



Pam Kasky

March 9, 1955 - June 26, 2022

Pamela Ellen (nee Henrikson) Kasky, age 67, of Murphysboro, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

Visitation will be held at Crain Funeral Home, 1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois on Thursday, June 30, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Graveside services will be held at Masonic and Odd Fellows Cemetery, 12740 Oddfellows Lane, Benton, Illinois on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with Father Joel Seipp officiating.

For years she fought cancer; breast cancer in 1990; ovarian cancer in 1994, 2011, 2018 and finally succumbed to AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) in 2022. Her resolve to fight cancer tooth and nail at every turn has earned her the family nickname of "Warrior Queen."

Pam attended St. Eulalia Grade School in Maywood, Illinois and graduated from Proviso East High School. She then attended Triton College in River Grove, Illinois. Pam then left Chicago to receive her Bachelor of Science Degree from SIU-Carbondale in Outdoor Recreation in 1978. Her Denny's Restaurant career began in Oak Park, Illinois and she transferred that work experience to the now closed Carbondale Denny's and finally retired in 2013.

Her interests included fishing, camping, boating, bicycling, and working as a counselor at Little Grassy Girl Scout Camp. Her grandchildren were the loves of her life.

Survivors include her husband of forty-two years, John Kasky; son, Michael; grandchildren, Austin, Victoria, Trevor and Kinsley; son, David and wife, Jessica; grandchildren, Nathan and Eli; siblings, Lori Vierneisel of North Port, Florida, Gayle Kurtzrock of Perryville, Missouri and Scott Henrikson of Laguna Niguel, California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Lorraine (Kubistal) Henrikson

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Residential Hospice or your favorite charity. Envelopes will be available and accepted at the funeral home.

Having supported and cared for her through her medical issues, I can tell you that she is one of the strongest cancer survivors and fighters you would ever meet. I would like to thank Dr. Migone, Dr. Mutch, Dr. DiPersio, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Parkview Tower Floor 10 Leukemia and Lymphoma, Siteman Cancer Center, Washington University School of Medicine, Ascension Sacred Heart – Pensacola, Hospice, nurses, teams, supporting staff and many more of you for your tremendous amount of expertise, compassion and loving care during the darkest times anyone should have to face. And without you, family and friends, we would have never made it this far. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God bless each and every one of you. With love, John.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Masonic and Odd Fellows Cemetery

12740 Oddfellow Ln
Benton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro
1421 Walnut St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2131

Graveside Service

JUL 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Masonic and Odd Fellows Cemetery
12740 Oddfellow Ln
Benton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Pam Kasky

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Pam was a sweetheart of a lady. I had no idea she fought multiple forms of cancer throughout her life. I only knew of the breast cancer. May you feel God's presence, His love, in a very tangible way as you move through the upcoming days, weeks and months. Laura (Whistle) Cates Duncan

Laura Duncan - July 02, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ condolences to the entire family sorry couldn't make it to the services. special love to Mike and kids!❤️

Marilynn Martin from Mary Lou's - July 01, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ I only remember Pam from Denny's and she always waited on me and my mom and dad very nice person I know that at that time several years ago she had gone through breast cancer and she survived. Can we talked about that occasionally but very nice person sorry to hear about this

Roger - July 01, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ I am so sorry. My deepest sympathy to the family. Laura Jones

Laura Jones - June 29, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ *She was such a beautiful soul. I also started at Denny's in 1998 at the time she was one of the servers. Soon after she became part of the management. I remember so many fun days, birthdays, anniversaries through the years. But the most magical times at Denny's were the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving. Christmas and even Easter. We would dress up and have fun. It was our extended family and she was the glue to keep the smiles on everyone's face. The memories just keep flowing we love you and your family. You can rest now.*

Janet Voss - June 29, 2022 at 02:37 PM

YF

“ *Your SIU friends purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Pam Kasky.*



Your SIU friends - June 29, 2022 at 12:26 PM

BM

“ *Pam was a lovely woman. Met her when our kids were in high school. Condolences to John, Mike and David from Larry and Brenda Morse.*

Brenda Morse - June 28, 2022 at 09:18 PM

SA

“ *I met Pam through the Breast Cancer support group. She was such a positive influence for me. Such a beautiful and courageous lady. My sympathy to her family and friends. “May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace . Amen.*

Sarah Aken - June 28, 2022 at 08:43 PM

CP

“ My husband Curt Presley worked several years at Dennys with Pam. Her friendship continued with us after Curt left Dennys. Pam always took time to engage in conversation when running into her at a store. She was truly a kind person and will be missed. Our condolences to the family, Cindy and Curt Presley

Cindy Presley - June 28, 2022 at 05:30 PM

BF

“ Pam was my manager at Denny's when I first moved to Carbondale back in '98. She was always so kind and just willing to do whatever it took for her work. She was a role model to me and countless others who had the pleasure of getting to know her, always willing to share her vast knowledge of the restaurant industry. As I progressed in my career and moved into banking, Pam would express how proud she was of me and flash that smile of hers that could light up a room. So, I just want to express my most sincere condolences to everyone who feels the pain of her loss, she truly was an exceptional individual! R.I.P. Pam

Brian Fielden - June 28, 2022 at 02:37 PM

