



Martha J. Perigen

December 31, 1948 - March 13, 2025

Martha "Jane" Perigen, age 76 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Alhambra Care Center in Alhambra, IL.

She was born on Friday, December 31, 1948, in Palmer, MO, the daughter of Paul and Violet (nee Cauffman) Skaggs.

On Thursday, September 2, 1965, she married Ronald Wayne Perigen, Sr. at Potosi, MO, who survives.

Martha was born at home in Palmer, MO. She attended school in Granite City, IL. Following her education, she raised her family. In 1972, the family moved to California, then returned to Highland in 1978. Martha worked at Pamida and Wal-Mart. She enjoyed traveling to California and Florida. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. She collected Boyds Bears, enjoyed decorating her home and loved to eat and shop at the Cracker Barrel. Martha loved antique shopping with her sisters, as well as their sisters' annual trip to Branson, MO., as well as going to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC.

Survivors include:

Husband - Ronald Wayne Perigen, Sr., Highland, IL

Son - Ronald Wayne (Gail) Perigen, Jr., Alhambra, IL

Daughter - Dawn Michelle (Significant Other - Tony Schneck) Perigen,

Pierron, IL

Son - Michael Sean Perigen, Colorado Springs, CO

Son - Jason Daniel (Significant Other - Kristi) Perigen, Highland, IL

Sister - Rita Owens, Potosi, MO

Brother - Don (Rosemary) Skaggs

Brother - Pete (Donita) Skaggs

Grandchild - Jessica L. (Rosalee) Perigen, Moro, IL

Grandchild - Joshua E. (Dianna) Perigen, Staunton, IL

Grandchild - Brent W. Perigen, Alhambra, IL

Grandchild - Tiffanie N. (Josh) Ethridge, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Ashlie M. (Matt) Short, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Sierra D. (Colten) Haring, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Benjamin A. Perigen, Colorado Springs, CO

Grandchild - Isabelle A. Perigen, Colorado Springs, CO

Great Grandchild - Damien W. Perigen

Great Grandchild - Hazel R. Highlander

Great Grandchild - James W. Perigen

Great Grandchild - Colton W. Perigen

Great Grandchild - Kaylynn A. Perigen

Great Grandchild - Timber N. Landolt

Great Grandchild - Fox M. Ethridge

Great Grandchild - Aspen M. Short

Great Grandchild - Bodhi A. Haring

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Paul Eugene Skaggs

Mother - Violet Margaret Skaggs (nee Cauffman)

Sister - Patricia Politte

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

A private celebration of life for the family will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the KC Hall in Highland, IL at 2:00 PM.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Dawn Perigen lit a candle in memory of Martha Perigen



Dawn Perigen - March 10 at 03:41 PM

DP

“ Missing you so much Momma!!!! 😇😭❤️

Dawn Perigen - March 10 at 01:01 PM

DP

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Dawn Perigen - March 10 at 12:58 PM

CZ

“ Her and my beautiful momma reunited with good memories ♥ what a reunion they had.....i will miss and love my beautiful auntie but i know some sweet day I will see her again ♥



Carla Zettler - March 24, 2025 at 09:28 PM

RF

“ Ruth Perigen and family purchased the Purple Violet Yellow Wildflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Martha J. Perigen.



Ruth Perigen and family - March 19, 2025 at 08:33 AM

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“ Ruth Perigen and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha J. Perigen.

Ruth Perigen and family - March 19, 2025 at 08:33 AM