



Pamela "Pam" Willsie

October 5, 1944 - April 12, 2022

Pamela Ann (Meek) Willsie, 77, a lifelong Traverse City resident, died peacefully at Munson Hospice House of complications from cancer after a brief hospice stay.

The very definition of a horse-lover, Pam was born to Kenneth and Juanita (Schoendorf) Meek (of Traverse City) in 1944 in Cadillac. A graduate of Traverse City High School, she is survived by her son, James McCall Jr. (wife, Nicole) of Traverse City. Grandson, Jacob McCall, (wife, Carly, and their daughter, Lucy) of Traverse City and grandson, Kaaden Bewley, of San Luis Obispo, CA. Pam's longtime friend, Doug Courtad of Traverse City, also survives.

Pam will certainly be remembered for her unique sense of humor. She was able to pierce the thickest skin in a single sentence. Those who were ever on the receiving end of such jabs know what we are referring to. Never one to mince words, Pam loved to dish it out as she pleased.

Pam owned and cared for horses her entire life - even if they weren't her own, she took them in and assumed responsibility for their feeding and well-being. A longtime member of the Michigan Trail Riders Association, as well as the American Quarter Horse Association, she raised and rode running quarter horses, and shared that passion with her entire family, especially the grandchildren.

Pam was an equal-opportunity giver, working as a lunchroom monitor for decades at Traverse City West Junior High, and ultimately retiring as a bus driver for the Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS). When she initially was diagnosed and treated for non-Hodgkin lymphoma between 2003 and 2005, a fundraising spaghetti dinner was attended by nearly 1,000 family, friends and her admirers.

Pam's seven-acre horse farm has always been a happy place for her pets including her horse, Drifter, dog, Adrian, and cat, Augie. She loved any animal species that needed someone to care for them. Her life will be celebrated this summer, on a date and location to be determined, which is the way she preferred to be remembered - family and friends enjoying themselves in the great outdoors.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy may choose to consider a contribution to Peace Ranch 2570 Hoosier Valley Rd. Traverse City, MI 49685 or by visiting www.peaceranchtc.com.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE GATHERING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 16 FROM 11a-3p
ON PAM'S PROPERTY. PLEASE CALL THE FUNERAL HOME FOR ADDRESS
Pam and her family are being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and
Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pam's Property

Please call the funeral home for directions

Tribute Wall



“ Send *BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally* to the family of Pamela "Pam" Willsie. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. [Click here to view selections on our website](#)

Send Flowers - April 14 at 03:56 PM



“ I have known Pam for a long time. I would go by her house every day on the way to school. I often wondered if she would have gone out with me. I was to shy to ask her. At the last school reunion that I attended, she was there and so we sat together and had a great time. So I asked her the question. She thought for a moment and said. I would have gone out with you." I said "now you tell me!" "He who hesitates" she stated. You are in my prayers Pam. May you rest in peace.

Bill Wadsworth - 7 September 2022

William Wadsworth - September 07 at 03:21 PM



“ Our mother's were weekly avid bridge players...this goes wayyyyy back and is where we first met the beautiful, funny, Pam. I am sad to read she has passed. Rip dearheart, I'm quite certain you are happy and riding a heavenly, fabulous horse! XOXOXO

Susie Kildee Janis

Susie Janis - April 20 at 11:23 AM



“ Pam's seven-acre horse farm was purchased from us many years ago. She loved it and restored it to the beauty that is deserved. We were so happy that Pam found "her happy place" and it found Pam. Rest in peace my friend.

Jackie and Terry Lautner - April 15 at 02:54 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of Pam's passing. Met her long ago when she worked at the Park Place. Her love of animals, particularly horses was always apparent. She sure did love her son, Jim too. Sending condolences to Jim, Nicole and the rest of her family.

She was always friendly, and had a great sense of humor that many of us enjoyed immensely.

May she be riding a horse with wings in heaven.

Mary Orth

mary orth - April 15 at 11:40 AM

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“ *What a great , "fun lovin" woman.
Loved the story of the bike growing up in her tree!
You will be missed, but certainly not forgotten!
Kurt*

Kurt J Schroeder - April 15 at 11:01 AM

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“ *I was very fortunate to have the pleasure of working at TCAPS with Pam. As I got to be friends with her and understood her humor I nick named her "Possum" due to the fact her horses color was silvery white, and she loved that horse and it loved her. As most all of the family of bus drivers were bonded we rallied around Pam when her first diagnosis was presented. We circled around her and kept her from harm as best we could. You could say we were a wagon train, and she used to keep us on the up and up. Her focus was the most powerful I've ever seen, always saying I'm gonna beat this. And that she did! She will be missed and remembered for her strength, humor and directly saying what she thought, no holds barred, politely for the the most part.
God Bless you Possum, see you when I get there. GLYASDI.*

Sandy McIntosh - April 15 at 09:00 AM

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“ *What a Great Fun friend of over 60 years—she will be so missed! Prayers to Jim and Nicole and family and Doug. God Bless! ❌❤️❌❤️❤️*

Loretta and Squeeg Ludka - April 14 at 06:16 PM