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Dates: 2002-2010

Creator: Penelope F. Wolczyk Sheely (1950-2023)

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Biography of Creator:

Penelope "Penny" F. Sheely, age 73, resident of Plymouth, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. Born on March 16th, 1950 to Mary Wolczyk (nee Cawley) and Stanley Wolczyk in Lorain, Ohio. Penelope spent her formative years in Cleveland, Ohio and Stuttgart, Germany. Penny, as she was lovingly referred to by her friends and family, graduated from Wadsworth High School in 1968. Penny went on to attend Bluffton College where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Education and met the love of her life, Mark Sheely. After graduation Penny and Mark eventually settled in Plymouth, Ohio with their four children: David, Christopher, Patrick and Lexington. During her 35 years of teaching in the Madison School District, Penny taught Home Economics and G.R.A.D.S. Penny had a profound effect on thousands of students while making lifelong friends.

Penny did everything with gratitude, grace, and generosity, and was quick to make friends everywhere she went. She loved to travel and went around the world many times with her family, the People to People program, the Bluffton girls, beloved cousins, and her best friends. Penny LOVED Disney World and would take anyone who wanted to go, sharing the magic was her favorite part.

Penny loved hosting parties and did so frequently, always preparing many of her signature dishes and wonderful desserts, all of which would frequently accompany her favorite dessert - ice cream. She volunteered for the women's auxiliary at Mansfield hospital and loved her book club. She was a foundation of strength and affection. She could never get a punchline correct but was constantly laughing. Penny loved watching sports, from the Olympics to cheering on the Buckeyes, Browns, and Guardians; however, her favorite athletes were always her grandchildren. She was everyone's biggest cheerleader and was always encouraging and yelling "Go Go Go!"

Penny is survived by her brother Stanley (Debbie); children, David (Alisha Lynn [Bloomfield]), Christopher (Pam), Patrick (Kellie), and Lexington [nee: Alexis] (Travis); grandchildren Brooke, Trent, Dean, Joey, Niko, James, & Oliver; nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be deeply missed by all that were fortunate to know her.

Family and friends may visit at the Secor Funeral Home in Plymouth on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Penny's funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Faith Proietti officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Plymouth.

Scope and Content: Contains pictures of the students enrolled in the G.R.A.D.S. program at Madison Comprehensive High School between 2002-2010 along with their babies which were born during the school year or over the summer between grades.

System of Arrangement: Each school term is chronologically sequenced within the scrapbooks to include the students; school-year events and projects; and the baby show.

Extent: 1 box

Access: No access restrictions.

Language: English

Provenance: Scrapbooks created by Mrs. Penny Sheely, teacher of the G.R.A.D.S. program at Madison Comprehensive High School; Mansfield, Ohio. They were sold by her children at public estate sale held at 110 Plymouth Street; Plymouth, Ohio, on April 18, 2024. They were purchased for \$2.30 by Aaron Turner and donated to OGS.

Additional Notes: "The Graduation Reality And Dual-role Skills (GRADS) program is an in-school instructional and intervention program for pregnant and parenting adolescents. The program offers an opportunity for pregnant students and young parents to share ideas, to gain confidence and support, and to increase the likelihood that they will remain in school until graduation." –Mansfield News Journal; Sunday, November 10, 1996. Page 10A.

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Box 1:

File 0: Finding Aid & Deed of Gift

File 1: Grads Memory Book Edition II (2001-2005, with alumni)

File 2: Grads Memory Book Edition III (2005-2007, with alumni)

File 3: Incomplete 2007-08; 2008-09; 2009-10 Pictures only – no pages or labels

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