



Pamela Olson

November 2, 1952 - April 28, 2021

Pamela Diane (DeGroot) Olson, 68-year-old resident of Onamia, MN passed away suddenly on April 28, 2021. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Onamia, MN with Pastor Jess Olson officiating. Visitation with family and friends will be held 1 hour prior to Service. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia. Memorials preferred to “Angels Anonymous” care of Bethany Lutheran Church, 500 Lindquist, Onamia, MN 56359.

To join in on Pamela's funeral via livestream, please click the link below 5 minutes prior to the start of the service.

<https://my.gather.app/remember/pamela-olson>

Pamela was born to Harm and Alice (O’Neil) DeGroot on November 2, 1952 in Worthington MN. Pam was a graduate of Worthington High School, Class of 1971. Shortly after graduation, she married the love of her life, James Leslie Olson, on June 5, 1971. Together, they had two children, Michael and Matthew. Pam and Jim’s life together started in southwestern Minnesota, but eventually took them to Spring Lake Park, MN by way of Huron, SD. While in Spring Lake Park, Pam worked at Abra Auto Body and Schoonovers in Shoreview. The purchase of Onamia Lumber Company in 1991 is what brought Pam and husband Jim to their current residence of Onamia. This move also sparked her strong connections to the community. Pam was

actively involved in many organizations. With her energy, determination, and can-do attitude, she served the community as a member of the Onamia Lions, the Onamia Civic Association, the Lipski/Olson Caring Community Foundation, and Ruby's Pantry, as well as a member and council member of Bethany Lutheran Church of Onamia MN, and avid supporter of Angels Anonymous through Bethany. Determined is a great descriptor of Pam. Pam was a 15-year cancer survivor, diagnosed with Paget's Disease in 2006. Even in the most challenging of times, she faced it head-on and with a positive attitude. She participated in multiple 60-mile walks in support of cancer education & research and rallied many friends and family to support the cause. She continued that support by befriending other cancer patients at Mille Lacs Health System (MLHS), supporting their cancer journeys, sharing her positive energy, and listening ear to those receiving treatment. Recognizing her talents and connections with others, Pam was hired at MLHS in 2009 where she would work until her retirement in 2018. Passionate is another great descriptor of Pam. She found pure joy in life. Her greatest treasures were her family and close friends. She beamed with pride with any mention of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and took every opportunity to spend time with them. She also enjoyed road trips with Jim on the motorcycle and in the RV, as well as countless adventures with a few close-knit groups of "besties".

Pam is survived by her loving husband, James Leslie Olson of Onamia MN; her sons, Michael (Jennifer) Olson, Rockford MN, Matthew (Nicole) Olson, Onamia MN, and Mika (Tiina) Hautala of Helsinki, Finland; grandchildren, Kelsie (Robert), Jonathon (Liz), Erik (Haley), Kasidie, Natasha, Kadence, and Kendall; and great-grandchildren, Everly, RubyAnna, Walker, and another great-grandchild expected to arrive in June; siblings, Denny DeGroot, Pat (Mick) Eggers, Steve (Diane) DeGroot, Greg (Cindy) DeGroot, Vicki (Dean) Selberg, Jeff (Barb) DeGroot, Deb Boltjes (special friend Randy Harms) all of Worthington, MN; mother-in-law, Shirley Olson of Pipestone, MN; sister-in-law,

Deb (Larry) Grootwassink of Dakota, MN; and many nieces and nephews.
She will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harm and Alice DeGroot; father-in-law, Don Olson; sister, Connie DeGroot; sister-in-law, Rafella DeGroot; and an infant niece, Michelle Eggers.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia
500 Lindquist St
Onamia, MN 56359

Tribute Wall



“ Pamela Olson

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Pamela Olson.



May 05, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ Barb sent a virtual gift in memory of Pamela Olson



Barb - May 05, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ Jim and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't get to spend much time with you guys when we met in SA and then you were gone. Pam and I kept in contact and I loved our chats. I will always cherish her memory. Stay in touch Jim and if you ever decide to travel out this way, please stop in Cortez CO Praying for peace. Love Barb and Ken

Barb - May 05, 2021 at 07:05 PM

AT

“ Jim and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Moved to Huron in 2008. Remember the happiness you, Pam and the boys provided to the folks. You two were very special and may the many fond memories and experiences you all shared with your wife, mom, mentor , grandma, great grandma, best friend and so much more provide comfort to you. Jennefer has fond memories of the times she spent with grandma and grandpa across, the street from you. Love you all. Al & Sonia

Al Thomas - May 03, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela Olson.



May 03, 2021 at 03:04 PM

TB

“ Our prayers and condolences to the Olson family. Pam was a treasure and her work with Ruby's Pantry and providing food for the Onamia community will always be remembered. Pam had such an incredible spirit and positive attitude and I loved to work with her. You will be in our thoughts and prayers this week.
Tracy Bauer, Ruby's Pantry

Tracy Bauer - May 03, 2021 at 10:21 AM

SM

“ *Suzanne Milton lit a candle in memory of Pamela Olson*



suzanne milton - May 03, 2021 at 10:18 AM

BM

“ *I remember in our small town of Worthington how close we all were, it was a great place to grow up. And now Connie has left us and Pam left to join her family. My daughter Crissy also lives in Omanis and works at Mille Lacs Health Care. We will keep all of you in our prayers.*

Barbra Jean Vogt Irrgang

Barbra Jean Vogt Irrgang Minnetonka MN - May 01, 2021 at 08:34 PM

JJ

“ *Jon, Liz, Walker, and Jon purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Pamela Olson.*



Jon, Liz, Walker, and Jon - May 01, 2021 at 07:02 PM

PM

“ *Patsy Meleen lit a candle in memory of Pamela Olson*



Patsy Meleen - May 01, 2021 at 08:52 AM

CM

“ *Condolences to Pam's entire family and countless friends 🙏🙏.*



Claudia Thompson Martens - April 30, 2021 at 05:26 PM