



## Annette (Puglisi) Penley

December 30, 1963 - December 18, 2024

Annette (Puglisi) Penley, age 60 of Mentor, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at home. She was born December 30, 1963 in Binghamton, NY.

Mrs. Penley was a graduate of Seton Catholic Central High School in Binghamton, NY and was a retired Registered Nurse in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Annette enjoyed her work helping heal those who were ill. She also loved music and good books. She was a lead singer in the classic rock band LiveWire for more than 20 years, along with her husband who played lead guitar and who founded the band in 1979. Annette loved making people smile and had a very good sense of humor.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years: Lee Penley, siblings: Richard C Puglisi, Yvonne Puglisi and Aimee Puglisi, brother in law: William Roettger and several nieces & nephews.

Preceding Annette in death are her father: Richard John Puglisi and mother: Josephine Rita latesta.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December

28, 2024 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Annette Penley Nursing Scholarship Fund, c/o of MHS Class of 76 Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1522, Mentor, OH 44061

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kelven and Natalie Cockerham purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Annette (Puglisi) Penley.*



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**Kelven and Natalie Cockerham** - December 27, 2024 at 04:34 PM

“ In the vast auditorium of the Anatomy class, where over 70 students were diligently engrossed in the complexities of the human body, my attention was drawn to her. A beautiful Italian girl, seated five rows down and across the other side of the room, seemed to shine like a beacon amidst the sea of faces. While the lecture progressed, my thoughts couldn't help but wander towards her, wondering who she was and what stories her eyes held.

*Despite my longing to approach her, the inertia of shyness held me back. I never summoned the courage to make a move, and the academic year passed with our paths never crossing beyond the confines of that anatomy class.*

*It took a full year for fate to intervene. In the school lounge, as I sipped my coffee, she approached me with a warm smile, mentioning that she remembered seeing me in her anatomy class. We engaged in a brief yet delightful conversation about our shared academic pursuits. At last I finally had a name to go with that angelic face. Her name was Annette. However, as quickly as she had arrived, she excused herself to return to her nursing class, leaving me pondering the missed opportunities.*

*Another year elapsed, and the familiar setting of the school lounge became the stage for our next encounter. This time, she initiated the conversation, and we delved into discussions about the challenges and triumphs of our respective classes. Seizing the moment, I mustered the courage to share a more personal aspect of my life – my passion for music and my role in a band.*

*Inviting her to one of our rehearsals in the green room of the drama department, I hoped that this would be the chance to bridge the gap between us. Once again, she left for her class, and doubts crept in about whether she would actually show up.*

*To my sheer amazement, that doubt was shattered the following Friday at band rehearsal. In walked the beautiful Italian girl, bringing*

*with her an air of excitement that resonated in my heart. The joy was so overwhelming that I could hardly focus on playing my guitar. As the rehearsal concluded, I couldn't help notice that she was shaking from the ice cold air conditioning in the building. As we stepped outside to warm up I rubbed her hands with mine to help warm them. I stated that I should stop because I really like her touch. She replied that I didn't have to stop and that she too enjoyed my touch. I could not resist, at that moment giving her a big hug, to which she responded with a smile, expressing that she really liked it.*

*From that point forward, our lives became inseparable. Plans were made to meet on the school campus, and what started as a chance encounter in an anatomy class transformed into a lifelong journey together. Annette and I faced the challenges of academia hand in hand, navigating the twists and turns of our educational pursuits. As our bond deepened, so did our commitment to each other.*

*Two years after that fateful anatomy class, Annette and I found ourselves standing at the threshold of a new chapter in our lives. Surrounded by the warmth of love and the support of close friends and family, we became engaged. The decision to spend the rest of our lives together felt like the natural progression of our unique story, one that began with the unpredictability of love in the academic realm.*

*In November of 1999, our journey reached a significant milestone as we exchanged vows in the intimate setting of our home in Port Orange, Florida. The air was filled with love and anticipation as Annette's mother and our dearest friends witnessed the union of our hearts. The ceremony, though small, radiated with joy and the promise of a shared future.*

*As we celebrated our wedding day, surrounded by the love and laughter of those closest to us, we realized that our love story was a testament to the beautiful unpredictability of life.*

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**Delmar L Penley** - December 26, 2024 at 01:20 PM

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“ *On December 18th, 2024, just twelve days shy of her 61st birthday, my beloved wife, Annette, lost her long and courageous battle with the demon known as Huntington’s disease. The love of my life, the very best part of me, has now transcended this earthly realm and is, I believe, singing gloriously in heaven to our Lord and Savior. While I am left to navigate this life without her, I find peace in the knowledge that God, as He always has, will guide me forward. Though the path ahead remains uncertain, I trust that one day, I too will be singing praises alongside my most perfect angel, Annette.*

**Delmar L Penley** - December 26, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ *The Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor Guard wishes to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of nurse, Annette Penley, RN. We thank her for her contribution to caring for others and representing the nursing profession with trust, dignity and respect. Your nurse colleagues will take over from here.*

*Rest in peace.*

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**Secretary at Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor** - December 23, 2024 at 02:26 PM

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Aimee Puglisi - December 20, 2024 at 05:48 PM

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Annette and I were friends in Grammar and High school. She was an intelligent, kind and beautiful person. So very sorry to hear of her passing.

Kathy Gaynor (Micalizzi)

kathleen gaynor - December 30, 2024 at 07:26 PM

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Delmar L Penley - December 20, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Annette (Puglisi) Penley.

December 20, 2024 at 11:24 AM

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