



## Pamela Cassiano Curnel

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Pamela Cassiano Curnel beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family and friends after a private battle with pancreatic cancer.

Pam was born June 16th, 1952 to Joseph Sr. and Marylou Cassiano, she was one of five children.

Pam graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1970. Attended Big Bend Community College and Central Washington University.

In 1984 Pam met the love of her life, Dr. David Curnel. They were married on July 9, 1985, in Springfield, Illinois. Pam has one daughter, Melissa Curnel, and three grandchildren, David, Antonio, and Giovanni Pendleton, whom she loved dearly and was the best Nona to. They moved to Rochester WA and owned and operated Rochester Medical Clinic. While living in Rochester, David, Pamela and Melissa made a life changing choice, and participated in the foreign exchange student program, and hosted a young man by the name of Bijan Modanlu, who ultimately became the son they never biologically had. Pam's love for dance helped her envision, build, and operate Pamela's Dance

and Performing Arts Studio. After being away for 10 years, they moved back to Moses Lake to be close to her family and the community that she missed and loved. Pam had an unwavering and strong love and relationship for her brothers. She was very proud of her last name "Cassiano" and she used it at any opportunity.

Pam was a professional choreographer and dancer. She enjoyed choreographing for the Moses Lake High School Musicals for 16 years before retiring.

Pam was Mrs. WA America 1993 and Mrs. Italy 2022. After finishing her reign as Mrs. Washington 1993, she became the Executive State Director for the Mrs. Washington America under the franchise of Mrs. America, Inc.

She had just celebrated her 30th year as the Executive State Director. Pam devoted herself to mentoring hundreds of women, guiding, and sharing her knowledge, wisdom, and love for pageantry. Her unwavering support and guidance transformed the lives of countless women, empowering them to reach for the stars. She had an undying dedication to push women to achieve more than they thought they could. Pam was a HUGE gift giver and an extraordinary party planner with a huge sense of humor. Her door was always open and she always made sure you left her home happier than you arrived. She was also very involved in her community and state events. One of her biggest highlights in life was performing in Las Vegas with her daughter, Melissa, and her dance company, Sister Queen Performers.

Pam leaves behind her husband of 38 years, Dr. David Curnel, daughter Melissa Curnel, 3 grandsons, David, Antonio, and Giovanni Pendleton, son Bijan Modanlu, brother Joseph Cassiano Jr. (Janet) John Cassiano (Lori), nieces and nephews, Joseph Cassiano III (Mary), Evan Cassiano (Cree) and Erin Suarez (Alvin). She also leaves behind many great nieces and nephews, many cousins, and a numerous amount of friends, all who love and will miss

her tremendously.

Pamela is preceded in death by her parents; Joe Cassiano and Marylou Newcomb, her brother Rick Cassiano and sister Linda.

Funeral services will be held on June 9th, 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N Dale Road, Moses Lake, WA. Rosary will start at 10:00 AM, with mass immediately following. A celebration of life luncheon will be held at The Fatima Center located next to the church immediately following the funeral. Contributions can be made to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
200 N. Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

## Mass

JUN 9. 10:30 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Condolences to Pamela’s family and friends! May God bless you all in this time of grieving 🙏

Jen Castro - June 20, 2023 at 09:00 PM

TO

“ Dr. Curnel and Melissa,  
My sincere condolences on the loss of your wife and mom. I will forever remember Pam’s beautiful smile, kindness, and caring spirit for others. May all the memories she gave both of you help fill the void in your hearts. In sympathy, Terri Ottmar

Terri Ottmar - June 09, 2023 at 09:48 AM

DC

“ As I look back to the year 1970, I can tell you Pam’s beauty stood out then. We and 300-plus other youthful classmates graduated that year from Moses Lake High School. But time marched on. We went on with our lives, our families, our careers. We aged-and some of us even matured (haha). But as each new decade arrived, a few of us came together on the reunion planning committee. This is where I really got to know Pam and realize her beauty wasn’t just on the outside. I actually looked forward to our planning meetings way more than to the actual reunion. We all contributed -but Pam made it happen-with respect and grace. The last reunion-delayed by Covid-was in Pam’s backyard. And with each celebration, we honored those classmates no longer with us. Please know, David and Melissa, that Pam will live on in our hearts.

DarylAnn Craddock - June 08, 2023 at 03:05 PM

SG

“ My condolences to the Curnel family. Pam lived a very fruitful life- always a friend, giving & loving. She will be missed.

Sally Goidwin - June 08, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss David. It's heartbreaking, and a long journey to heal your heart. Hugs and prayers my friend

Janet Shearer Hurd - June 06, 2023 at 11:19 PM

VS

“ Pamela had a special way of making your day brighter. Her smile and laughter were contagious. She did so much for so many, with love in her heart. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely, Doug and Vicky Skane

Vicky Skane - June 06, 2023 at 12:31 AM

DS

I'm so so sorry to hear of your loss. There are no adequate words, but please know that my Daughter Lindsay would be a different woman today had she not been mentored and loved by Pam. The natural fire in the belly that a young child has is kept alive and nurtured by those who take a genuine & active part in their lives. Pam was definitely a driving force in Lindsay's young life that has continued forward to today. That fierce fire to "just do it" is part of what defines Lindsay. I am in her debt.

Thank you for sharing her with so many many fortunate people. To say she will be missed, is an understatement.

Blessings,  
Dorothy Stiegler

Dorothy Stiegler - June 08, 2023 at 11:22 AM

TA

“ Trina Alfaro lit a candle in memory of Pamela Curnel



Trina Alfaro - June 05, 2023 at 07:29 PM



Matthew  
Glencoe

“ "Pam was a force!" ~ Constance Glencoe Maybe we expected a level of invincibility because it, making her illness and passing all the more shocking. Our family is better for the force Pam and her family had in our lives. She'll be warmly remembered and her influence will reverberate for generations. Our hearts go out to her family, especially David, Melissa, and her grandsons.

Fam. Glencoe

Matthew Glencoe - June 04, 2023 at 06:49 PM

RT

“ Rosa Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Pamela Curnel



Rosa Torres - June 03, 2023 at 09:34 PM

NC

“ Pamela was a great source of inspiration for me. I have yet to see a person full of life and a giver. She embraced everyone with open heart. You'll be dearly missed, Pamela!

Neelam Chahlia - June 03, 2023 at 05:19 PM

PL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Cassiano and Curnel families, I didn't know Pamela real well, however, I knew her late dad.*

*Pat Ledbetter  
Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
Moses Lake, Wa.*

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**Pat Ledbetter** - June 03, 2023 at 01:38 PM

PD

“ *Penny Dirk lit a candle in memory of Pamela Curnel*



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**Penny Dirk** - June 03, 2023 at 10:38 AM

SM

“ *Sherry Murray lit a candle in memory of Pamela Curnel*



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**Sherry Murray** - June 03, 2023 at 12:24 AM

DC

“ *Great memories of our time in Miss Moses Lake pageant, and the friendship we were starting to rekindle. She will be missed by so many....I'm sorry I can't make it to her service, but will be holding her family in my prayers.*

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**Diane Conrad** - June 02, 2023 at 11:51 PM

KD

“ *Kristine Dowell sent a virtual gift in memory of Pamela Curnel*



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**Kristine Dowell** - June 02, 2023 at 05:03 PM

DH

“ *Darolyn Hauff lit a candle in memory of Pamela Curnel*



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**Darolyn Hauff** - June 02, 2023 at 02:53 AM