



Adele A. Behrens

May 9, 1940 - November 8, 2011

Mrs. Adele A. "Penny" Behrens, of 87 Lanesboro Road, Cheshire, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at her home.

She was born in Adams on May 9, 1940, the daughter of Thaddeus and Adele (Bieniek) Wojtaszek. As a youth, Penny grew up in Adams and Cheshire, was schooled in the Cheshire School System and was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Pittsfield with the class of 1958.

She enlisted in the Navy shortly after high school and served in the Washington D.C. Naval Security Group and also at the Naval Communication Station, Honolulu, Hawaii. Penny was especially proud of her military service. After her Honorable Discharge in 1964, Penny briefly lived in Michigan and subsequently returned to Cheshire and was employed as a secretary in the Naval Ordnance Division of General Electric Co., Pittsfield. It was there that she met her husband, Edward.

Penny was a communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, where she was a former choir member, Eucharistic Minister and RCIA member. She had also taught religious education for 23 years which she enjoyed and found extremely rewarding. Her love for family and church were the centerpieces of her life.

In addition to her husband Edward Behrens, whom she married on January 1, 1971, she is survived by a daughter, Kimberly Mendes of East Taunton, a son Brian Behrens and his wife Tracy of Cumming, GA, a brother David Wojtaszek and his wife Beth of Adams, grandchildren Kaitlin Mendes, Nicolas Mendes

and Alexander Behrens. She is also survived by a great granddaughter Madison Adele Marvel who was born on the day of Penny's passing. Survivors also include a Brother-in-Law Ernest Behrens and his wife Judith of Suffolk, VA an Aunt, Betty Godek of Adams, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, November 12, at 1:00PM in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, celebrated by Rev. David R. Raymond, Pastor.

Burial with Military Honors will follow in Cheshire Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations in Penny's memory may be made to St. Mary of the Assumption Church or the Cheshire Public Library through the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, which is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Ed, and Penny's Family, I want to express my most sincere condolences to you and all her family.
It is a loss of a truly great spirit. I met Penny at St. Mary's. When I joined the CCD program, I was talking with Penny I will never forget her friendly words of support. She told me to "let the spirit guide you". She always had a warm welcoming smile and friendly word. My heart goes out to you after such a curagious battle. God speed and many blessings. She will be dearly missed. Love Cathy Warriar.

November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ we want to send our deepest sympathy to ed kim & brian & family. we are so very sorry . we really will miss her visits and we will miss our visits at your house with payton! we have been friends for so long' since she came back to cheshire with kim i cant remember the date! its been a wonderful friendship thru the years and many new years out with you ed & penny! May God Bless you & the family ! we will cherish her memory always. Friends and With Love bob & tonie

November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Sincere and Deepest Sympathy to you and your Family at this most difficult time. We will always remember the family gatherings in Taunton.
Dawn & Bill Mendes

November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed, We are so sorry for your loss. We haven't known you and Penny that long but you have become our friend. We will miss seeing Penny, she was a sweetheart. She gave us the Angel of Courage and she was the courageous one. She fought a hard battle. Now she is the one with wings. Take care of yourself. Love John & Linda Carter

November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ For me, Penny, my Berkshire mom, was an endearing source of strength, inspiration and love...she taught me not to be afraid to give or accept a hug...and to believe in yourself...She truly earned her wings here on earth, and I know, now, she is putting them to good use in Heaven...I will always remember our Columbus Day turkey dinner, her great brown-sugar squash and her wonderful sense of humor...I will treasure and cherish her memory always...May God bless Ed and family, and comfort in their hour of need...with much love, and yes a hug...Jay, Mom & Harley...

November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed: My wife Bette and I express our condolences to you over the lost of your wife Penny. We are sure that now that Penny's journey is over and she is comfortable in her surroundings.

Al & Bette Diesz

November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences to all your family .I know you would want us to keep them in our prayers along with you .You were so strong in your faith that i know now that your suffering is over , that you are at peace Penny i'll miss our telephone visits. It was always so good to talk to you . WE have been missing you for a while now in the last row at daily mass at St. Mary,s .What a great religion teacher you were , I loved sharing that ministry with you .Our prayers will never stop for you ,Penny and hope you send some down for us .Love & God's blessings on you and prayers for all your family and friends .Aggie &John

November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM