



## Penelope Lambert

September 20, 1944 - January 6, 2025

NORWAY — Penelope “Penny” Susan Lambert age 80, of Norway, died Monday, January 6, 2025, at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

She was born on September 20, 1944 in Detroit, the first child of Dr. Willard and Ruth (Forbes) Hayes.

They moved to Norway, where Penny graduated from Norway High School and then on to the University of Michigan. She became a registered nurse and worked at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital until she moved to Kalamazoo and worked for the Health Department.

After her father died, Penny moved back to Norway to help out her mom. She started working at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center.

Penny had many interests, signing and working with the deaf became a passion. Summers were filled with camping. She loved traveling, especially going to Florida for the winters. Dinning out and shopping for bargains. Penny always wanted to share her adventures with others.

Penny is survived by her sisters Margaret Hayes, Kathy (Dennis) Bal and Delia Chippewa; honorary son Nicholas Hayes; brother Paul (Donna) Hayes; aunt Virgina Haycock; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; daughter-in-law Mickey Parker, granddaughter Catherine Baeza; many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dr. Willard and Ruth Hayes; and her son Joseph Lambert, brother Peter Hayes and nephew Zachariah Hayes.

Memorial Services will be held on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 10 a.m. at the Iron Mountain Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Iron Mountain Seventh Day Adventist Church

N3770 Pine Mountain Road

Iron Mountain, MI 49801

<http://ironmountainmi.adventistchurch.org/mountainmi.adventistchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Penelope Lambert.*



May 13, 2025 at 05:41 AM



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

May 13, 2025 at 05:41 AM

CG

“ *Penny will be truly missed by everyone. We worked together at the VAMC. She was knowledgeable and dependable. Her expertise with Signing assisted any veteran who was hearing impaired. She loved her family very much. My sincere sympathy to all of Penny's family. Cynthia Gordon*

**Cynthia Gordon** - January 12, 2025 at 07:56 AM

TG

“ *Doc and Ruth raised such a special family by being so loving and giving themselves. I treasure all the years they shared their life with me and so many others. Penny was always kind to me when I had a chance to see her. I visited her maybe 10 years ago at her house and she was so kind. I'm so sorry for your loss. Love, Terry Noordhoff Gregory*

**Terry Gregory** - January 11, 2025 at 07:15 AM

MK

“ I first met Penny 32 years ago after I had lost my hearing from meningitis. She came over to our house to teach me sign language. She was always so enthusiastic about teaching not only to me but also my little nieces and nephews who watch her intently. She signed mass for myself and the Lees for many, many years purely out of the kindness of her heart. I would always enjoy our yearly trip to Marquette where she would sign in front of the Bishop for a special mass for people with disabilities. Several times she generously drove me to Ann Arbor for my cochlear implant appointments. I also have fond memories of our 4-wheeler rides behind her house. She was a very giving person, and will be missed by everyone who knew her. God bless you Penny.

Mike Krause

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Mike Krause - January 10, 2025 at 06:02 PM

CP

“ The Hayes family has been like a second family to us for years, especially to my sister Angela and my nephew Nickolas. Penny took in Nickolas and always treated him like her own son and loved him dearly. She has done so much for others and her presence will be greatly missed. Sending thoughts and prayers to everyone who is affected by her loss.



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Christy Possi - January 09, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MJ

“ Penny has been a friend of our family for 30+ years. What a special woman. She taught our brother Mike sign language and would sign Sunday mass for him and others at St. Mary's church in Norway. This was the beginning of a bond they shared and a special friendship and many wonderful memories throughout the years. Penny was a kind, generous and most thoughtful person in her time and her caring heart for so many. God bless her and her family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Mike and "Krause" girls.

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Michelle Johnson - January 08, 2025 at 01:00 PM