

Pam was born December 28, 1953, in Deadwood, SD. She grew up on a small farm east of Spearfish, SD. While growing up, she enjoyed riding, gentle breaking, and training horses. She graduated from Spearfish High School in 1972 and afterwards joined the U.S. Navy. Pam worked as a Corpsman in the Navy and was stationed in Corpus Christi, TX, and Pensacola, FL. She often recalled some of the best memories occurred while serving in the Navy.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy, she returned to Spearfish where she met and married Ward Williamson in 1977. The couple welcomed 2 children into their home. Her children remember her as a kind, loving, and devoted mother, who was always there for them and encouraged them to pursue their goals. Pam began working at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in 1986 as a ward clerk and continued to work there in various positions over the next 24 years until she had to medically retire due to her struggle with medical issues caused by rheumatoid arthritis.

Pam loved to travel, camp, ride with her husband on the motorcycle, and overall spend time with her family. Her most memorable travels include a trip to western Europe, a motorcycle trip from South Dakota to Alaska and back, and her 30th wedding anniversary trip to Hawaii. She was extremely kind and giving without never a bad word to say towards anyone. She would always try new activities, no matter how leery she seemed of the idea. She was a member of the auxiliary at the VFW post 5860 and often volunteered.

Pamela Jean (Hansen) Williamson died peacefully at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade, SD, on July 5, 2020, at the age of 66.

The family would like to thank her many friends, coworkers, and staff at the Fort Meade VA medical center for their excellent and compassionate care.

Pam is survived by her husband, Ward Williamson, Spearfish, SD; children, Virginia Christensen (Clint), Casper, WY, Tiffany Bolsta (Ryan), Spearfish, SD, and Chandies Williamson (Chantelle), Rapid City, SD; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Meisel; her father, Francis "Buck" Duane Hansen; and brother, Lyle Hansen.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

"Beyond The Sunset"

Should you go first and I remain to walk the road alone
I'll live in memory's garden dear with happy days we've known
In spring I'll wait for roses red, when fades the lilacs bloom
And in early fall when brown leaves fall, I'll catch a glimpse of you

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Spearfish City Park following the graveside service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Pamela "Pam" Jean Williamson

December 28, 1953 ~ July 5, 2020



Crossing The Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson

In Memory Of **Pamela "Pam" Jean Williamson**

Date of Birth

December 28, 1953
Deadwood, South Dakota

Date of Death

July 5, 2020
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Scott McKirdy

Songs

"Amazing Grace"
"Beyond The Sunset"
"Sheep May Safely Graze"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Pam's Family and Friends

Military Honors

Spearfish VFW Post 5860