



Pamela Ann Donaldson

April 22, 1956 - June 5, 2022

Pamela Ann Donaldson, 66, passed away at the University of Michigan Hospital on Sunday, June 5, 2022. She was born in Toledo, Ohio on April 22, 1956 to Richard and Nancy (Szabo) Smith. Pam received her Master's degree on Social Work from Case Western Reserve University. She enjoyed her career in Social Work and also taught at Northwest State College for many years.

Pam liked to travel especially to Florida and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. When she wasn't reading term papers, she enjoyed reading mystery novels. Pam was a trained pianist, she found comfort in music and her gardening. She was fiercely devoted to her grandchildren and would do anything for them.

Pam is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Donaldson; daughter-in-law, Sabrina Winch; grandchildren, Timothy and Jakob Roach; and Olivia Richmond; mother, Nancy Zesing; and siblings, Patti (David) Coehrs, Paula (Terry) Lynott, and Aaron (Tricia) Zesing. She was preceded in death by her son Joshua Roach and father, Richard F. Smith.

A memorial service will be held at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Bill.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

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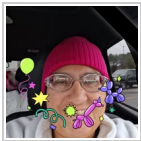
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Tribute Wall



“ Just a couple of weeks I was at handling class with Pam Donaldson and this week I learned she has passed. I am trying to process this quiet friendship that ended so abruptly. For almost 20 years we both passionately bred our dogs...Pugs for Pam (and some Frenchies too) and Frenchies for me. We shared so much and often referred potential homes to each other. There are even some homes that have both of our dogs. Pam never failed to respond to a call and often helped me when collective legislative support was needed. As early as a couple of weeks ago we shared some of the ways we were feeling the pressure of those wanting to take our right to breed dogs away. Pam had a black boy pug she was looking to polish and I had kookie Sukie who needed some table manners and exposure. We laughed together and said see you next week...it was not to be. Rest in peace Pam. You will be missed.

Gale Golden - March 22, 2024 at 06:37 AM



“ I always enjoyed my social work classes with her, she also taught by my dad Mack Armstrong, that is how I met her first coming there at the college when I was younger. She will be truly missed.

Michelle Armstrong - June 25, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ I will never forget Pam as my first social work teacher in 2004 and my thoughts are with you all. I was so happy to run into her at Walmart a month ago and was so happy to catch up with her and see her smiling face.

Kevin Kaplan - June 17, 2022 at 09:52 PM

CB

“ I worked with Pam at NSCC. I will remember with fondness her kindness and willingness to go above and beyond for her students. My prayers are with her family.

Carrie Baynes - June 13, 2022 at 08:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pamela Ann Donaldson.



June 12, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Ann Donaldson.



June 09, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Ann Donaldson.



June 09, 2022 at 02:17 PM

DH

“ I wish I could attend Pam’s service as hug you all. I will be in Kansas City for the Unity Worldwide Convention as I am becoming chair of the board. I miss what I think of as my Ohio family. The miles that separate us do not diminish my love for you all. Pam was a bright light in our world and she will be greatly missed. I will remember her joy and enthusiasm always with much love. Always
Aunt Doris

Doris Hoskins - June 09, 2022 at 09:20 AM

SW

“ This lady was truly an angel among humans! She has spent so much of her life giving back and being the best there was. I will miss all of the amazing times I shared with her. She helped me raise 2 amazing kids and loved them beyond anything! We are eternally grateful for all the memories and love we have received from her!

Sabrina Winch - June 08, 2022 at 11:13 AM

SR

“ To the family of Pam,
I am so incredibly sorry for your loss.
This breaks my heart. Pam was one of my first professors in this field and was one of the best, in my humble opinion. She was a wonderful therapist; so kind and loving and passionate. I loved that she had her own style and uniqueness, which just made her all the more endearing. I am not sure where I would be as a therapist without her as she was one that very much shaped my knowledge and my skills as a therapist. I also had the absolute honor to work with her at Catholic Charities and call her a colleague. I will never forget her for so many reasons. Our field definitely lost one of its shining stars but I know for myself and I imagine so many other students, we will carry her legacy of love and kindness for humanity and those hurting in what we do everyday. Thank you for everything, Pam; I will miss you and you were so loved! 💔😭

Stefanie Rockey - June 08, 2022 at 10:27 AM

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Stefanie Rockey - June 08, 2022 at 10:25 AM

DM

“ My name is Deb Mignin and I am one of the faculty at NSCC. I've know Pam for 26 years and I appreciated her friendship. Pam was a strong advocate for students and she will be greatly missed at NSCC. She and I had been looking forward to our retirements. My prayers and sympathy go out to all the family.

Deb Mignin - June 08, 2022 at 09:21 AM

SP

“ So sad to hear of Pam's passing. She was an inspiration to all, dedicated to helping others and a joy to be with. She touched many lives. I hadn't seen her for years, but enjoyed working with her in the past. Condolences to her family and friends.

Sandy Pessefall - June 08, 2022 at 08:58 AM

AC

“ Archbold Furniture Co. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - “It Broke My Heart to Lose You” for the family of Pamela Ann Donaldson.



Archbold Furniture Co. - June 08, 2022 at 08:23 AM

SS

“ Donaldson Family,
Your wife/mother was such a great lady. I had the pleasure of being one of her social work students at NWSCC. She was a tough lady but she did it with love. Keeping your family in my thoughts through this time of need.

Stephanie Slattman - June 08, 2022 at 08:03 AM

PH

“ Pam was a fantastic teacher, friend, and advocate. She always had a smile that lit up her eyes. Her loss will be felt throughout the social work community.



Pheobie - June 08, 2022 at 07:00 AM

PJ

“ Phil , Dyan & Jamie lit a candle in memory of Pamela Ann Donaldson



Phil , Dyan & Jamie - June 07, 2022 at 09:30 PM

PD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Phil & Dyan - June 07, 2022 at 09:24 PM

DO

People come and go in our life but Pam will always be here in our broken hearts. She is my bestie for so many years. We drew strength from one another as we endured the sudden passing of our sons. We will cherish so many great times we were blessed to share. May her light shine bright on the life's she touched. Soar high dearest friend. Until next time 🍷🌹

Dyan Osborn - June 09, 2022 at 11:27 AM

NY

“ *She was my favorite instructor and I considered her a friend. I am heartbroken. Condolences to her family, she was the best, you must be so very proud of her.*

Nancy Yambor - June 07, 2022 at 09:01 PM

NG

“ *Pam was an amazing teacher who truly cared about the social work profession, the well-being of clients, and the success of her students. I will forever cherish the time I spent learning from her. I'm sorry to hear of her passing. She was amazing!*

Nancy Gilligan - June 07, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Pamela Ann Donaldson.*



June 07, 2022 at 05:59 PM