



Pamela Lynne Burns

September 25, 1943 - August 2, 2023

Pamela Lynne Burns (nee Tono), 79, of Sterling Heights passed away peacefully August 2nd, 2023, at home surrounded by her closest loved ones.

Pamela was born in Detroit on September 25th, 1943 to John and Helen (Krol) Tono. An only child, she surrounded herself with cousins and neighborhood friends who would become her sisters and brothers for life. She loved them with all of her heart and was honored to be part of this large family.

From the time she was very young, Pamela was a hard worker. She scooped ice cream at a young age, sold movie tickets in the cinema box office, and was a bookkeeper at Ned's Firestone. She studied business at Cleary College and worked for the city of Ypsilanti. In her twenties, she went to work at Fisher Body (General Motors) in the clerical department. It was there she met the love of her life, Robert, who worked in the Die Design department. They were friends for some time before they became an item. According to Robert, he became a more compassionate and better person because of Pamela. They married in 1971 and were blessed with a daughter (Sheryl) and a son (Kevin) in the years following.

Her children were the light of her life. She loved them fiercely and would do anything for them. Many sacrifices were made to guarantee her children had the best education and experiences in life. She was always there to lean on

and offer sound advice. Pamela also adored and cared for many family dogs in her time. They were always treated like family, not “just dogs.”

Robert was Pamela’s heart. The two of them were inseparable and loved being with each other 24/7, which is not an easy feat for most people. They had the deepest love, admiration, and respect for each other and it showed. Theirs was the kind of love everyone should have. Robert will sure miss his “Pammy.”

Some of Pamela’s interests and passions included: knitting scarves for the homeless, supporting multiple nonprofit organizations close to her heart, specifically those related to dog rescue, US Veterans, and Native American children, playing BINGO, chatting with her girlfriends, snuggling her dogs, listening to the song of Cardinals, and most of all, spending time with her immediate family.

A gentle and kind woman, Pamela was considered a second mom to many of Sheryl’s and Kevin’s friends, as she always made sure to welcome them into her home, extend a helping hand when needed, and just listen to them if they needed to talk. She was a true listener and had a knack for making people feel better. Her positive attitude also got her through so many tough times, as she dealt with medical issues for several years. And she never once complained. She was a true fighter and believer that God was just trying to make her a stronger person.

Pamela is now free of pain and is flying high above with those who left before her. No doubt she is playing endless games of BINGO with her mom, giving smooches to all the family dogs, and hugging her dad tightly, whom she lost way too soon.

Pamela will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the

pleasure of knowing this great powerhouse of a woman. Her strength, determination and memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Pamela is survived by her beloved husband and soul mate of 52 years, Robert, her children Sheryl Burns and Kevin Burns, grand-dog Cooper, and many special cousins and lifelong friends. She was predeceased by her parents John and Helen, and several cherished rescue dogs over the years.

Visitation Tuesday 3-8pm with a 7pm Scripture service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenehr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile), Sterling Heights. Instate Wednesday 9am until time of 9:30am Mass at St. Blase Catholic Church, 12151 15 Mile Rd. (E. of Dodge Park), Sterling Heights. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Please consider honoring Pamela by donating to one of her favorite charities: Hawkeye & Friends Dog Rescue & Sanctuary (Imlay City) or Paralyzed Veterans of America (Washington, DC).

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd.
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Scripture Service

AUG 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Instate / Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Blase Church
12151 15 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Sheryl, Kevin and Mr. Burns (Dad 2),*

I am heartbroken over Mom 2 passing. My memories of growing up are so wonderful. Part of this was because of her! She truly treated me like another daughter, and for this, I am entirely grateful.

I will cherish all the memories I have with her and the whole Burns family. God bless you all. Love you all so very much!!

Jennifer Turner - August 08, 2023 at 09:54 PM

MM

“ *Our sincere condolences. Sue and Mark Mathes*

Mark Mathes - August 07, 2023 at 01:35 PM

AD

“ *and coworkers at GM-Die Design purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Pamela Lynne Burns.*



and coworkers at GM-Die Design - August 07, 2023 at 12:51 PM

RT

“ So sorry for your loss, Bob, Sheryl, and Kevin. Pam was a wonderful person. I will always remember her warmth and laughter whenever she visited her parents, and her kind words when my own parents passed. Paul, Keegan, and I have donated to Hawkeye Dog Sanctuary in her honor. Sorry we cannot make the visitation, as I am out town, but know that I am thinking of you during this difficult time.

-Robyn (Schultz) Tennison

Robyn Tennison - August 07, 2023 at 10:36 AM

AJ

Pammy is the name I always heard Bob her. I visited her when she was in the hospital over 40 years ago and I've never since forgot her smile and kindness. So sorry for your loss. A. T. Justice

alan justice - August 08, 2023 at 05:19 PM

BD

“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pamela. She sounds like she was an amazing lady. I was fortunate to work with Bob and now with Kevin at GM. They both spoke fondly of her, and you could tell there was a lot of love for her. May she rest in peace. We are so sorry for your loss.



Bruce and Mary DeGrouchy - August 07, 2023 at 07:33 AM

EA

“ God gave the gift of Pam to us to share family, friends, a fence and recipes for 48 years and then HE brought her HOME! Thank you Dear God for bringing Pammy and family into our lives! May she Rest In Peace AMEN

Xoxoxo Bob & Elaine

Elaine Artymovich - August 06, 2023 at 04:17 PM

HD

“ Mrs. Burns, you were such a dear woman to me! While I know I annoyed you at times, when I was growing up, with my loud voice and premature expression of details about Santa to your daughter, above that, I knew you loved me and expressed that to me in your kindness and generosity that would last through the decades. Thank you for loving me and staying in touch over the years. I miss you but am happy you are now at peace. Thank you. You live on in those who knew and love you!

Heather D. - August 05, 2023 at 08:44 PM

LM

“ Lorraine M. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Pamela Lynne Burns.



Lorraine M. - August 05, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LM

“ Lorraine M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Lynne Burns.

Lorraine M. - August 05, 2023 at 10:25 AM

SS

“ A great lady whose presence at our Cedar View Subdivision was always a bright spot. Condolences and prayers, Scott & Laura Sunderland

SCOTT M SUNDERLAND - August 05, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela Lynne Burns.*



August 05, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *I was blessed with Pamela’s friendship for most of my 80 years. We grew up together and were friends since grade school. We shared the love of our families and always felt more like family than friends. She vacationed with my family and won the hearts of my up north family as well. She was a bridesmaid at my wedding 61 years ago and has been close to Gary & I since.*

We have had many laughs and shared both our good times and bad. We talked about everything and shared our love for our kids as well as our precious fur babies. I will cherish the memories of our special times with Robert & Pam forever. Mostly I will miss all our long talks and our many laughs. Pamela and the Burns family will remain in our hearts and prayers forevermore.

Love...Gary & Sally Graniti

Sally Graniti - August 04, 2023 at 11:38 PM

GL

“ The loss of my sweet, wonderful cousin, Pamelcha, as Gerry and I lovingly called her will be missed so very much. There will be a void in our hearts that can only be somewhat repaired by the wonderful memories we shared as cousins. In our minds we were very much like sisters. We grew up only one block from each other. From the time we were very small until August 2nd we were very close talking to one another almost daily. She was as lucky as I am in marriage. We both chose the best!

Rob is an extraordinary husband. He was Pam's best friend, a husband, a caregiver and the force behind her living as long as she did, fighting cancer. I don't say it lightly when I say he is remarkable.

I'm sure Pam is smiling down on them and saying, "Don't be sad, celebrate my life knowing I am without pain and I am with you always."

With love and healing prayers, Gerry and Darlene Lovernick

Gerry & Darlene Lovernick - August 04, 2023 at 03:59 PM