



Pamela R. Strunk

June 9, 2020

Pamela R. Strunk, lifelong resident of Royal Oak passed away at home surrounded by her children on June 9, 2020 at the age of 61. Proud and devoted mother of Brian Strunk, Gregory Strunk and Melissa (Jeff) Myre; loving grandmother of Brooklynn, Braylon and Amelia; dear sister of Gary (Sue) Thornton and Doug (Debbie) Thornton.

Pamela was a wonderful mother. She always said her most important job in life was to be a mother. She loved her grandchildren very much and enjoyed all her time with family, friends and relaxing at the family cabin. Pam made everyone feel like they were her best friend. She lived life to the fullest. Her beautiful smile and contagious laugh will be missed.

A private funeral service will be held 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2020 at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. which is open to the public. Due to the governor's restrictions we can only allow 10 people at a time in the funeral home to pay their respects. Please plan on wearing a mask. Interment at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

To leave a condolence to the family go to www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com. Arrangements in care of Village Funeral Home, Ortonville. www.villagefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember when you and your family came to California for a vacation we had so much fun together I didn't want it to end. When I came to Michigan for a visit I came so close to moving there but I my mom and dad didn't want me too. I will miss your laugh and good humor, you always make me fell so good about myself

Becky Stephenson (cousin) - June 15, 2020 at 08:49 AM

MA

“ Pam was a GREAT girl who always greeted me with a smile and hug when I would visit with her brother Gary at their Moms cabin. I will miss that dearly.
Marty

Marty - June 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CS

“ From the minute I met Pam it was as is if we knew each other forever. We had many good times together & so many laughs. She was the most loving & caring person there is. Truly special. She will be so missed but remembered always in my thoughts & prayers. As my Grandson Cody said "Now Heaven has another Angel" Cindy Stempowski

Cynthia Stempowski - June 13, 2020 at 08:57 AM

MM

“ My Mom.

It breaks me to even write anything, this is all still just so surreal.

As a mother, it is so hard to find the balance between being a teacher, a guider, and the disciplinary parent - and also being the one your child leans on, being their friend, and being their escape goat lol. My mom was so special, she was literally everything to us kids. Growing up, if you did something you were proud of, she was the first person you would tell, and if you found yourself in a sticky situation that you needed to get out of, or if you got in trouble somewhere, she was still the first person you would call.

I remember so many times that my friends would lie to their parents about where we were all going, and what we were doing, and they were so shocked when us 3 kids would be completely honest with our Mom. She always told us that she wanted to know the truth, she didnt want any surprises. She may not have 100% agreed with what we were doing, but she had to let us figure things out for ourselves sometimes, and we ALWAYS had her to fall back on. She never let us down, she was always there for us in every way you could possibly be there for another human.

My mom so quickly became my best friend in my adult years. We would go out to dinner together, dress up together, wear each others clothes... she used to get so excited when people would think we were sisters 😂😂.

I was so scared to tell my Mom that I was pregnant, but once again, i was not left to battle something alone. Together, we raised a happy, healthy baby girl. My mom glowed as a Grandma, that was by far her proudest accomplishment in life. Her and Brooklynn had such a special relationship. My Mom would ask to take Brooke to all these places with her, she wanted her there, she enjoyed every moment she had as a Grandma. And when I met my husband later, she welcomed his 2 children as her own grandchildren, with open arms. She was just that way. We could all learn so much from the endless amounts of love that she supplied.

I worked with Mom for a short while at United Machining, and we would ride to work together, always stop at 7-11 to get a big slurpee on our way. Once we got there, she would set her things down and then do a lap around the shop, making sure to say good morning to all of her coworkers.

When I think of my mom, I picture her hair (which could withstand any storm), a slurpee in her left hand, right hand snapping along to a beat that she was dancing to.

She has given me enough memories, love and support to last a lifetime, and I will always carry her with me everywhere I go.

I love you, Mom. So very, very much.

Melissa Myre - June 12, 2020 at 10:46 AM

CL

Beautifully said Melissa..... perfect <3

christina layout - June 13, 2020 at 04:36 AM

DS

So so sorry to you all. Beautiful note about your mom. I always called her pammy whammy. Last time i saw her was at my 50th party. Granted your wishes and never bothered the family during her diagnose. Rest in peace. Pam your with mom and dad now. Wow i remember your grandpa and brooklyn walking around the block to give my dog cookies.

Deanna selke - June 13, 2020 at 09:39 PM

PS

Melissa you and your brothers are a true testament to the wonderful Mom and person your Mom was.

penny Steeby - June 15, 2020 at 11:26 AM

LP

“ We lived across the street from the Thorntons for 30 years. Watched the kids grow up. Camping trips and all that. Pam babysat Lucinda and Newton when she wasn't much older than they were. She was a great person and will be missed. We are praying that the Lord give you peace and comfort at this sad time.
Linda Pierce and family

LINDA PIERCE - June 11, 2020 at 07:08 PM

EL

“ Pam and I were coworkers will be remembered as dedicated, loyal, smart, genuine and always kind. Respect.

Elyse Lohrer - June 11, 2020 at 09:27 AM

KI

“ I just found out from a neighbor today that she died she was always sweet when I see her outside always telling me about her grand babies. Hugs for the family. Kilgores

kilgores - June 10, 2020 at 11:01 PM

AE

“ I’m not sure how to post just one memory. Working with Mela (Pam), was never a dull moment. We use to tease her about her 80’s hairstyle. Her being a blonde (nuts sometimes). Gina and I were mother hens sometimes. I would say Pam your turning into a bobble (head) and G and I would look at each other and at the same time say “Pam you need to eat.” We would drive each other crazy sometimes but we all held each other up when needed. I remember Pam saying she was going to be reliving her youth through Melissa when Melissa got a motorcycle. I would call her biker babe especially when she showed pics of her sitting on a motorcycle with a leather jacket. Pam would say all the time that she’s so glad she had kids because she had best friends then. I use to think that when Mela started getting better that a miracle happened. The real miracle is that she is a part of my life. Whether she’s here or an angel, the memories she has given all of us are gifts to always be treasured.

April Emery - June 10, 2020 at 08:11 PM

BK

“ This is so sad. Pam was such a fighter and in the midst of her grief when she lost her Mom she was thinking about me! I had a terrible accident and while I was recovering she stopped to see me and gave me such encouragement. I am happy however that she is with her Mom and Dad and "Morgan" reminiscing!

Barbara Kottmann - June 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM

RS

“ This is a sad time. I'll keep it short. When a child loses a parent it's a loss that lasts a lifetime. Sure, the sharp edges are dulled with the passage of time but the loss is still there. When a parent loses a child it's very much the same. The difference being, it's wrong! The child should always out-live the parent. It doesn't work that way does it? I love Pammie. Yes I called her Pammie. She was pleased with that. I was pleased that she called me Dad.....I can speak for all of you when I say, she will be missed.

Raymond B Strunk - June 10, 2020 at 06:58 PM

SK

“ As we grew up the smiles, laughter and tears were many but as we grew older our friendship became stronger even when the miles kept us apart but those moments of catching up always left me glad you were a part of my life and family. I will miss you Cuz but know you are in a better place with no pain or suffering. Give your parents a hug and kiss from me and throw that stick for Scooter...💔

Suzanne (Thornton) Kommer - June 10, 2020 at 05:57 PM

CH

“ Pam's infectious laugh, positivity, and love for family will be etched in my mind forever. She was a wonderful person and the best sister-in-law, she will be sorely missed.

Carol Ann Hull - June 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM

WB

“ When I was a child, Pam looked at my shoes and asked, “ Wally, why aren’t your shoes tied?”
I told her that I didn’t know how to tie my shoes.
The family was going to go somewhere but right then in the middle of her mother’s home, she took the time and taught me how to tie my shoes. This was Pam... considerate and patient. She always was light hearted and joyful. I will miss my cousin.

walter biddick - June 10, 2020 at 05:26 PM

BR

“ Grandma Strunk was always very hilarious. When her and I went to the cabin, we would always share a room because I was scared. When I was asleep i would turn to the side and kick her in her ribs. In the morning she would always be really sore.

Brooklynn - June 10, 2020 at 05:20 PM

SS

Pam was a Warrior, she had a great soul ❤️ I am so glad to have met her and glad she became part of the Family ❤️

Sophia Myre Shattuck - June 13, 2020 at 05:27 PM