



Pamela K. Knisley

May 8, 1949 - March 3, 2019

Pamela K. Knisley, age 69, of Kankakee passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019 at her home. She was born May 8, 1949 in Kankakee, the daughter of William & Jean (Heine) Walters. Pamela married Buryl "Buck" Knisley on May 30, 1996 in St. Anne.

Pamela was a police officer for the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department. She was one of the first female police officers with the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department.

She was also a Deputy Coroner for Kankakee County.

She was an avid reader and loved to shop. She enjoyed all sports and activities that her children and grandchildren participated in. Pamela loved her dogs. She will always be remembered for her strong personality and huge heart.

Pamela was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving is her husband, Buck Knisley of Kankakee; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Heather & Ray Pasel of Kankakee, Stephanie & Curt Barta of VA, and Traci & Todd Wagner of Grant Park; five grandchildren, Bryce Gill, Kalen Gill, Cooper Barta, Conner Barta, and Camden Wagner; one sister and brother-in-law, Sherree & Bob Gessner of Kankakee; best friends, Nancy Sullivan and Lois Powell; brother-in-law, Robert & Jill Knisley; sister-in-law, Shirley Miedema; and her other family at the Kankakee County Sherriff's Department. Pamela is preceded in death by her parents; one aunt and uncle, Theresa & James Bourassa; and two brothers-in-law, Elwood & Anna Marie

Miedema and Kenneth Miedema.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the 6 p.m. funeral service on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will officiate the service. A chapel service with military rites will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
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Cemetery Chapel Service

MAR 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Calvary
2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Pam was smart and funny. She made our years at St Pat's an adventure! It is hard to believe she is gone. My sympathy to her family. I will remember her fondly and keep her in my prayers. Linda LaBeau Burnett

Linda burnett - March 09, 2019 at 05:19 PM

ML

“ Michael Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Pamela K. Knisley



Michael Lockwood - March 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM

TP

“ Traci Power lit a candle in memory of Pamela K. Knisley



traci power - March 08, 2019 at 11:39 AM

TM

“ Condolences to Pam's family. She never met anyone who did not like her. She was an outstanding deputy - one of the first female deputies. She did a very good job. A great gal Tom and Mary Maass

Tom and Mary Maass - March 07, 2019 at 07:45 PM

NW

“ Sherrie I just want to thank you and Pam for all the laughs you two have gave to me at Eagle Foods. It was my pleasure to wait on Pam. Rest In Peace and my deepest sympathy to her family
Nancy Ponikvar Waller

nancy ponikvar waller - March 07, 2019 at 11:57 AM



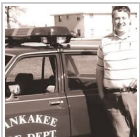
“ Remember her well....prayers for the family

Doug Schnell - March 07, 2019 at 10:39 AM

BR

“ Sending our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you -
Bruce and Melody Palmateer

Bruce&Melody - March 07, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Doug Schnell lit a candle in memory of
Pamela K. Knisley



Doug Schnell - March 07, 2019 at 10:38 AM

PH

“ *i would not know where to start or how to finish to describe Pam. we laughed and we cried , we hugged and we cussed each other. but let me say this-TO KNOW PAM REGAS KNISLEY IS TO LOVE HER.*
thoughts and prayers to her friends and family left here on earth.
GOD BLESS
Paula Olsen Hodak

Paula Hodak - March 06, 2019 at 08:04 PM

RR

“ *Very sorry to hear of Pam's passing; she was a stalwart of the Law Enforcement community in Kankakee County. My condolences to her husband, Buck Knisley who I once vacationed with many years ago. My prayers go out to you both.*



Ron Riml, Kankakee Police, Ret. - now living in East Boothbay, ME.

Ronald Riml - March 06, 2019 at 06:07 PM

MP

“ *Pam you will truly be missed. I very much enjoyed working with you at Pulmonary Rehab. Even though you gave me a hard time (always with a wink). Although you will be missed you are no longer in pain and suffering. Prayers to your family.*



Misty Powers - March 06, 2019 at 05:33 PM

AM

“ *AL MAY lit a candle in memory of Pamela K. Knisley*



AL MAY - March 06, 2019 at 04:18 PM

PL

“ *In our freshman year at St Patrick Central, we were on the demerit system. Pam thought it would be funny to fill my card up so I only had one demerit before suspension. Of course, we were caught and our punishment was I had to keep all the demerits and Pam got the same amount. I made it to the end.....Pam did not! We laughed about that so many times. From one strong personality to another - R. I. P., Pam.*

Pattie Soleau Link

patricia Link - March 06, 2019 at 12:37 PM

SP

“ *Pam will be missed. My condolences to her family and friends. From the first time I met her as a kid until the last time I saw her, she would give me grief and then a kiss on the cheek and a hug. Mom loved you, I love ya, and I hope that she was waiting for you.*

Sean Prophet - March 06, 2019 at 10:57 AM

CR

“ Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Pamela K. Knisley



Candy ray - March 06, 2019 at 09:12 AM

JJ

“ Buck, both Jude & myself are so sorry for your loss of dear Pam. We BOTH went through a tough lung transplant recovery at Northwestern Chicago. Pam is at peace now in heaven. We will miss her so much! We enjoyed meeting you both through the transplant program lung forum meetings. Pam was a tough lady with a great sense of humor. We liked seeing & talking to you both at our many doctor visits & tests. Your personalities made us laugh at our lives. Jude & I remember you always saying "I don't know why I am here, Pam tells me to bring here here". I asked Pam "why doesn't Buck know why you're here for doctor appointment" & she said "I tell Buck & he forgets"! The 2 of you were comical together & we ALL enjoyed getting to know you both thru Northwestern. God bless you and your family. We love you both very much!

Love Jane & Jude

Jane ann Neiman & jude - March 06, 2019 at 03:20 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pam's passing. Pam was a sweet, wonderful, caring woman and I will miss her. We shared some great times while working together at the Sheriff's Dept. God bless Pam, her family and her friends during this difficult time.



Brian Raetz - March 05, 2019 at 11:31 PM

RG

“ Prayers for Pam and her family. Bob and Sheree so sorry for you loss.

Rick Gilbert - March 05, 2019 at 11:27 PM

HP

“ Pam was a very good friend of my Dad's when he worked for the Sheriff's Department. We became very good friends after investigating some fires together. She will be truly missed. Heather you know how close me your Mom was. I'll be praying for your family.

Herbert Pope - March 05, 2019 at 09:39 PM

EU

“ I knew Pam through the Lung Transplant Forums at Northwestern Hospital. She was always a very lovely person. May you all find the strength, comfort and love to get through this hard time. My deepest condolences go out to her entire family. Rest in Heaven.

Eddie Ulloa - March 05, 2019 at 08:54 PM

JB

“ I new Pam from the court house and she was always so nice and friendly . Great county sherriiff officer. Sympathy and prayers go to her family. RIP Pam

jeanne benjmin - March 05, 2019 at 08:41 PM

PG

“ Pam was a treasure.....funny, intelligent, courageous and with a heart that showed itself i so many ways. She and my Dad, Red Walters, worked together at the Sherrif's Office and they were great buddies. I am so saddened that her passing could not have been easier, but I know that my Uncle Bill and Aunt Jean, as well as my Dad and Mom, and her dear friend Chris were all there to welcome her as she walked in to heaven with a smile on her face and one of her wonderful laughs. My heart is with Sheree, Bob, her kids and grandkids.

Pat Walters Gould - March 05, 2019 at 08:09 PM

ES

“ Elaine Schwass lit a candle in memory of Pamela K. Knisley



Elaine Schwass - March 05, 2019 at 07:42 PM

PT

“ Im so sorry for your loss.

Paula Tyda - March 05, 2019 at 05:02 PM

LS

“ Leroy And Anita Sarowatz lit a candle in memory of Pamela K. Knisley



Leroy and Anita Sarowatz - March 05, 2019 at 04:36 PM

CM

“ Great memories of Pam. Loved her sense of humor. Went thru some tough times when we were both on the job, she always had something to say. Rest in peace and thanks for the memories.

Cathie (Bergan) Miedema

cathie miedema - March 05, 2019 at 04:00 PM



DC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pam. She was such a good person, with a big heart and a real fighter. I met Pam thru the transplant program at Northwestern. We became friends and she could always make me laugh. She was an inspiration to me, with all that she went through. Buck my prayers are with you and your family. Pam will truly be missed. Love Diane Clark

Diane Clark - March 05, 2019 at 04:00 PM

PS

“ so sorry to hear of my old pal Pam passing. i have a lot of great memories of her. my thoughts are with her family. PAUL SCHMIDT

paul schmidt - March 05, 2019 at 03:48 PM

BC

“ Barb Casey lit a candle in memory of Pamela K. Knisley

Barb Casey - March 05, 2019 at 02:54 PM



MR

“ We are so sorry to read of the passing of Pam. We always enjoyed being around Pam. Tami and Todd and all of Pam’s family, May God keep you close and walk you through the days ahead.
All our love,
Rick and Marla

Marla & Rick - March 05, 2019 at 02:54 PM

MB

“ Loved her dearly. We were family years ago but always were connected. She was so much fun. Love to all that have lost her.

Mary Bridgewater - March 05, 2019 at 02:24 PM

JR

“ Pam and I went to Junior High together. She was always candid and direct and I liked that about her. - James Riordan

James Riordan - March 05, 2019 at 12:45 PM