



## Beulah Louise Penny

November 5, 1947 - February 23, 2026

Beulah Louise “B. Louise” Penny was born on November 5, 1947, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Joseph and Mildred Penny. To all who knew and loved her, she was simply and affectionately “B. Louise.” On February 23, 2026, God called her home.

A proud graduate of East High School’s Class of 1965, B. Louise went on to attend Lincoln University, where she earned two bachelor’s degrees—one in French and one in Theater. Her passion for the arts and for education shone brightly throughout her life.

B. Louise devoted many years of service to her community through her work with the Full Employment Council, the Old Northeast Association, and Gates. She also made history as the first Black female route driver for Wonder Bread Co., Flowers Foods Inc. Early in her career, she served as a Drama Coordinator for the Lighthouse Project, nurturing creativity in others. Her dedication to giving back was widely recognized, including a feature on Fox 4 Kansas City’s Pay It Forward Initiative, honoring her unwavering commitment to helping others.

Known for her love of English quotations and for her strength of spirit, she was fondly referred to as Wonder Woman.

B. Louise leaves behind a legacy of love and memories cherished by her brother Rodney Wood, who preceded her in death; her brother Robert Wood of Kansas City, MO, her sister Melanie Dotson of Bethlehem, GA; her niece Kanika LeDoux of Kansas City, MO; her nephew Lloyd Dotson of Parkville, MO; four great-nieces—Jazzalyn Grant, Andrea Grant, and Kiona Williams, all of Kansas City, MO, and Victoria Dotson of Independence, MO; one great-nephew, Allen Dotson of Kansas City, MO; and a host of special friends who were like family.

Her kindness, courage, and generous spirit will remain forever in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her

A Celebration of Life Repast will be on March 13, 2026 from 6- 10 pm at Marcel Event Space, 7140 Prospect, KCMO 64132.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Marcel Event Space  
7140 Prospect Ave  
Kansas City, MO 64132

# Tribute Wall

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“ *B. Louise was a fine lady, always thinking of others. She did so much to help advance and promote the Old Northeast. She left a positive mark on countless lives.*

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**Kent Dicus** - March 11 at 09:18 PM

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*B. Louise....rest in peace Queen. You were my friend, my mentor and one of a kind. I'll see you on the other side.*

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**DONA Stephenson** - May 09 at 09:10 AM