



Pamela D. Colligan

October 5, 1944 - October 28, 2022

Loudonville, NY-Pamela (Decker) Colligan, 78, of Loudonville, NY, was called home into God's loving arms on Friday, October 28, 2022, with her devoted husband by her side. Born in Albany, NY, Pam was the daughter of the late Maurice Decker and Helen Rooney Milspaw. Following high school graduation, Pam enrolled at the College of Saint Rose, where she excelled, going on to earn both a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master's Degree in Biology.

After Saint Rose, Pam commenced what would be a long and distinguished career as a Research Biologist at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center. Over the course of more than four decades, Pam dedicated herself completely to her work, with a focus on Vitamin B12 research. Among other accomplishments, Pam had the distinct honor of being published many times in various scientific journals.

It was during a chance meeting of the local Corvette Club in 1978 that Pam met the love of her life, Robert Colligan. They would marry less than a year following their first date and go on to experience the many joys of life over the course of more than forty years as husband and wife. Together, Pam and Bob especially enjoyed excursions to the ocean, from Maine to Florida and many special locations in between. They also spent years working together on a successful antiques and estate sale business.

Never one to sit still, Pam immersed herself in her many passions and hobbies. She was a voracious reader and a gifted gardener. Pam graciously shared the wonderful bounty of her garden with family, friends and neighbors, and anyone who knew Pam was well aware of her annual quest to nurture and grow giant pumpkins in her garden. She toiled and tended to each pumpkin just as she did with everything and everyone in her life – with care, passion and a painstaking attention to detail.

Pam also was an incredible cook and baker. The vast circle of family and friends that were fortunate enough to have received the gift of Pam's pies, cakes, and most especially, her Christmas cookies, understood the genius of her skills and the generosity of her heart. To share Pam's baked goods was to experience her love.

Pam selflessly gave time and energy to various charitable organizations over the years, particularly those focused on the care of animals. In recent years, Pam was devoted to Kitten Angels, a non-profit dedicated to the rescue of cats and kittens through foster care and adoption.

Without a doubt, Pam's greatest loves were her husband, Bob, her animals, her family and her friends. Her kindness and generosity knew no bounds, and when Pam befriended you – and she befriended so many – she welcomed you into her heart and cared for you completely, with a focus and commitment like no other.

Pam was predeceased by her parents; mother-in-law Jane Colligan; and nephew Christopher Colligan. Pam is survived by her devoted husband of 43 years, Robert; her well-loved feline companion, Cooper; brother Joseph (Cindy) Ginsburg; brother-in-law Ronald (Leila) Colligan; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends including Betty Dunphy, Mary Long and Ross

and Amy Piscitelli.

Funeral services will be private. Contributions can be made in Pam's memory to Kitten Angels at 233 Houseman Street, Mayfield, NY 12117. Donations can also be made online at www.kittenangels.org. Condolences can be expressed to the family at www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Finally, Bob would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the emergency responders and to the nurses and doctors at Albany Medical Center for their compassionate and dignified care of Pam.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Pamela D. Colligan*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Take a walk back it time to Pam's early years & special events*



Joe Ginsburgh - January 05, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Pam was a wonderful client and friend of many years. She was a great person to talk to and her baking was the best! You will be missed Pam. Love, Tiffany*



Tiffany James D'Agostino - December 07, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ *We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Bob. Over the years you and Pam were so gracious to us, and we thank you for your generosity. Pam was always kind and caring. Very sorry to learn of her passing. May she rest in peace.*

Love Bob and Pat Yager

Pat Yager - November 07, 2022 at 05:01 PM

JW

“ Bob, I am so sorry to hear of Pam’s passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🏻🙏🏻 Joe Welcome

Joseph welcome - November 06, 2022 at 04:52 PM

MI

“ Maria C Immediato lit a candle in memory of Pamela D. Colligan



Maria C Immediato - November 06, 2022 at 03:49 PM

KE

“ Bob and Joe,

I was shocked and sad to read of Pam's passing.

Despite going our separate ways, we managed to get together once a year and reminisce about Mercy High School and St. Rose where we spent a lot of time together.

May Pam rest in peace.

Kathleen Economides

Kathleen Economides - November 06, 2022 at 07:15 AM

JL

“ I am so saddened to hear this.... I knew Pam from Grist Mill Antiques where I work part-time. Many times she would bring me treats and every year she shared her tomato plants with me. She was such a compassionate person with both people and animals. Intelligent, beautiful, kind....she will be dearly missed. Sincere condolences to Bob, her one and only.

Joyce Lloyd - November 05, 2022 at 06:24 PM

“ I know that I have already shared several memories , but I just had to add this. After Pam’s beloved uncle, my husband, passed, Pam sent me a framed photograph of him as a young boy which I have right now and I’m looking at. She also sent me a beautiful necklace with both of our names engraved on it. Her thoughtfulness was always on display. She also went to the trouble of going to the mall during the busy Christmas season, taking photographs of my friend’s pets, and having them framed for me in special little frames with their names written on them. She had done this for me and my pets, and I liked them so much, that I asked her to do that for my friend, a person who she had never even met.

She also used to always make her uncle a fruit cake for Christmas.

Pam displayed the love of Christ in the way that she lived. And that is where she is now... Absent from the body, but present with the Lord.

I also feel the need to share this memory... She used to go on her lunch hour to visit her grandmother, my beloved mother-in-law. She handled all of her medical issues and kept us abreast of anything that was happening.

Shortly before her own mother passed, she told me that Her mom, who did not recognize her as a rule, not only recognized her but said her name. I remember how grateful to God she was for that and how happy it made her.

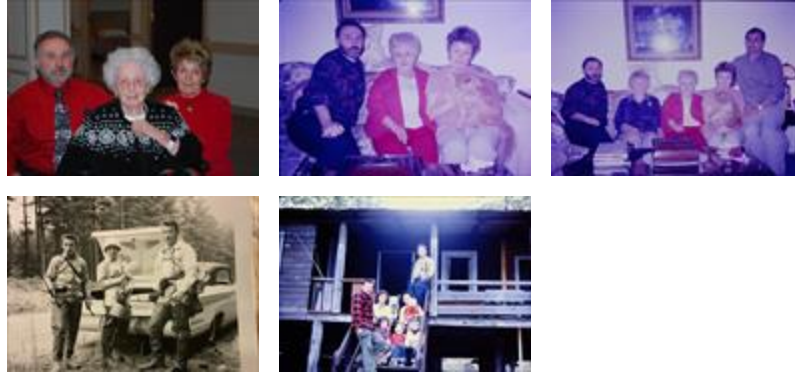
May she rest in peace in the place where there are no more tears, no more sorrow, and no mourning.

And make Bob take comfort in the knowledge that he was a wonderful husband to her, and they had many happy years together.

Peggy Decker - November 05, 2022 at 02:13 PM

MG

“ 12 files added to the album *Take a walk back it time to Pam's early years & special events*



Maurice (Joe) Ginsburgh - November 04, 2022 at 01:15 PM

MG

“ *It is not an easy task to write a tribute for a sister that passed away suddenly.*

So many memories over so many years. So many things not said and wish you still had time to say. One thing that can't be said enough is how much Pam did for our mom during those many declining years.

*See you on the other side dear sister
Your brother*

Maurice (Joe) Ginsburgh - November 04, 2022 at 12:28 PM

PD

“ Bob, Joe and Cindy, and the rest of Pam’s wide circle of family and friends,

To say that I am shocked, is putting it mildly. I would like to express my sincere condolences on Pam’s passing.

Pam was such a gifted woman... And I know that she realized that all of her gifts came from God. Her keen intellect, her incredible gifts as a cook ,baker, and gardener, her loving care of all of her fur babies and my late mother in law, and most of all, her love for Bob, will live on in the memories of those who knew and loved her, including me.

Pam was one of the first members of my late husband’s family who I met when we first became engaged. She made me feel so welcome and so loved. I have very fond memories of the times that we spent in New York with her and Bob.

Bob, I know what it is like to lose a beloved spouse. May the good Lord comfort you and give you the peace that surpasses all understanding until you are reunited.

Peggy Decker - November 03, 2022 at 08:35 PM