



## Colleen Ann Rennison

January 10, 1942 - January 27, 2018

Colleen Ann Rennison, 76, of Murphysboro, passed away at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, January 27, 2018, at her residence in Murphysboro.

Colleen was born on January 10, 1942, in Topeka, Kansas, to Virgil and Louise Cook.

She was a paralegal for the State of Illinois and had worked at both Menard in Chester and at the Pinckneyville Correctional Center. She had previously volunteered at the Women's Center.

Colleen was very artistic and was a very good seamstress.

She is survived by three sons Steven (Marie) Rennison and David Rennison, all of Murphysboro, and Christopher Rennison of Gainesville, VA;

eight grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren;

and one sister Virginia Batson of Pinckneyville.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and her parents.

Her body will be cremated. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at

Pettett Funeral Home. Because she was a breast cancer survivor, the family would like for memorials to be made in memory of their mother to help in fighting breast cancer. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colleen Ann Rennison*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

“ *To the Family of Colleen,*

*We are sorry for your loss and know that you are hurting, God Bless you All. We heard this Poem by*

*John O'Donohue at our last Celebration of Life, may it lift all of you as it did us!*

*Beannacht / Blessing*

*On the day when  
the weight deadens  
on your shoulders  
and you stumble,  
may the clay dance  
to balance you.  
And when your eyes  
freeze behind  
the grey window  
and the ghost of loss  
gets in to you,  
may a flock of colours,  
indigo, red, green,  
and azure blue  
come to awaken in you  
a meadow of delight.*

*When the canvas frays  
in the currach of thought  
and a stain of ocean  
blackens beneath you,  
may there come across the waters  
a path of yellow moonlight  
to bring you safely home.*

*May the nourishment of the earth be yours,*

*may the clarity of light be yours,  
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow  
wind work these words  
of love around you,  
an invisible cloak  
to mind your life.*

— John O'Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*

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**George and Sue Jensen** - January 31, 2018 at 11:26 PM

BV

“ *Chris and Family Pat and I are sorry for you loss, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time*

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**Bill and Patricia Vaughn** - January 30, 2018 at 09:01 PM

BT

“ *Chris and family,,  
So sorry for your loss. Please know that I have your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Barb Toler*

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**Barbara Toler** - January 30, 2018 at 12:57 PM

GM

“ *Chris and family, Cindy and I would like to offer our condolences and prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.  
Greg and Cindy Mulch*

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**Greg and Cindy Mulch** - January 29, 2018 at 09:30 PM

MW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I will miss her! She aggravated me no end, but I loved her. I am so glad I talked to her a couple of times last week.*

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**MARY L WEST** - January 29, 2018 at 07:02 PM