending classes at Clarion College and working together at the IU. Rest in peace Penny.*



Chuck - July 19, 2023 at 07:16 AM

SH

“ *Sorry to hear this. I worked with Penny for years and she was always upbeat and could tell the funniest stories. She just naturally lifted everyone's spirits. She was a joy to be around,*

Shari Hindman - July 18, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Penny A. McCleary.*



July 18, 2023 at 07:06 PM

DF

“ *What a wonderful person. My prayers are with you all.* ”



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**Deborah Ferringer** - July 18, 2023 at 06:22 PM

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“ *& Paul purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Penny A. McCleary.* ”



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**& Paul** - July 18, 2023 at 05:42 PM

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“ *SENDING OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO HER HUSBAND & FAMILY!! SHE WAS A GREAT LADY!! MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!!* ”



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**PAT & REGIS WALTERS** - July 18, 2023 at 05:09 PM