In Loving Memory

Penny Colleen Latham

1946 – 2025

My wish for you is to continue...
continue to be who and how you are. To astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness. Continue to allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart.

— Maya Angelou

Celebrating Penny's Life

Penny was a generous and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She had a gift for making people feel welcome, bringing warmth and laughter to every gathering.

She was predeceased by her parents, Fred and Pearl Feeney, and her beloved husband of 52 years, David Latham. Penny is lovingly remembered by her daughter Sharonlee, her son James, and grandchildren Connor, Emma, and Candace (Abe). She was especially close to her sisters Patti Hunter (Terry) and Shannon Feeney (Jim Murray), and their families. She also leaves behind many cherished nieces and nephews from the Latham family.

Born in Vancouver in 1946, Penny grew up in Gibsons, BC. She married Dave at 18 and later moved to Prince George, where they raised their family. She worked for 25 years as a meat wrapper at Safeway before moving to Victoria. After moving to Victoria, she founded Honeysuckle Cottage Industries, a home business that sold handmade kitchen goods in over 500 stores across Canada and the US. She met her forever friends during those years and she never forgot a customer's name. She truly cared about the people she met.

Penny and Dave loved boating with the Capital City Yacht Club and enjoyed golf, dancing, and dockside happy hours. Penny's volunteer spirit shone through her work with the Trafalgar Pro Patria Legion, KidSport Victoria, her strata council, and local community events. She gave her time freely and joyfully.

She also knew how to have fun. She started the cheeky "Penny's Shit Show Crib Club", played Mexican Train dominoes with Marlene and her family, Mahjong with her dear friend Karen Fraser, and walked regularly with a group of friends that always ended with coffee and muffins.

Penny loved fiercely and lived fully. She was our spark, our cheerleader, and the Queen of the Quip. As she often said, "Life isn't a dress rehearsal". Even in her final months, she reminded us to live and love without hesitation.

She built communities everywhere she went. We are grateful to all who supported Penny and our family in her final days. Her life was full—and so is our love for her.

Celebration Program

Welcome

Barbara Newton, Penny's long-time friend

Eulogy

Barbara Newton, on behalf of the family

Speakers

Stories and Memories

Slide Show Presentation

"Moments with Penny"

Raise a glass and toast to Penny

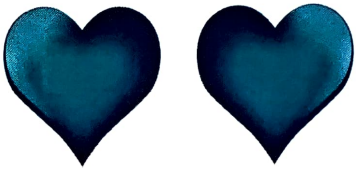
Closing Words – Barbara Newton

Please join us after the service for refreshments, shared stories, and remembering Penny's beautiful life.

With Heartfelt Thanks

Our family extends our deep gratitude to everyone who joined us today to celebrate Penny's life. Your love, support, and presence mean the world.

In Penny's honour, please take a moment to appreciate a flower, help a friend, share a smile, or wear a splash of teal.



A Silent Tear

Just close your eyes and you will see,
All the memories that you have of me.
Just sit and relax and you will find,
I'm really there inside your mind.

Don't cry for me now that I'm gone,
For I am here, in the land of song.
I will be on the dance floor with my love,
Enjoying the rhythm, with the steps we move.

Don't think of me in the dark and cold,
For here I am, no longer old.
I'm in that place that's filled with love,
Known to you all as – up above.

— Adapted from Gaynor Llewellyn