

Pamela Jane Featherstone Hart

May 21, 1943 ~ October 7, 2023

The purest, and loveliest of women, Pamela Jane Featherstone Hart, went to her Heavenly home on Saturday, October 7, 2023. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend, and filled so many other roles. The constant “giver” and “comforter”, she never complained about the nasty disease that took her life. She just kept going and pressing on to the end. While Glioblastoma, an aggressive brain tumor, finally took her life, it did not take her spirit.

From her childhood days, on through her teens, and into adulthood, her energy levels were never ending. One to never sit down for more than five minutes, it was all about taking care of family and friends.

Pam was born in Salt Lake City, UT on May 21, 1943, and she hit the ground running. Her childhood and formative years were spent in the Holladay area, attending William Penn Elementary, Olympus & Evergreen Jr. High’s, and later, Olympus High School, graduating in 1961. She went on to attend Utah State University during the early sixties, until she met her future husband, Jack Hart, in 1964, at Albertson’s Foods where they both worked.

Their first date did not go well, as Jack fell asleep at the drive-in movie, then took her home, let her get out of the car herself, said good night, and left. Wow, a real Casanova, but Pam gave him another chance, and the rest is history.

Pam and Jack were married on January 21, 1965, and moved into a small apartment on 3rd Avenue in Salt Lake City. A short time later they moved to Southern Utah where Jack opened the newly constructed golf course in Cedar City. In the early part of 1967, they moved back to Salt Lake, then built their first home in Cottonwood Heights in 1968. Over the next six years, three children entered their lives, Garrick, Heather, and Mathew.

In 1977 the family moved to the San Diego area, then back to Utah just a year later, where they built another home in Sandy. In 1981 it was time for her to go back and finish her college education, and after three years she graduated with honors from the University of Utah.

She began a career in the Murray School District in the fall of 1983 at River View Jr. High teaching 7th grade. A year later she was asked to handle the Young Mothers Program for the school district, and that became a very beloved time for her over the next few years. She received the “Teacher of the Year” award for the Murray School District while in that position.

In the late 1980’s Pam was asked to be a counselor at Murray High School, and it would necessitate her going back to get a master’s degree. Over a period of two years, she attended night and weekend classes at Brigham Young University and received that degree. She continued her counseling position until 1996 when she moved with her husband to the Chicago, IL area. While there, she was a counselor at Libertyville High School.

Another career move for Jack brought them back to Utah in 1998, where they purchased a home in Draper, UT, Again she found counseling opportunities, first at Brighton High School, then at Alta High, where she retired from in 2011. She always said that her years as a High School Counselor were tailor made for her. It showed, as her students loved her and she loved and cared about them, helping 100's find their college destinations.

She and Jack served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from 2018-2020 in the Tallahassee and Jacksonville, Florida Missions. Returning home, they looked to find a smaller home, and settled in Highland, UT in the fall of 2020

Pam will always be remembered for her faith and love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and love of family. She enjoyed summer camping in the Uinta's when their kids were younger, then summers at Newport Beach for many years with family. Pam and Jack were also blessed to have traveled the world together, along with family cruises. She was a special lady in so many ways, and we know that she and the "Ever Ready Bunny" are kindred spirits.

We believe she invented the word "spontaneous", as planning was secondary to her nature. Never one to sit for long, and always ready to begin a water fight at family outings, although she would always plead innocent.

Pam was faithful in keeping family together, and orchestrated "Birthday Sunday's" for years. Never one to forget family birthday's, her famous cards and enclosed, crisp $2 bills were a tradition. She was, and continues to be, kind, compassionate, loving, resilient, energetic, caring and never let the disease get the best of her. Her theme has always been, "we'll sing in the sunshine, and laugh in the rain."

She was one to always serve others, bringing a little joy into their lives. She walked almost every day, fed all the dogs that became her friends (Costco treats helped a lot) and never wavered in her testimony of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Her service included many callings in the Church, including Young Women and Relief Society.

She is survived by the joys in her life; her husband, Jack; children Garrick Hart, Heather (Robert) Berets, Mathew (Annalee) Hart, brother Greg (Diana) Featherstone, sister Lori Darrington, sister-in-law Beverly Buchanan, 13 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Knowing that they will reunite together on the other side of the veil brings assurance to all of us that earthly life is short compared to eternity.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Emma Jane Oliver in 2001, and her father, Jimmie Dee Featherstone in 2022.

Viewing and funeral services are listed below:

Friday, October 13th: Viewing at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT 84092 from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM where friends and family may come to visit.

Saturday, October 14th: Funeral services at Highland Utah West Stake Center, 11605 N 6000 W, Highland, Ut 84003 at 12Noon. There will be a viewing prior to the service from 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Burial will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, UT. Please make any donations to the Humane Society of Utah.

For those unable to attend the service in person, the family invites you to join via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81561869320.

We would like to give heartfelt thanks to her caregivers; Dr. Adam Bevan (Surgeon), Dr Nathan Rich (Oncologist), and Dr. Jay Clark (Radiologist). Without them her length and quality of life over the past 1 ½ years would not have been the same. Gratefully, the Hart Family