



Pamela Steele

April 6, 1948 - November 9, 2024

Pamela Louise Steele, 76, died peacefully in her sleep, on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at home, in Simpsonville, South Carolina. Pam struggled with the effects of Parkinson's Disease for many years, and looked forward to being free of pain in her new Heavenly home. Pam enjoyed her back yard garden paradise, especially the moonflowers that captivated her as they opened each evening before her eyes. She spent her last summer picking quarts of blueberries from her blueberry bushes, and sharing them with many friends, neighbors, and even her caregivers. Pam enjoyed giving away the blueberries to others, so much, she did not save any for herself to enjoy!

Pam was born in Aiea Naval Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii, where her father was stationed during his Naval career. She considered being born in Hawaii was unique. Often describing her childhood, she considered herself, and her two siblings "Navy brats", who had the good fortune to see and live in exciting parts of the world because of their father's Naval career, as a submarine Captain.

After graduating high school in Key West, Florida, Pam enrolled in The University of Maryland, Munich, Germany campus, while her father was stationed in Europe. She later graduated from The University of South Carolina, with a Master's Degree in Video Production. After teaching in several schools in the Columbia, SC area, Pam found her 'home' for teaching

at, Lexington Middle School, Lexington, SC, as an art teacher, from where she retired. Pam retired after 44 years of teaching.

Pam served as President of the South Carolina Art Educators Association, after holding many executive positions. She was a renowned pen and ink artist, who did 20 consecutive “Poultry Festival” poultry prints, for the Batesville-Leesville annual festival. Pam was also a hand-built clay artist, specializing in SC traditional face jugs. For many years, she was a guest artist/teacher at Rollings School for The Arts, Summerville, SC, and also at Lander University.

In the 1970’s, Pam bought a somewhat “run-down” five acre farm in Gilbert, SC. The house, from the 1930’s, was originally bought from a Sears Catalog, arrived on a wagon, and then assembled. Pam later remodeled the house into a beautiful farmhouse, that was her pride and joy. From the farm, she planted, grew, and sold Christmas Trees, raised dairy goats and chickens, and managed a gift shop of her artistic items.

Pam was predeceased by her parents, Captain Robert and Betty Steele, Ret., and niece Jennifer Carlile Foley. Family and friends, left to live without their funny and quick-witted sister, relative, and friend are: Susan S. Carlile, sister, and Gary Carlile, brother-in-law of Williamsburg, VA; Robert Steele, brother and Judith Steele, sister-in-law, of Beaverdam, VA; nephew Daniel, and Stephanie Carlile; nephew Robert and Beverly Steele; nephew Anders and Alison Steele; and niece Eva and Lance Carmine; “Partner -in-Crime”, Judith A. Tanzola, of the home; along with special friends Lindsay and Scott Chandler; Mackenzie and Adam Knighten, and the nieces and nephews, who called her “Aunt Pam”; Piper, Nora, Dache, Lydia, Aidan, Zoey, Viola, Bjorn, Landon, Rome, Lydia, Albert, Ladson...and her cockapoo, Tilly.

Special thanks to Dr Jana Morse; Interim Healthcare; and the Agape Care Teams who cared for Pam during her illness.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I taught with Pam at Lexington Middle. She was just fun. I always laughed when I talked with her. Sending lots of love and condolences to the entire family.

Renee Hall Shumpert - November 20, 2024 at 09:38 AM

JL

“ Ms. Steele was a great and fun sole I thought. She was over the yearbook when I had her along with Mrs. Madden. I still have a drawing of chickens she had done. She was such a great artist as well.

Jody Lowman - November 18, 2024 at 08:18 PM

MM

“ I taught with Pam at LMS, & we shared the yearbook production where we often played “good cop, bad cop” to meet deadlines. I treasure several of her original pen & ink drawings she gifted to me. But most of all I remember her friendship & fun times she hosted at White Oak Farm.
Mary Ann Madden

Mary Ann Madden - November 15, 2024 at 06:46 PM

PR

“ So very sad. I taught with Pam for a number of years at Lexington Middle.
I will always remember the fun times that I had at White Oak Farm.
You are at peace now dear friend.

Pamela J Rush - November 14, 2024 at 07:46 PM

BL

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Pam, although I'm relieved that she no longer is in pain. Whenever I think of Pam I remember fun.. her beautiful art work adventures and most of all kindness. I will miss her and my most heartfelt condolences to her family and friends Bethany Lewis. Carolyn daughter..

Bethany lewis - November 13, 2024 at 08:37 AM

SG

“ I taught with Pam at LMS. She was a wonderful person, friend and teacher. She had a great sense of humor. I would walk to her class and hall to see her students work on display! Some times I was gifted something they made in her class by a proud student. I still have it on my desk holding my pens. CNN
My sincere condolences to Judy, Kinsey and Lindsey and her entire family.
Sue Gilger

Suann Gilger - November 12, 2024 at 09:08 PM

AH

I also worked with Pam at Lexington Middle School. She was funny and a great art teacher. Who but Pam would play classical music while her students did art work. She also had them write about their creations. Such a good teacher. We all loved her.
Anne B Harmon

Anne B Harmon - November 15, 2024 at 10:50 AM

PB

“ She was a fabulous inspiration to many art teacher and such a talented artist and will be missed by many 🙏🙏

Peggy Bennett - November 12, 2024 at 12:54 PM

DG

“ *Pam and I met at Weight Watchers (WW) and worked together for many years. She was a delightful friend and a lot of fun to be around. My condolences to the family in your loss.*

Donna Grooms - November 12, 2024 at 12:05 PM