



Ms. Pamela Ann Prue

May 13, 1950 - December 21, 2018

Pamela Ann Prue of Sudlersville, MD, passed away on Friday, December 21, 2018 at Kent Hospice House, in Chestertown. She was 68.

Pam was born to Grace and Thomas Prue at Garfield Hospital in Washington, DC on May 13, 1950. She and her twin sister Penny lived in and attended public schools in DC, graduating from Western High School (now known as Duke Ellington School of the Arts) in 1968. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Howard University in 1972 with a major in elementary education and a minor in speech pathology, as well as a M.Ed. with honors in 1979 from the University of Maryland with a concentration in reading.

Pam began her teaching career at Holy Comforter School of the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools. After two years there, she was hired by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). She immediately joined her sister Penny at Rosemary Hills Elementary School in Silver Spring, where she became known as “Little Miss Prue” because she taught the first, second, and third graders at the school. During her illustrious career in the MCPS school system, spanning 30 years until her retirement in 2003, Pam held a variety of teaching, leadership, and administrative positions that highlighted her passion and desire for learning. She became a Chapter 1 Teaching Specialist in 1978 and a Teacher Placement Assistant in the Division of Staffing in 1984. She was then selected for a series of positions with increasingly greater responsibilities, beginning with her participation in the Principal Training Program in 1986. Pam was chosen as the principal of Montgomery Knolls Elementary School the following year and was beloved by staff, students, and parents during her tenure there. She was then promoted to the role of Director of Early Childhood Programs and Services Division in 1994 and dedicated herself to ensuring a solid learning foundation for the school district’s preschool and kindergarten students.

As a developer and avid supporter of programs for gifted and talented students and an administrator who created an exceptional educational environment, Pam received numerous awards throughout her career in recognition for her outstanding work. Two of her more notable honors included the Gifted and Talented Outstanding Administrator Award from the Gifted and Talented Association of Montgomery County in 1992 and the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award from The Washington Post Company

Educational Foundation in 1993.

After her retirement from MCPS, Pam continued supporting educational programs for young children by joining New Leaders for New Schools in 2008, where she served as a leadership coach for aspiring principals in a variety of DC public and charter schools. She later joined the leadership team of E.L. Haynes Charter School as a coach to the members of the school's leadership team.

While Pam's professional life kept her very busy and engaged throughout her career, she understood the value of special interests and hobbies to balance her life. She loved thoroughbred horse breeding and racing activities as well as "smooth jazz" music and attending concerts. She was an avid fan of men's college basketball and its annual "March Madness." Pam's faith was extremely important to her and she was a long-time member of Holy Cross and St. John's the Evangelist Catholic Churches in Rockville and Silver Spring, respectively.

In September 2015, she relocated to Maryland's Eastern Shore with Penny and two broodmares to begin their thoroughbred horse breeding venture.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Melvin Washington. She is survived by her loving and devoted twin sister, Penny; three nieces, Kathryn Ann Washington, Michelle Lynn Washington, and Pamela Beth Washington; other loving relatives; an amazing extended family; and many dear colleagues and friends.

A mass will be held on Friday, December 28, at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 High Street, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call one hour prior (10am – 11am). Interment will be private.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery

Events

Private

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street, Chestertown, MD, US

DEC **Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 26, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Pamela Ann Prue.



December 28, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ Pam came into my life in 1994 as the new Division of Early Childhood Programs and Services was created. Pam was chosen to be our Director. From the very first day of working with her it was easy to tell that she was committed to our youngest learners and their families. Watching her everyday you could see the care, compassion, and energy she brought to the work she did. She truly loved the work that was laid out in front of her. She would often say, “We did something good for our kids today.” As a result of Pam’s efforts and energy she inspired our office staff to do our very best work. It was an honor and privilege to work with Pam and we all loved it because our office had a great reputation for quality work. Thank you Pam for your guidance and leadership, I learned so much from you and grew as a professional in Montgomery County.

After our work together on Montgomery County Pam and I continued our friendship. The same energy that Pam brought to her work she brought to our friendship. We traveled together, dined together, watched movies together and just had fun. And yes, on many occasions we spent time at the race track. We shared many special times together. Pam remained one of my closest and dearest friends. She was a confidant and on many occasions I sought out her help, advice and guidance. She was so wise and so thoughtful. Because of Pam Prue I became a better person. Thank you Pam for helping me to grow.

This is truly a sad day in my life as I say goodbye to a remarkable woman and friend. I am so blessed that God placed Pam Prue in my life. I’ve had to put my anger aside that she had been taken from us all so young. However, I am joyful that she is no

longer suffering and she is in heaven watching over me.

Pam, we have to let you go now. Go rest with your Mom, Dad and Melvin. Thank you so much for all the fun and all of the special times. I will miss hearing you say, "Hey Bud!" But I know if I am lucky enough to join you in heaven I will hear it again. Please know how much I loved and cared about you. Rest easy sister Pam.

Vincent Fazzalare - December 28, 2018 at 04:30 AM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 26, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ms. Pamela Ann Prue.



December 25, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ I worked in MCPS for years with Pam, and she was a beautiful, special lady. I don't recall exactly how we worked together--I believe she worked in Personnel--but she was always helpful and a pleasure to work with. I'll never forget her bright smile and alert attention to the issues we discussed. I am so sorry to read of her passing. She was a great lady!!!

Irene C. Glaser - December 24, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Pamela Ann Prue.



December 24, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Yesterday, December 21, 2018, we lost a very special jewel from our lives/our family, PAMELA ANN PRUE. For anyone who knew her or ever had the pleasure of being in her company, would understand the great measure of all we've lost. What love and blessings, what knowledge and inspiration she shared so freely, just by being in her company. Though I feel so empty knowing the absence of her physical presence is no longer with us, nor is she suffering any more, I'm happy knowing that she is forever resting in the arms of the almighty "KING, " for "HE, " is the author and finisher of our faith. Everyone knows of Pam's great faith and love for the "FATHER." "HE," was so kind and generous to allow our paths to cross 27 years ago. For that I am truly grateful, for 27 years is a long time to have a faithful, loving, kindhearted, wholesome friend and confidant. Always a friend for whatever you needed. Grateful for our weekly salon fellowships, family fellowships and countless concerts outings that we've shared with Pam, Penny and Ms Grace. Oh what a joy and a blessing you all have been to us. Simply wonderful fun filled times, "UNFORGETTABLE!!!!" Want to say thank you Penny for sharing a special part of your life, Pam, with us. It's been and continues to be a wonderful journey. Resting eternally with the "LOVER," of our souls. You will forever be in my heart my dear friend! I LOVE YOU, "PAMELA ANN PRUE," FOREVER!!!!

Phil, Yody, Amaris, Phil II(PJ) and Charles



Yolanda Wheeler - December 22, 2018 at 09:32 PM



“ YOU ARE "UNFORGATABLE," to me!

Yolanda Wheeler - December 22, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ YOU ARE "UNFORGETTABLE," to me!

Yolanda Wheeler - December 22, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ Prayers of peace and comfort to you Penny and family.

Yolanda Wheeler - December 22, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ Miss Prue was my 4th and 5th grade "Language Arts" teacher @ Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian school in DC. Always was a mentor and later a good friend. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of a very good God, rest in peace...!

DEIDRE VERONICA HILL - December 27, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ My condolences to you and your family Penny. Both you and Pam have been such wonderful friends to my mother over the years...I am very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Amy Bregger Meehan (Nezzie's daughter).

AMY MEEHAN - December 22, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Penny, I know this is very hard for you to loose your twin sister. It was an honor to work with Pam in MCPS and to retain our friendship after her retirement. May it be a comfort to you to know and believe that we will all be reunited with our loved ones in heaven. With deepest sympathy, Claudia Simmons

Claudia Simmons - December 22, 2018 at 08:58 AM



“ I had the honor of working for Pam when she was the Director of Early Childhood. I was so lucky to work for such a fine role model who enriched my life professionally and personally. I will never forget you Pam. God has taken in angel from this earth. Penny I know you will miss seeing and being with Pam but don't worry as she is watching over you. Love, Susan and Tal Hughes

Susan Hughes, - December 21, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ Our prayers are with you and the family. I have fond memories of Pam and remember many days when we were at Yody's getting our hair done. We had great times of fellowship. I will miss her but remember her great smile and kindness. Karone Blondin

Weaver & Karone Blondin - December 21, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family as they mourn the loss of their beloved. I am extremely honored that I had the privilege to know and love Pam. Although my heart is saddened by her passing, I also rejoice in knowing I was able to encounter a real life angel on earth

Mattea Hunter - December 21, 2018 at 01:13 PM