



Pamela Ray Strauss

January 3, 1947 - September 14, 2019

PAMELA RAY STRAUSS, age 72 of Deland, Florida, passed peacefully from this life into eternal life with Jesus on Saturday morning, September 14, 2019. Ms. Strauss was born in Baltimore, Maryland on January 3, 1947 where she lived most of her life. She was a part of the Catonsville High School graduating class of 1965 and friends from that class still talk about the kind spirit she was to this day. In 1998, she relocated to Florida where she continued to bring joy to other's lives. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis R. and Marjorie R. (Willey) Strauss; and granddaughter, Emillie Rose Donaldson. She is survived by her daughter, Diana (Burkowske) Donaldson and husband Michael, of Wheaton, IL; her son, Steven Burkowske and wife Dawn, of Palm Harbor, FL; her son, Shayne Burkowske, of Glen Ellyn, IL; her daughter, Ashley Strauss and fianc? Richard, of Sanford, FL; sister, Patricia (Strauss) Pekary and husband Lee, of Mountain View, CA; her nephews Shannon Pekary of San Diego, CA and Chris Pekary of Memphis, TN; her grandchildren Michael and wife Amara, Haillie, Logan, Jillian, Eric and wife Ariana, Hannah, Abigail, Olivia, and James; and great-grandchildren Henry, Irys, and Asher.

It was also her desire that in lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation to PANCAN (Pancreatic Cancer Action Network).

Donations in her name can be received at the Celebration of Life service or online at pancan.org.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

A Celebration of Life service for Pamela Strauss, will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2019 beginning promptly at 2:00pm at The Gathering Place Ministry Center, 269 Bellaggio Circle, Sanford, FL 32771. It was the request of Pam, that everyone in attendance wear blue jeans and bright colors. It was also her desire that in lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation to PANCAN (Pancreatic Cancer Action Network). Donations in her name can be received at the Celebration of Life service or online at pancan.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pamela Ray Strauss.*



September 27, 2019 at 03:40 PM



Sandy Moran

“ *We have known Pam and Ashley for about 22 years. We went to a life group and formed a close friendship from then on. There were several ladies that would do a lunch bunch thing every month when we would just share our lives...and food! Some of these ladies moved away but a few of us would continue to meet out, usually Ruby Tuesdays. Our last time out was when dear friend Kathy flew in from Washington State earlier this year and she, Pam and I met for dinner at (Where else?) Ruby Tuesday s!*

Pam was always such a wonderful person. She suffered much adversity in her life but always kept her eyes on Jesus and totally relied on Him. I will miss her so much. The last time I visited her, I asked her if she wanted God to heal her or bring her home to Him. She said emphatically, "No no no, I want to go be with Jesus!" I am grateful for having known her and look forward to the celebration together as we feast at the Lord's table!

Sandy Moran

Sandy Moran - September 22, 2019 at 02:04 PM

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“ Aunt Pam will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful loving woman and a great friend. We love you guy's all very much always in our prayers

Angela Reinhardt - September 22, 2019 at 12:18 PM

MM

“ My most sincere condolences to you Ashley and family, I already miss Pam words of encouragement at all times . I am unable to attend service since I had a procedure Monday, Receive my warm embrace and know that this servant is praying for God's comfort upon you all.

Maria Molina - September 22, 2019 at 12:06 PM

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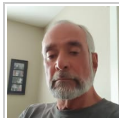
“ Ashley and Family, We are so very sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a good friend while we were in DeBary but followed your FB t keep updated. Your have always been a loving and devoted daughter and one that she was so very proud of. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers and we think of you often. Ed & Deb Wilson, Alabama

Debbie Wilson - September 21, 2019 at 01:41 AM

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Thank you Miss Debbie! I remember you, Ed and the girls well!

ashley.d.strauss - September 21, 2019 at 01:21 PM



My deepest sympathies to all of Pam's family and loved ones and her many friends. Pam was truly a sweet inspiration to all of us who love our Lord. She will be sorely missed.

John Barilla - September 22, 2019 at 10:43 AM

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Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mom, grandmom, great grand mom, aunt and friend to so many. Pam and I were close friends from CHS Class of 65, and during our early married years. We were born a day apart and joked that we may have been side by side in the nursery. She inspired me in many ways through our e-mails and I miss her so much. She loved each of you and you were blessed to have each other. May she now Rest In Peace and comfort.

Sherry Tucker - September 28, 2019 at 12:58 AM

SJ

Our deepest sympathy to all of Pam's loved ones . My sister Cindy Brown Butler & I go way back with Pam to confirmation classes and church in Catonsville . Such a sweet lovely lady who will be missed . I reunited with Pam on Face Book and it was so nice. Sandi Brown Jordan

Sandra Jordan - October 08, 2019 at 04:46 PM