



## Peggy Ann Rusk

February 14, 1938 - April 3, 2026

Peggy Fields Rusk, age 88, of Rantoul, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 3, 2026. She was born on February 14, 1938, in Elliott, the daughter of Charles and Emma Alvina (Cornelius) Miller. Peggy married Morris Fields on December 26, 1955, in Elliott. He preceded her in death on October 27, 1990. Peggy then married John Rusk on January 1, 1994, in Paxton. He preceded her in death on December 5, 2012.

She is survived by two daughters, Julie (Doug) Higgins, and Tammy (Jon) Apland; three sisters, Ginny Celeschi, Marsha Morris, and Holly Taylor; four grandchildren, Jackie (Donnie) Carlson, Paul (Jessica) Higgins, Tiffany (Dylan) Linton, and Tyler (Brooke) Apland; and eight great-grandchildren, Reid and Ella Higgins, Sawyer Sampson, Lilly, Elise, and Huntley Linton, and Brynn and Mia Apland.

Along with her husbands, Morris and John, she was preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Tim Fields.

Peggy was a devoted farm wife to both of her husbands and truly loved life on the farm. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning, and tending to her flowers. Peggy took great pride in her work as a Certified Nursing Assistant, caring for others in both Gibson City and at the Paxton Ford County Nursing Home. She cherished spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Most importantly, Peggy was a devoted Christian who looked forward to going home and being with the Lord. She attended Bible Baptist Church in Rantoul.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, from 10:00 a.m., until the 12:00 p.m. funeral service, at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Paxton. Burial will follow at Drummer Township Cemetery in Gibson City.

Memorials may be made to Bible Baptist Church (201 N. Century Blvd. Rantoul, IL 61866).

Please sign her guestbook at [www.coxknapp.com](http://www.coxknapp.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home  
142 W. Patton St.  
Paxton, IL 60957  
(217) 379-2353  
coxknappfh@gmail.com  
<http://coxknapp.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

APR 10.

Drummer Township Cemetery  
Gibson City, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peggy Ann Rusk.

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April 10 at 12:05 AM



“ Ginny, Lori. Lindsay& Julie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peggy Ann Rusk.



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**Ginny, Lori. Lindsay& Julie** - April 08 at 01:01 PM



“ Ginny, Lori. Lindsay& Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Ann Rusk.

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**Ginny, Lori. Lindsay& Julie** - April 08 at 01:01 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Rusk.



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April 07 at 07:28 AM



“ Tammy and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Richard and Michele Wood Painter

Michele Wood Painter - April 06 at 09:31 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Rusk.



April 06 at 11:00 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Rusk.



April 05 at 10:50 PM



“ Peggy Rusk was my aunt and I will miss her dearly but have great memories of her and always loved hearing how she was doing and enjoyed spending time with her when I could. She was a very happy individual who cared deeply for others.

Jeremiah Taylor - April 05 at 08:26 PM