



Pamela Lynn Chapman

October 10, 1956 - January 21, 2019

Pamela Lynn Chapman of Stevensville, MD, formerly of Angola, NY, passed away suddenly on January 21, 2019.

She is survived by her mother, Ardys Chapman of Stevensville, MD; sisters, Deborah Paolini (Nelson) of Lancaster, NY, and Cindy Keppel of Greenbelt, MD; many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Robin Nye.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019, from 4-8 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. A service will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, 3200 Ivy Way, Harwood, MD 20776, or Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary, PO Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
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Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pamela Lynn Chapman*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 23, 2019 at 03:40 PM



Pam was such a beauty, inside and out. I love the black and white pictures of her from the DC Animal Shelter days. The one where she and the collie mix are sharing a kiss is iconic; it really captures who Pam was.

Liz Marsden - January 23, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Pamela Lynn Chapman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Pamela Lynn Chapman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Pamela Lynn Chapman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JH

“ *Jeanne Hurley lit a candle in memory of Pamela Lynn Chapman*



jeanne Hurley - January 29, 2019 at 11:07 AM

AP

“ *It's hard to come up with the words for how much Pam taught so many of us. So I thought I'd share one of my favorite memories. I was a relatively new animal control officer and we had a call for 3 deer on the White House property. After chasing the last deer around for quite a while (including when she jumped off a balcony and landed on a shiny Volvo crashing in the roof) Ted managed to dart her. Once she was asleep we loaded her in the back and Pam jumped in with her while I drove like crazy out to gaithersburg where the only wildlife rehab was at the time. Once on the highway the deer started waking up. I could hear her thrashing around. Pam was yelling at me to "drive faster." When I glanced in the back Pam was laying on top of the deer trying to hold her down. I drove as fast as I could and despite the potentially quite dangerous situation we were both laughing so hard I am amazed we made it there safely. The deer was fine, Pam was fine, and I didn't crash the van and it remains one of my favorite memories!*

Adam Parascandola - January 25, 2019 at 02:13 AM

AR

Yes, that would be Pam. God Bless her. :-)

April Richardson - January 25, 2019 at 07:52 PM

Liz Marsden

Such a good story and definitely Pam. I can't believe she is gone so soon.

Liz Marsden - January 26, 2019 at 12:28 PM

JJ

“ I met Pam in October of 1980 when we both worked at the Washington Humane Society. We remained friends for the next 39 years. There was never a shelter more clean or better organized than when Pam worked there. She had a drive for excellence and held everyone to the same high standards that she expected from herself. She was one of the most passionate people you will ever meet. She stood firmly to her beliefs no matter the cost. She was a loyal and loving friend. I adored Pam.

JANET JACOBS - January 24, 2019 at 10:02 PM

SB

“No Lunch Break Pam” and I often bumped heads, mainly because I didn’t understand her method to the madness. “Shak to my office” was said a lot at the beginning of our working relationship at the animal shelter. She pushed my work skills to a high level. I was trained as an officer by her saying, Shak Ted is busy, take this map, catch pole and a radio and do this call. We always knew when she was coming because we would hear her keys jingling. And please don’t say there was nothing to do. She would find something for you to do. We would wipe walls down, wash blinds or pick up trash in the parking lot.

She knew every animal in the shelter and took notes by writing them on her hand. She taught me to pay attention to the little things dealing with the animals. From the slight smell of parvo in the “kennel somewhere” to getting on the floor in the kennel to get the real temperature. (since the animals are low to the floor)

To this day I tell “Pam Stories”. Working under her leadership allowed me to express my frustration but she never took it personal. She pushed me out of my comfort zone on many occasions which has helped me with the work I do today. She helped me to become determined to help animals but also indirectly helped me to find my passion for people and animals.

Wishing peace and blessings to Pam’s family and friends.



Shakela "Shak" Brown - January 24, 2019 at 08:37 PM

SB

mainly.....

Shakela "Shak" Brown - January 24, 2019 at 08:40 PM



Shak, those are great memories of Pam. The reasons we all will never ever forget her.

Liz Marsden - January 26, 2019 at 12:29 PM



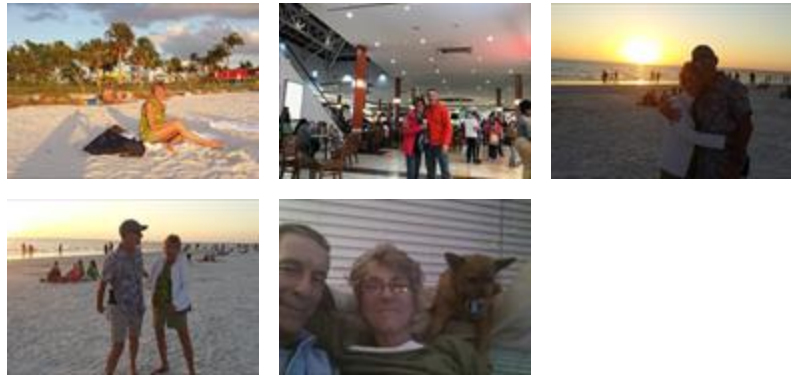
“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Pamela Lynn Chapman.*



January 24, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Memories Album*



Robin Nye - January 24, 2019 at 03:57 PM



A picture is worth a thousand words

Robin Nye - January 24, 2019 at 05:02 PM



Thank you for sharing these wonderful pictures, Robin. Pam left way too soon.

Liz Marsden - January 26, 2019 at 12:30 PM



Melisa
Ellen

Beautiful pictures Dad. Pam was something real special. I'm gonna miss her <3

Melisa Ellen - February 05, 2019 at 09:43 PM

JW

“ *My sincere condolences go out to the Chapmans. Pam's honesty and forthrightness was a daily breath of fresh air in the echo lab at Washington Hospital Center. We will miss her acutely.*

Jared Widell

Jared Widell - January 24, 2019 at 02:04 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to the Chapman family. Pam was a special friend of mine in high school. I remember when we drove through a snow storm going back to college together. I was at Marshall University and she was close by at Ohio University. What a great person. She will be missed by many. God Bless*

Joe Mesi

Joe Mesi - January 24, 2019 at 12:36 PM

DD

“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Pam, my deepest sympathy to your entire family. When we were little me and Pam and Cinder were best friends, she was always a sweetheart. I seen her a few years ago at Mickey Rats for a class reunion. It was good to see her. Again our deepest sympathy to all. Deb Zambanini Dalton*

deb dalton - January 24, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ I am dreading going into work today and it really hitting me that you’re gone.... I will miss so many things about you, your laugh (absolutely #1), your OCD ways similar to mine, that other voice in staff meetings speaking up about everything we didn’t agree with and the incredible work ethic you had that helped our lab run, without a supervisory title or pay; Just because you loved the place. I am really going to miss you, Chappie 😞 #RIPMyFriend



Keylani Beaumont - January 24, 2019 at 09:07 AM

SS

“ Sian Strobbridge purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pamela Lynn Chapman.



Sian Strobbridge - January 24, 2019 at 08:44 AM

ZW

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Zuyue Wang - January 24, 2019 at 01:46 AM

KG

Beautiful pictures. That's our girl! Zuyue I have not met you but Pam talked about you all the time. She really admired you.

Karen Garretson - January 24, 2019 at 07:42 AM

AR

“*Pam Chapman was more than just a boss to me while working for the Washington Humane Society , she was also a mentor and a friend. She instilled in me a strong work ethic and taught me so many things about animals I thought I already knew. :-) My heart hurts just knowing I will never be able to hear her voice or see that smiling face of hers again. I loved having conversations with her about my 🐱 🐱 because she loved animals just as much as I do. And I will so miss the sound of the jingling 🗝️ 🗝️ when she would walk through the shelter making sure staff were doing their work. Oh how I wish I could hear those keys now.*



I thank God he allowed us to cross paths and the last time she saw me she said she was proud of all I had accomplished. Those words meant so much to me coming from her being as though she was one of the people who supported me in my career goals once I left WHS many years.

Only God knows why he takes our loved ones so soon. In actuality, he has loaned them to us for the time they are here on earth 🌍. Even though we are grieving her transitioning the Heaven's rejoicing. They have received another angel.

Our Loss here on earth is Heaven's Gain.

Someone has to take care of the animals there. :-)

RIP my dear friend Pam. I love and miss you already. Oh and I promise to start using the cook book bought me.

April Richardson - January 24, 2019 at 01:11 AM

KG

“ 7 files added to the album Pam's 60th Birthday



Karen Garretson - January 23, 2019 at 09:27 PM

KG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Karen Garretson - January 23, 2019 at 09:18 PM

KG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Karen Garretson - January 23, 2019 at 09:17 PM

MC

“ It was a pleasure knowing Pam. She was beautiful inside and out. The first time I met her was at a party for a family member. She came in and fit right in. Her and my father joined us while we were on vacation in Myrtle Beach (photos attached) as well. All I can say is, she will be missed. She was always filled with so much love.



Melisa Crowe - January 23, 2019 at 06:49 PM

JJ

“ I had the privilege of working with Pam at the Washington Humane Society and will always remember her dedication to animals in need, be they in the shelter or in the community suffering from neglect. She had a special intuition about what animal was feeling and needed and was tireless in making sure that care was provided. She seemed to have boundless energy, always on the move taking care of every detail. I have many fond memories of Pam's kindness, including the way she interacted with my intellectually disabled daughter. I will remember her always.

Jean Johnson - January 23, 2019 at 03:49 PM

Liz Marsden

“ Liz Marsden purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Pamela Lynn Chapman.



Liz Marsden - January 23, 2019 at 03:43 PM

Liz
Marsden

“ I had the privilege of working with Pam at the DC Animal Shelter in the 1990s. The Washington Post once ran a series about "The Worst Jobs in DC" or something to that effect, and working at the DC Animal Shelter was featured as one of them: mainly because back in those days, the shelter accepted every single animal that came to its doors, no questions asked. It was a daily deluge and Pam led a crew of rescue drivers, wildlife responders, volunteers, kennel cleaners, and telephone staff. She must have answered a new question or solved a different problem every five minutes during her ten-hour days. I am not even sure she ever got more than a day off each week. She was on call after hours. She was a walking miracle and always maintained her compassion and good humor after years of this work. When she had to release an animal from its pain or because no one wanted to adopt it, her tenderness and respect for every single animal never faltered. She was an absolute gem and I will always be grateful for having the opportunity to know her. Pam gave everything she had for those animals, and made such a difference in the lives of those of us who learned so much from her example. Rest in peace, Pam. I hope you are surrounded by sweet, furry beings who were blessed to know you, too.



Liz Marsden - January 23, 2019 at 03:05 PM

KW

“ Karen Garretson and Mary Williams purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Pamela Lynn Chapman.



Karen Garretson and Mary Williams - January 23, 2019 at 01:56 PM

PY

“ For 17 years, I volunteered at the DC Animal Shelter on New York Ave, run by the Washington Humane Society. My main job was processing applications to adopt cats. Pam was the manager there a good part of those years. Several people have commented on how wonderful she was with the animals -- intuitive about their needs, caring for their well being, helping them move into good homes...but she was just as fantastic working with people, be they staff, volunteers or clients. Others have already said it: she was a mentor, a role model, an inspiration.

But my story is about Rusty, a scraggly, five-year-old, non-show-dog type of Cairn Terrier, who was picked up by Animal Control running loose in far NE DC, with wounds all over his neck presumably from an attack by a pack of at large dogs. (Later someone said: "If there was a fight, Rusty probably started it.") I was smitten. When he healed enough, Pam let me take him home for a few hours to see if he would devour my 3 cats --this was not a usual practice. He didn't devour because he was too busy trying to mark his territory all over the house (while on his leash). So we adopted Rusty, and he lived to the ripe of age of about 17. Thank you, Pam.



Pat Yates - January 23, 2019 at 01:39 PM

PY

From Pat Yates. Picture entitled: Rusty prepares his own dinner, 2015.

Pat Yates - January 23, 2019 at 01:42 PM

SC

“ Shelly A. Moore, Humane Society of Charlotte purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pamela Lynn Chapman.



Shelly A. Moore, Humane Society of Charlotte - January 23, 2019 at 11:43 AM

SM

“ I know Pam touched so many lives, 2 and 4 legged and my heart is overcome by sadness with this loss. I am so grateful to her for being such an fundamental part in shaping my animal welfare philosophy and career. Although it has been decades since I worked with her my memories are strong and I definitely would not be where i am today if it weren't for her guidance and being such a great role model. Her passion, immense focus and commitment to doing the right thing was such a great gift she shared with all of us. Aside from our shelter work, some of the best times we had were spent with our shelter bowling league where she always kept me laughing in light that I was the worst on the team.... She will be greatly missed.

Rest well, my friend...

Shelly Moore

Shelly Moore - January 23, 2019 at 11:34 AM

AS

“ April Richardson & Brenda Coley -Former DCAC Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pamela Lynn Chapman.



April Richardson & Brenda Coley -Former DCAC Staff - January 23, 2019 at 11:30 AM

AL

“ Pam was one of the most dedicated and sensitive animal professionals I have ever known. Each animal was an individual to be valued and respected -- did it need a companion in the kennel, or was it a loner? Did it like squeaky toys or things to chew? Did it like soft blankets or the cool concrete? Pam instinctively knew all these things in a way that was almost mystical. Her kindness and concern for shelter animals was her personal mission and an inspiration to all of us who worked with her at the Washington Humane Society. She will be sorely missed.

Anne Lewis

Anne Lewis - January 22, 2019 at 10:06 PM

BL

“ I'm thinking of Pam tonight. We met at our Yoga classes several years ago. I loved when she came to Yoga (always a little late) with a big smile. She made me happy. I would describe her as fun & happy with a sincere heart and a deep fondness for animals. It is hard to believe we will not see her again. Pam was a gift and I feel blessed that our paths crossed.

Rest in Peace my Friend,
Bern

Bernadine Lichliter - January 22, 2019 at 09:34 PM

KG

Bernadine, you were one of Pam's favorites

karen garretson - January 24, 2019 at 08:08 AM

MH

“ Farewell to our dear Pam .

You will be so missed. I loved our little huddles on a Friday when you were covering for Miss Bernadette. We laughed and it made our day just that much better. I promise to carry on with your same enthusiasm for making the Washington Hospital Echo lab work more smoothly. We will never be the same without you . I am not sure who can fill your shoes. I will miss your stern ways but I will always remember your beautiful smile . You were kind and caring to your patients

And we all know how you felt about animals.

Rest In Peace dear friend

Sincerely ,

Maureen

Maureen Nolan Hewick - January 22, 2019 at 07:29 PM

FB

Pam will be missed by everyone who knew her. She was always thinking about the animals first. I had the pleasure of working with her at the Animal shelter on Darcy rd in Forestville. She was my BOSS, and what a great BOSS she was, everything had to be correct with the animals, if not she would pull you aside and let you know. Rest in peace Pam, job well done.

Frances Brooks

Frances Brooks - January 23, 2019 at 10:02 AM

RL

I have only known Pam for about five years but wish it could have been longer! One of the sweetest "little" ladies I have ever known! Small in stature but BIG in caring, especially about the animal world, which I found out quickly. Beautiful, compassionate, sweet, honest, hard working, and funny are all words that describe Pam 😊😊. We actually shared a very special bond because of a funny incident that took place a few years ago at a Yoga retreat. After one of our classes, I could not find my shoes and came to find out that Pam "stole" them 😊. That was our private joke and we were always jabbing each other about it. I am truly going to miss those little jabs 😊😊. I love you Pam and miss you so much it hurts 😊. RIP

*Much Love,
Roz Laskin*

Roz Simon Laskin - January 23, 2019 at 10:15 AM

AR

Pam was one of the most compassionate and hardworking people I have every known. My heart is breaking knowing I will never get to see her or hear her voice again. She instilled in me a great work ethic and gave me faith once again that there are truly people out there that actually care about the animals of this world. There will never be another "Pam Chapman".

"Pam, I know you took those keys and highlighter with you." :-) RIP

April Richardson - January 23, 2019 at 11:10 AM

KG

Maureen, Pam spoke of you often.

karen garretson - January 24, 2019 at 08:07 AM