



## Pauline "Penny" Helen Stafford

January 10, 1957 - July 7, 2025

Pauline "Penny" Helen Stafford, 68, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Monday, July 7, 2025 at Duke Health Lake Norman Hospital.

Born January 10, 1957 in Flint, Michigan to the late Jimmy Rodger "Cotton" and Dorothy Yost Stafford, her daddy stated, "she was as pretty as a shiny new penny".

After graduating from MHS in 1975 she achieved a Business Associates degree and began her 40+ year career with Duke Energy.

She had a god given talent for playing piano and she shared that talent by playing for MHS chorus her Junior and Senior years. Later she used that talent in several local churches, Troutman Church of God, Paw Creek Church of God, Fairview Methodist, and Southside Baptist, where many long and lasting friendships began. Many weddings, funerals, homecoming celebrations, and Sunday morning services were blessed by her playing.

She had two passions -travel and music -so not surprising she traveled to Branson, Pigeon Forge, and Myrtle Beach to hear her favorite artists. Hostess for Sonshine Tours, she was privileged to see Hawaii, Bahamas, New Orleans, and Niagara Falls.

Penny is remembered for her quick wit and contagious laugh. Her participation in pranks and good nature when pranked.

She is survived by her younger brother David Lee Stafford (Sybil); and nephew Justin Travis Stafford.

Per Penny's request there are no services planned, but memorials can be made to: Susan G. Komen Foundation or Troutman Church of God. 490 S. Main St., Troutman, NC 28166 or Southside Baptist Church 525 S. Broad St., Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Stafford family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ Ms. Penny was the pianist when I was a boy at Southside Baptist. The way she played made a big impression on me as a young church musician. I never will forget that she loved to play John Peterson's "Surely Goodness and Mercy" as the postlude often. I will always associate this song with her. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Thank you Jesus for Ms. Penny.

Chase Douthit - August 31, 2025 at 11:06 PM

WB

“ Pauline was my accompanist at MHS for two years. She was very talented and everybody loved her. David, I wish your family God's blessings in your loss.

Willie Beaver

Willie Beaver - July 28, 2025 at 09:50 PM

GB

“ Gail Brotherton lit a candle in memory of Pauline "Penny" Helen Stafford



Gail Brotherton - July 13, 2025 at 09:40 AM

TL

“ Penny was such a sweet soul. I remember her lovely smile and friendliness during the time I worked with her at Duke. I send my deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Tracy Leslie - July 11, 2025 at 01:51 PM

Leila  
Hobbs

“ *Leila Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Pauline  
"Penny" Helen Stafford*



Leila Hobbs - July 11, 2025 at 07:46 AM

GP

“ *So sorry to see this. Penny was one of the kindest people I have  
ever known. She was awesome to work with and went out of her  
way to assist anyone. She helped me many times and always so  
kind. My prayers are with her family. She will be missed by her Duke  
family.*

Gina Pruitt - July 10, 2025 at 06:34 PM

GB

“ *So very sad and heartbroken over the loss of cousin Penny. I  
cherish all the wonderful memories of our childhood days growing  
up. We were only 1 year apart in age and were always together.  
Years later when we entered the adulthood phase of life we didn't  
see as much of each other but the memories we made remained  
cherished. Love you always Penny.*

Gail Brotherton - July 10, 2025 at 04:08 PM

WH

“ *Penny was a true asset to our Duke Environmental Services team in  
Charlotte and Huntersville. She was kind, considerate, and always  
willing to be of help. She had a beautiful, bubbly personality. Heart  
felt prayers to her family. ❤️🙏  
Bill Horton*

William Horton - July 10, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BA

“ Penny was a wonderful, loving person with a great sense of humor.  
She will be sorely missed! Bland & Brenda Aaron

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**Brenda Aaron** - July 10, 2025 at 12:11 PM