



Pamela L. Luka

January 19, 1959 - February 4, 2026

Pamela L. Luka “Pam” (nee Pounders)

Passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Morris Hospital and Health Care at the age of 67 years.

Born in Red Bay, Alabama the loving Daughter of the late Lowell and Geneva Pounders.

Adored Mother of Paul (Shelley) Luka, Tanya (Jorge) Espino, Dianna (Teddy) Umphress and James III (Andrea) Luka; Proud Nana of Olivia and Julia Luka, Liliana and Anthony Espino, the late Renee Umphress and Colt and Jeremiah Luka; Fond Sister of Gary (Ann) Pounders; Dear Aunt of Michael and Joseph Pounders. Also left to cherish her memory is James Luka Jr., the Father of her children. Many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and treasured Friends also survive.

Preceded in death by her parents and grand daughter, Renee.

Pam will be lovingly remembered as a kind and warm hearted woman. She enriched the lives of others, intentionally improving the quality of life, well-being, and happiness of people around her through her actions, support and kindness. “A stranger is just a friend you haven’t met yet” and a new friend as well as a long-term friend were her “best friends”. There are certain people who make the world a better place just by being in it. Pam was one of those people.

She enjoyed the popular TV games shows including Jeopardy!, Wheel of Fortune and The Price is Right. But most of all it was her grandchildren that gave her life happiness, whether it was the anticipation of a new arrival or the

joy of watching them grow, they brought her immense joy, laughter and a special kind of love.

A Memorial Gathering for Pamela L. Luka will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 from 2:00 PM until time of service at 4:30 PM at The Maple Funeral Home, 24300 S. Ford Rd, Channahon, IL. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers donations may be directed to American Breast Cancer Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

The Maple Funeral Home
24300 West Ford Road
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-1234
info@themaplefuneralhome.com
<https://www.themaplefuneralhome.com>

Service for Pamela L. Luka will begin at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Sending Love, Sandra Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pamela L. Luka.*



Sending Love, Sandra Brown - February 11 at 09:41 AM

JE

“ *Joeeph, Tammie, Clayton, and Hazel Evans purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Pamela L. Luka.*



Joeeph, Tammie, Clayton, and Hazel Evans - February 11 at 07:16 AM

JE

“ *Joeeph, Tammie, Clayton, and Hazel Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela L. Luka.*

Joeeph, Tammie, Clayton, and Hazel Evans - February 11 at 07:16 AM

DC

“ *Deanne Conterio purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Pamela L. Luka.*



Deanne Conterio - February 10 at 09:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela L. Luka.



February 10 at 03:23 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Pamela L. Luka.



February 07 at 10:24 AM



“ It was sad new to hear that my cousin Pam had gone home to be with the Lord. Growing up we saw each other at my grandparent home in Mississippi and always enjoyed our time together. We didn't see each other much as adults because we had our own families to take care of. We always knew what was going on because our parents would keep up with everyone. You will be missed Pam by so many people who loved you. Prayers to the family. Love from your cousin in Arkansas. Karen

Karen Patterson Loyd - February 06 at 10:02 AM



“ Mary Odell purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Pamela L. Luka.



Mary Odell - February 06 at 06:50 AM

MO

“ Mary Odell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela L. Luka.

Mary Odell - February 06 at 06:50 AM

RF

“ Royce Pounders' Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pamela L. Luka.



Royce Pounders' Family - February 05 at 10:09 PM

LW

“ Larry & Ami Wilders purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pamela L. Luka.



Larry & Ami Wilders - February 05 at 08:42 PM

RL

“ Pam meant so much to me and to so many others. I will always remember her warmth, her smile, and the way she made everyone feel welcomed. She will be deeply missed. My condolences to the family. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss!

Love,
Renee, Derek and family

Renee Leschkies - February 05 at 05:15 PM

MF

“ *Matt & family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Pamela L. Luka.*



Matt & family - February 05 at 04:45 PM