



Pamela Jo Mills

July 28, 1947 - May 10, 2020

Pamela Jo Mills was born on July 28, 1947 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Afton Edward Spurlock and Velma Sims Spurlock. She passed peacefully from this world on May 10, 2020, with her husband and three children by her side.

Pam spent her early years in Fullerton, California, where most of her extended family still reside. When she was 16 years old, her family moved back to Fayetteville, although Pam always considered herself a California girl. She attended Fayetteville Public Schools, graduating from Fayetteville High School in 1965. While at FHS, she met the man who would become her husband of over 50 years.

After high school, Pam attended school at the University of Arkansas, before marrying Jack on June 6, 1969. Together, they raised their three children, Missy, Matt, and Meredith, in Fayetteville. Those years were filled with soccer, softball, shenanigans with the neighbors and cousins, homemade costumes and birthday parties, beach trips, road trips, and enough coke cakes to fill a room.

Years later, with a continued desire to finish her education, Pam re-enrolled at the University of Arkansas where she obtained both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Mathematics. After completing her education, Pam embarked on a career as an educator where she taught math to a generation of students at both Woodland Junior High School and Fayetteville High School. After more than a decade in the Fayetteville Public Schools, Pam finished the final 10 years of her career as a mathematics instructor at the University of Arkansas. She was beloved by her students, many of whom still name her as their favorite teacher of all time.

Pam's greatest treasure though, was her family. Pam and Jack were married for 50 years and 11 months, and they filled those years with love, laughter, and shared adventures, along with the occasional impromptu home renovation project. She treasured time with her husband, children, and seven grandchildren. She delighted in the antics of the grandkids, who could do no wrong in her eyes (even if their parents had not enjoyed that same

leniency).

Pam was a lifelong follower of Jesus and lived her faith every day. She devoted countless hours to her church family at Mount Comfort Church of Christ, helping to ensure kids in our community were fed and clothed. She was a passionate volunteer for the Peace at Home Family Shelter and worked tirelessly in her service there.

Pam was known for her wisdom, wit, and sharp sense of humor, but mostly for the kindness and love that she showed to those around her. She touched many lives through her teaching career and service to her church and community. She was so good in so many ways, but she was the absolute best at loving her family.

Pam is preceded in death by her father, Afton Edward Spurlock, and mother, Velma Sims Spurlock. She is survived by her husband, Jack Mills of Fayetteville; three children, Missy DeLoach and her husband Jeff of Bella Vista, Matt Mills of Fayetteville, and Meredith Bramlett and her husband Jason of Fayetteville; seven grandchildren, Sydney DeLoach, Riley DeLoach, Connor Mills, Claire Bramlett, Max DeLoach, Arden Bramlett, and Amelia Bramlett; two sisters, Deanna Spurlock of Carlisle, Pennsylvania and Darla Wright of McKinney, Texas.

A private graveside service will be held at Fairview Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Moore's Chapel. Memorials can be made in Pam's honor to Banford House, c/o Mt. Comfort Church of Christ, 3249 West Mt. Comfort Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72704

Pam will be loved and missed but her family rejoices with the knowledge that she has received her reward to be with Jesus.

Cemetery

Fairview Memorial Gardens

1728 East Mission

Fayetteville, AR, 72703

Comments



“ We treasure many memories we have of special times with Pam and your family, We love all of you and will keep you in our hearts and prayers. Steve and Jade Harrold

Steve Harrold - May 17 at 04:32 PM



“ Meredith, I don't know if you remember me, but I was your Honors Algebra 1 teacher at Woodland Junior High - too many years ago! Your mom and I took a graduate math class together with Dr. Graening at UA (sometime around 1990). We had to wade a creek to collect data. I still remember how much fun we had wading in that creek! Your mom is precious, and she was a good friend to me then. I'm so sorry that you've lost her. You are in my prayers.
Cindy Stinnett

Cindy Stinnett - May 16 at 12:59 PM



“ I have lots of wonderful memories of Pam. In Our childhood neighborhood, we all had many moms. Your mom was very loving, but always made us behave. Your family is in our prayers. Love you guys....

-Rhonda Finch-Luthi

Rhonda Finch-Luthi - May 14 at 09:46 AM



“ My wife Jill and I lived next door to Jack and Pam for 5 years during the late 80's early 90's. Missy was a high school student that would babysit our son Miller. Matt couldn't wait to drive his mustang to school. Meredith was young and quiet. Jack stunk the neighborhood up every night before he went to bed.(pipe on the front porch) Pam was a Godly mentor to my wife and I on raising our son and living the Christian life. During this time we developed a profound respect and love for Pam and her family. We haven't seen them much through the years. But that image of what a family looks like has never left us. We love you guys. Pam was a bright light. Jerry

Jerry Williams - May 13 at 10:16 PM



“ We knew Pam and her sisters when they were just kids. Their parents sort of adopted Mickey and me while we were at the U of A. Ed was preaching in Prairie Grove and took Mickey along as his song leader. We ate many Sunday night suppers at the Spurlocks. In 1966, Ed married us. They were a wonderful family, and we loved them all.

Mary Sweeney - May 13 at 09:43 PM



“ Pam was a very sweet lady. We are so sorry for your loss.
We love you, Jack.
Harry and Marinel

Marinel Mills - May 15 at 03:05 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Pamela Jo Mills.



May 13 at 04:20 PM



“ Jack and family -
Our sincere sympathy and condolences for your loss. Pam was indeed a pleasure to know and to be around. She will be missed.
All our love,
Bill and Georgine Baker

William H Baker - May 13 at 03:41 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Moores Chapel - May 13 at 03:13 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Pamela Jo Mills.



May 13 at 01:21 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Pamela Jo Mills.



May 13 at 11:52 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Pamela Jo Mills.



May 13 at 11:47 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - All Pink was purchased for the family of Pamela Jo Mills.



May 13 at 11:37 AM



“ I am so sorry to read of Pam's passing. I did not know her personally, even though she was related to me. I wish I had known her. She sounds like a delightful person. My sympathy and prayers for all the family.

Marlene Jackson

Marlene Jackson - May 13 at 11:22 AM



“ Pam will be greatly missed. Her passion to make sure every kid had everything they needed was truly a gift that she used to the fullest. She was one of my favorites and I always enjoyed getting her take on things, I will miss her very much. Jack, you and your family are very precious to our church family and you all will be in our prayers daily.

With Christian Love, Mark Mahaffey

Mark Mahaffey - May 13 at 09:12 AM



“ Regina R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Pamela Jo Mills.



Regina R. - May 13 at 08:38 AM



“ My heart is broken. I loved Pam and have such good memories of our time at North St Church of Christ before I moved back to Jonesboro. Pam has been so good to keep up with me during my illness over the last year and a half. I had no idea she had become sick, too. My son, Matt, gives her all the credit as his favorite teacher throughout his school years. She will be missed by all who knew her. Jack and family, my prayers for comfort and peace are with you. I know Pam is rejoicing in heaven. God bless you during this time.

Vicki Hickman - May 13 at 07:10 AM



“ Pamela Jo Sims-Spurlock Mills was a blessing to anyone knowing her. This loving, amazing and beautiful person has been in my life forever...a cousin, a little Sister in my heart and a wonderful friend. As time passed, my family knew her as "Aunt Pam" and loved her as much as I always have. I will miss her more than I can say... our almost daily phone conversations and texts have become an important part of my

life. I love her so much

The comfort is knowing she is with our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ in Heaven.

Louise Sims Wells

Louise Sims Wells - May 13 at 01:58 AM



“ I love this dear family. Pam was a delightful soul. Her stories always had a funny side. It's such a hard time losing a loved one. And during the COVID pandemic, it is awful not receiving hugs. Please feel my love and prayers.

colleen deloach - May 12 at 09:16 PM



“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Pamela Jo Mills.



May 12 at 07:03 PM