



Pamela Sorensen Poynter

November 28, 2008

Visitation for Pamela Sorensen Poynter, 56, of Geneva, formerly of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m.

Wednesday. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Friday (Nov. 28, 2008) at her home. Mrs.

Poynter was a professor at the University of Aurora and the University of Phoenix. She was born March 5, 1952, in Kankakee, the daughter of William and Marilyn Rulison Poynter. She received a bachelor's degree in arts and sciences from the University of Illinois, Champaign, a master's degree in social work from Jane Adams School of Social Work, a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois, Champaign, and a Juris Doctorate from the Illinois Institute of Technology Kent College of Law, Chicago. She was director of the Social Services Department at Riverside Medical Center. She was the supervisor for the Advocate Commission of the Northern State of Illinois, while attending law school and the vice president and director of the Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services. A Chicago News Publication gave her the honor of being named one of 100 women to watch in the Chicago Area because she was expected to "make a difference." The article appeared in Today's Chicago Women. She was a member of the Illinois Bar Association and the National Association of Social Workers. She was a Beatles fan. Surviving are her husband, Glen Sorensen, whom she married July 21, 1973, in Bradley; two daughters, Shawna Sorensen of New York,

N.Y., Brianna Sorensen of Geneva; her mother of Kankakee; and one brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Mary Poynter of Bath Springs, Tenn. Her father is deceased.

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“ *Since I had worked evenings with Pam at the Schaumburg campus, I know how much she will be missed! ½What a beautiful heart she worked with!*###imported-begin##Gaylia McDaniel###imported-end##

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“ *The Westview High School Class of 1975 offers their sincere and deepest sympathy to Patrick and the family.*###imported-begin##Westview High School Class of 1975###imported-end##

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“ *I will miss her smile and openness.

Please accept my condolences.*###imported-begin##Peggy Kozy###imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear about Pam. I had some good times with her and our friends. I loved her little corvair!

##imported-begin## Sally (Small) Doris##imported-end##

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“ I have been working here for 3 years now. I always remember Pam being so cheerful whenever she would come in. I He smile was smile you could not forget. I Pam was an outstanding teacher. I always heard good things about her class. I My prayers are with you and your family.

"Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow."

"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."

God Bless

Betty Jagielo##imported-begin## Betty Jagielo##imported-end##

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“ Pam will be greatly missed by everyone who came in contact with her. Her students knew that she was finely attuned to their needs and was always willing to help them along their learning journey.

I will miss those opportunities where we shared "fiber talk" and we compared our current and planned crochet and knit projects. We often joked that our stash grew in the dark and needed to speak to us to say what the fiber wanted to be made into.

Glen, your wife was one of my special UoP friends that I will miss greatly.##imported-begin## Peggy Kozy##imported-end##

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“ Pam was a bright star of laughter, intelligence and personality.
She accomplished a lot in her life and contributed much to her community. For these reasons and many others she will be sorely missed by her friends and family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that she is my the thoughts and prayers and also in the thoughts and prayers of her West Jr. High and Westview classmates.##imported-begin##Nancy McIntire##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you Marilyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Rice##imported-end##

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“ Pam was a straight shooter, passionate, and committed to helping people. She was dedicated to her work and the people around her, but never failed to be able to see the irony in life's frustrations or the positives in difficult situations. She was wise and humble, but could be forceful and compelling. She was fun to work with and will be missed.
Matt Cohen##imported-begin##Matthew Cohen##imported-end##

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“ I was devastated to hear that she had passed. I loved her classes and how energetic she was. I will always remember the funny stories that she would share about family and how sincere she was in teaching. We have all lost an important person.##imported-begin##Sheila Kelly##imported-end##

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“ Pam was one of the first instructors I met at the University. She always had a smile on her face and seemed to really enjoy her work. She will be missed dearly and fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Stephanie Trimble##imported-end##

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“ Pam gave me my job at Legal Aid when I thought that I was too old (55). She had an infectious laugh and eyes that danced with mischief. You have my condolences on your lost and you have my prayers.##imported-begin##Imogene L Metcalfe##imported-end##

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“ Back in 2005, Pam was assigned to be my mentor for my very first class assignment at University of Phoenix. Contrary to all my previous experiences of being new at a school, Pam was very accessible and helpful. She very generously gave me the benefit of her experience to help minimize any and all first-time jitters during my very first class session. I credit Pam both for making that first course quite pleasant, and ensuring that my association with UoP has been both productive and long-term. I, as well as anyone else who knew her, will sorely miss her easy-going nature and sense of humor.##imported-begin##Mario Trentanelli##imported-end##

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“ Pam was a "light force" -- she brought energy and intelligence to our wonderful friendship. ĩ½She will never be replaced. ĩ½I wish I had spent more time with her. ĩ½We would meet and go to the Ballet with other "Ballet Babes" and have dinner together and talk, and talk, and talk! ĩ½She came to my Birthday Party in a wonderful dress and a beautiful large hat with a big flower and bow on it! ĩ½She looked fabulous! ĩ½I loved her enjoyment of color and flamboyance! She was brilliant, and a great example for her daughters on how to use your mind and your soul in whatever you do! ĩ½She helped me with my starting a new Dance Studio business and spent hours with me, coaching and giving me ideas....freely! ĩ½She was sooooo proud of her girls and had such a warm, welcoming heart to those who needed her. ĩ½I miss her; but I'm going to keep her with me close to my heart.##imported-begin##Marie Bolson##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to read of Pam's passing. i ½A great loss to everyone.
i ½Thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Dennis & Cindy Bossinger###imported-begin###Dennis & Cindy
Bossinger###imported-end##

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“ Pam,

I miss you and will never forget! I will always
remember you at Timberlawn and all of the family fun we use to
have.

To Glenn and the girls and Aunt Marilyn,

If you ever need me Call!!!! or come to Pahrump, N.V.

We would love your company.

Love,

Mary Ann and Craig###imported-begin###Mary Ann Rulison
Barrett###imported-end##

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