



## Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely

June 28, 1947 - December 30, 2024

Penelope Marguerite Pacely (known to everyone as Penny or Pink) was born to George (Mack) and Carrie Lee Adams (Gilbert) on June 28, 1947. She was the youngest daughter of fourteen children (eleven of whom survived into adulthood). Being born into a large family full of siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews engrained a love for family in Penny from an early age. This love for family permeated her being and was constantly on display throughout her life. One of her true joys was helping her mother cook for their large family. Her mother attended church several times a week and would often bring her youngest daughter along. This established her spiritual foundation.

In the Adams household, George, and Carrie Lee stress both academic success and faith in all their children. At an early age, Penny attended Russell Street Baptist Church. It was there she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was a product of the Detroit Public School System. She graduated from Mumford High School in 1965. She continued her education, pursuing a Nursing Degree at Wayne County Community College. She started her career as a Phone Operator at Metropolitan Hospital. She later became a Surgical Aide at Henry Ford Hospital and she ended her career as a Registered Nurse in the Burn Unit at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

On October 6, 1967, Penny gave birth to her daughter, Kimberly Rene Adams. In 1973, Penny married James Pacely, and on August 29, 1974, she gave birth to her son, Jason Cornay Pacely. She raised her children as she had

been by continuing to engrain the importance of family, education, and faith. Penny intentionally raised her children very closely with her exceptionally large extended family. This bonding made their cousins more like siblings. That bond, and the joy in her spirit, was seen at any of the many family picnics, baby showers, dinners and reunions that she always looked forward to attending. Her seven brothers consistently stepped into the “father figure” role in ways that both deepened and solidified the family bond for her children, while reflecting what she understood about her family. In short, Penny believed that family was Everything. She would make time to visit, call, or ask about the various members, no matter how they were related. It was something she did until her final days. Known for giving her “two cents”, Penny earned a reputation of being outspoken when it came to her unwavering principles and convictions.

She encouraged and motivated the educational achievements of her children. This included nurturing a love for books, taking special trips, engaging in a healthy debate, and trusting the wisdom gained both academically and experientially. She made up different activities and played games that would make children think in different ways.

Trusting wisdom was a byproduct of the strength of her faith. She taught her children the power of prayer and trusted the spiritual seeds she planted at an early age would grow. She never forced faith but trusted that life’s experiences would reveal its power.

Penny would often say, “I can show you better than I can tell.” That saying would describe how Penny would continue to demonstrate her love for the next generation of family. On May 26, 2014, she became a grandmother to Fiori Noelle Pacely. Later that same year, she became a grandmother, again, to Kaine Alexander Leflore-Kirkpatrick, on October 5th. And, on May 16, 2016, Penny became a grandmother for a third time to Aryam Annalise Pacely. They became the center of her focus and joy. Whether called Nana or Grandma, nothing made her happier than visits and phone calls from her grandchildren. She used her time learning more about them individually instead of shaping

who they would become. She understood and respected parental boundaries, which allowed her to relish their learning, discovering, and becoming of both her children and her grandchildren.

On the morning of December 30, 2024, the Lord called Penny home to rest with Him in Heaven. Earlier in the year, she had been asking about the plans for the next family gathering. She has now joined the parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and other family members that preceded her to that Great Family Reunion. Left to honor and preserve her memory include children Kimberly and Jason (Mereb); grandchildren Fiori, Kaine, and Aryam; siblings Stan (JoAnn), Greg, (Bennetta); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and family friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Jan. **17**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Jan. **18**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Celebration of Life

Saturday, Jan. **18**. 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Repass

Saturday, Jan. **18**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Morena's Event Venue (formerly known as Kara's House)  
23632 Plymouth Rd.  
Redford, MI 48239

# Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the entire Semere & Araia Families, please accept our deepest sympathies & prayers. May the loving memories of Ms.Penny bring you strength and peace during this difficult time. ❤️

Senay Semere - January 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MF

“ Mavis, John Avery, Brian, and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely.



Mavis, John Avery, Brian, and family - January 16, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MF

“ Mavis, John Avery, Brian, and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely.

Mavis, John Avery, Brian, and family - January 16, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JP

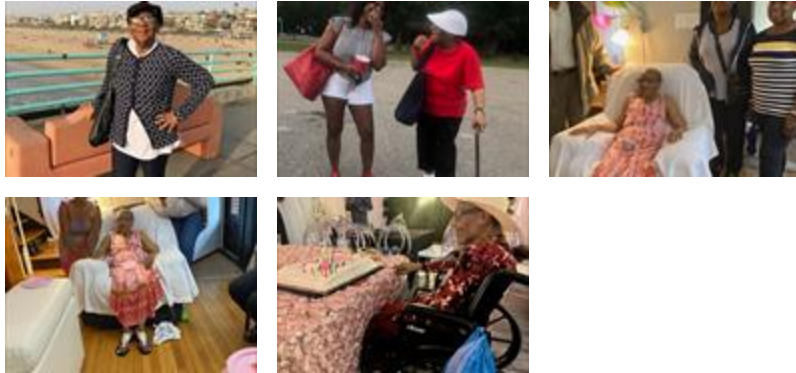
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Jason Pacely - January 16, 2025 at 08:01 AM

JP

“ 8 files added to the album Penny



Jason Pacely - January 16, 2025 at 07:47 AM

MS

“ WE'RE 📺 PRAYING AND SENDING  
HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES 🌹🌹🌹 FOR  
👑🙏💜 Q-LADY COUSIN PENNY 🙏  
FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIPERS  
🎁 WHAT A AWESOME BLESSED 🙏  
LOVED FAMILY💕 IN CHARGE PERSON 🏆 SHE HAS  
RECEIVED HER HEAVENLY WINGS 🦋 RIHP-LOVE 🙏 Q-LADY  
COUSIN JOSI GILBERT SANFORD



MRS JOSEPHINE SANFORD - January 15, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family  
of Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely.



January 15, 2025 at 02:17 PM

AF

“ Aunt Bennetta, Adrienne, George & fam purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely.



Aunt Bennetta, Adrienne, George & fam - January 14, 2025 at 10:29 PM

AF

“ Aunt Bennetta, Adrienne, George & fam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely.

Aunt Bennetta, Adrienne, George & fam - January 14, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely.



January 07, 2025 at 02:20 PM

SC

“ My deepest condolences to Penny's family. Sending you peace and comfort.

Stacy Cranston - January 06, 2025 at 01:52 PM

HC

Our deepest condolences to the penny's family who we knew an love all our lives may you rest in peace from do bug an all the Copeland family

Herbert Copeland - January 09, 2025 at 04:05 PM



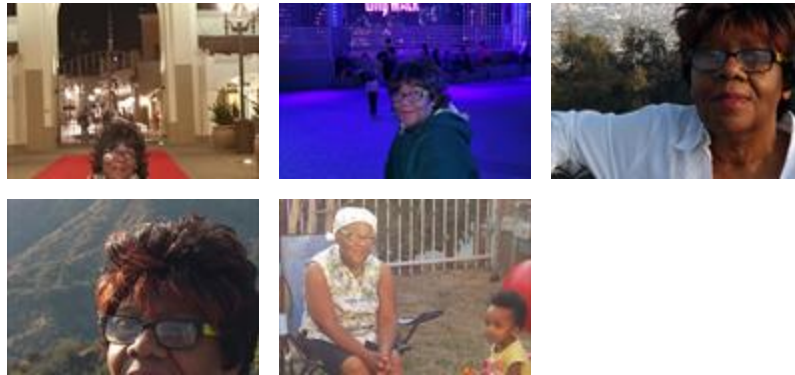
*Jason & Kim, our prayers are with you today as you prepare to say farewell to your mother. The days ahead will not all be smooth just know that God has promised to never leave nor forsake us. We love you. Your South Carolina cousins. Rev. James & Bessie Gilchrist.*

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**Bessie Gilchrist** - January 18, 2025 at 12:20 PM

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**Jason Cornay Pacely** - January 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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**Jason Pacely** - January 05, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Penelope Marguerite Pacely.

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January 04, 2025 at 03:29 PM

JH

“ *Jamela Hill sends love, peace and condolences to the Pacely family.* ”



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**Jamela Hill** - January 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JD

“ *Jeffrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Penelope Pacely* ”



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**Jeffrey Davis** - January 03, 2025 at 10:34 AM