



Pamela S. Dorrance

July 13, 1963 - March 28, 2023

Pamela Dorrance passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at age 59, with her husband by her side after a difficult five year battle with cancer.

She was born on July 13, 1963 to Thomas and Nancy Dorrance in Ypsilanti, MI. She was smart and driven from a young age, graduating from University of Michigan, and going on to serve over 30 years as a software engineer for several companies in the Ann Arbor area. She was well known for being kind, strong-willed, and dedicated, and she enjoyed taking on difficult tasks and putting in the work and extra time needed to complete them.

Following her graduation at the University of Michigan, Pam met the love of her life and the man who stood by her side through it all, Ken. The two began their life together by upgrading from Ken's tiny "orange" house to their forever home, which they built on their own. They raised their two daughters here, providing them every possible opportunity they could to grow and flourish. Pam was everything you could ask for in a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. Her family came first to her always, and she was selfless, generous, kind, wise, and thoughtful even in her final days.

She most enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, being her daughters' number one fan through every sport they played, hosting others and experimenting with new recipes, playing (and winning) board and card

games, and in her last years, online shopping for her granddaughter, Lily.

Pam was the most caring and loving daughter, sister, aunt, friend, wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her father and stepmother Thomas and Sharon, brother Rick, stepbrothers Mike and Jeff, husband Ken, daughters Kassia and Kristina, son-in-law Elliot, and beautiful granddaughter Lily. She was predeceased by her mother Nancy, and parents-in-law Dolores and Joseph.

Pam was a light on this earth; she is sorely missed. She was everything to her two daughters, who rarely went a day without talking to her. To uphold her wishes, there will be no memorial service planned at this time. Please celebrate her life in your own way; she will be loved and remembered through us all.

Tribute Wall

PG

“ I will never forget the sparkle that was always in Pams eyes. I too have lost touch with you all as life took us separate paths. I just decided to see if I could find you and see this. I am so sorry to hear of your struggle and and loss. Pam was a good friend and I remember when you two first met.
God bless you and your family.
Pat Gaffka

Patrick Gaffka - December 22, 2023 at 11:52 AM

RT

“ Dearest Ken and Family,
I lost touch with Pam and Ken but have so many wonderful memories of Synthetic Vision Systems, softball & volleyball games, canoeing and of course Halloween Parties! I am truly heart broken and know that her light will always shine in all that knew and loved her.
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers,
Rebecca Trout (Becky Murray)

Rebecca Trout - November 14, 2023 at 07:11 PM



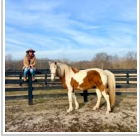
“ Pamela S. Dorrance

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM

JL

“ I remember babysitting her, and we would sit and play with Barbies. Of course Ricky would be over in his corner playing with cars.

Judy Lewis - August 13, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ I met Pam through Julie Haggerty when visiting the Haggerty Family home. I remember her as a beautiful and kind soul. So sorry for your loss.

Gwen Haggerty-Bearden - April 28, 2023 at 09:58 PM

KT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Karen Tomko - April 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM

KT

“ My sincere sympathies to Ken, Kassia, Kristina and all of Pam's family and friends. I had the good luck of meeting Pam at my first software engineering job after college. We quickly became friends, sharing our joys and struggles as we were starting our careers and the families. I sadly lost touch with Pam after moving out of state, but realized after getting this news how much I've missed her friendship over the years. Here are a few pictures that I've found of Pam from those years. Pam made the costumes in the Halloween photo.

Karen Tomko - April 15, 2023 at 03:56 PM

SG

“ We will always remember Pam in her kind, loving, caring ways. All this and she was blessed with intelligence and beauty. She was so proud of her girls, Kassiah and Kristina and their accomplishments. We know our sweet Pam fought a long battle to the end but also shared her happiness to see her first grandchild, Lily. We look forward to see your beautiful face again one day. What a great reunion it will be. We pray for God's peace to the entire family. God's blessings always and our love,
Aunt Sheila and Uncle Jim

Sheila Gilbertson - April 02, 2023 at 06:57 PM

KG

“ I had the honor of working with Pam on cutting-edge research-engineering projects. Among many skills, Pam had a unique ability to automate incredibly complex hardware systems with her software. She was never intimidated by the complexity and her team could always rely on her to get the job masterfully done! She is always adored for her friendly professionalism and incredible skills.

Kurt Gleichman - April 02, 2023 at 09:48 AM

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pam's passing. Although we had not seen each other in recent years, I thought of her often. She was an amazing woman! We had so many wonderful chats while Kristina and Amelia were at riding lessons years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you Kristina, Kassia and Ken.

Gretchen Waters - April 01, 2023 at 04:36 PM

MB

“ *Very sad to learn of this. I worked with Pam in the 1990's. I remember she was a very good engineer and friend. My wife and I also enjoyed the time we spent when Pam and Ken after our softball games. Our deepest condolences to Pam's entire family.*

Mike & Janice Beck

Michael Beck - April 01, 2023 at 03:01 PM

GH

“ *As a piano teacher of daughter, Kristina, I saw Pam as a kind and positive person, always pleasant. It was clear that her family was number #1. I send heartfelt condolences to the family and hope that memories will help the healing.*

Genie Hollander - April 01, 2023 at 09:50 AM

JH

“ *Pam's family was the love of her life and being a mom and then grandma, her biggest joy. I see the picture of my beautiful and smart friend and I cannot believe it is in her obituary. Praying for comfort for you all.*

Julie Haggerty - March 31, 2023 at 07:31 PM

JH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories of Pam*



Julie Haggerty - March 31, 2023 at 07:23 PM

JH

The "girls" when we were a bit younger.

Julie Haggerty - March 31, 2023 at 07:31 PM

GW

What a nice memory to have!

Gwen - April 28, 2023 at 09:55 PM

HM

“*To the Dorrance family - my condolences and sympathies. Pam was a treasure of person, a colleague and friend and I will miss her so much. She made work so, so much better. Her hard work and dedication was admirable, spending late nights and weekends hitting deadlines, which were often complicated and compressed. All the while, she was the most amazing mom and I admired her greatly. We shared many fun moments talking about the joy of her life: her family, especially Kassia and Kristina. I knew her before she married Ken and heard about the family growing, sports, school, etc. We travelled a few times for work together (I dragged her to the National Christmas tree one time - carrying our suitcases - hers did not have wheels but she didn't complain). Even with the dedication of work, her joy was with her family and it showed. I missed her at work but am glad she got to spend a lot of time these last few years with her precious family. God bless you and your family. - Heidi*

Heidi Metzger - March 31, 2023 at 04:43 PM