



## Pamela J Merkley

March 15, 1949 - August 1, 2019

Pamela J Merkley passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 1, 2019. Pamela Jean Merkley was born on March 15, 1949 in Antioch, California to James and Kathleen Steele, after Kathleen's passing her father met Arlyce Marrow and they were married on January 16, 1954. During Pam's life her dad was in the Air force which meant Pam was able to experience living around the world. James retired from the Air force in 1963 and they settled in Wenatchee, Washington, where Pam attended school. After graduating high school in 1967, Pam moved to Seattle to take a job in banking. While living in Seattle she met Stan Lalk in Bremerton, Washington and they married on April 16, 1969. Shortly after their marriage Stan's sister moved in with them and lived with them until she married. Stan and Pam settled in Moses Lake, Washington after he retired from the Marines. During this time Pam and Stan were blessed with two children. On July 26, 2003 Pam married Nolen Merkley. During Pam's life she worked in banking, insurance and her true passion home health care, which she just retired from at the beginning of the year. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, whether if it was as a foster parent, an aunt, a sister, a friend or as a grandmother.

Pam is survived by her husband Nolen Merkley, children Cheryl (Jason) & Kevin (Audra) and grandson Douglas Chornuk as well as several foster children she stayed in contact with, Her mom Arlyce Steele of East Wenatchee Her older brother Larry Jim (Judi) Steele of Joplin MO, Jackie (Laren) Lamb of East Wenatchee, William Steele of East Wenatchee,

Kimberly Steele of East Wenatchee, Tammy (Jeff) Crace of Otis Orchard,  
Along with several nieces and nephews.

Pam is preceded in death by both of her natural parents and sister in law Jean  
Brooks.

Service will be held at the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Rose Street  
Chapel in Moses Lake, WA. on August 9, 2019 at 10 AM. Graveside service to  
follow

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ I met Pam 5 years ago when I starting working in home care. From the bottom of my heart I was truly blessed to have such a special lady in my life. Every time she came to see me, she always asked how my family was doing..remembering my children’s names and when she got to meet them, she made it a point to ask how they were. Pam will forever be in my thoughts, especially when I throw on a cardigan, I will think of her. To your family I am so sorry for your loss. Pam was one in a million. Her kind heart and soul will live on. Heaven has received a very special lady indeed.



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**Lesla Fitch-Christman** - August 11, 2019 at 01:56 AM

LS

“ I am the oldest son of James and I have spent my life living in Missouri and I have not seen my brother and sisters as often as I would have like to have. I really wish that we could have seen each other more often. I was 6 years old when Pam was born. I enjoyed being with her when we were younger and I will miss Pam.. I wish I could have come out for her services but my health does not give me that ability. Love you Pam and love the rest of my family in Washington.



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**Larry Steele** - August 08, 2019 at 01:39 PM

JL

“ Even though I was the second oldest, my sister was six years older than me. I always thought she was cool, because she was older and she obviously knew things about the world that I did not. I remember her having a nice collection of 45 records with Elvis being one on her favorites. As we grew up and she married and moved away from Wenatchee, I was sad because I thought we wouldn't see each other much. I was extremely happy when she moved to Moses Lake. I knew we would at least see each other often. She and her husband started a family, (her children were her pride and joys) and I had my family. We then began to have family get together's often. We often took our family to the water slides in Moses Lake and we all had a blast. But as so often happens, our families grew up and we didn't see each other much. But we always called each other on the phone. In fact, I had just talked to her the Saturday prior to her passing away in which we talked about a hour. I loved her like only a sister can love another sister and I will forever miss her. Heaven has received a special soul in my sister.



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**Jackie Lamb** - August 06, 2019 at 03:38 PM

RL

“ I have three children, two of whom have Cystic Fibrosis. My son had to spend time at Seattle Children's for his Cystic Fibrosis and I needed help watching my youngest daughter who was a baby. My Aunt Pam watched my little Avery so I could be with my son. I Love you Aunt Pam and I'll miss you.

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**Ryan Lamb** - August 06, 2019 at 10:26 AM

DL

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Nolan and the family, at one time Pam was our neighbor.



*David & Pat Ledbetter  
Moses Lake, Wa.*

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**David & Pat Ledbetter** - August 05, 2019 at 09:51 PM

GF

“ Ganiere Family lit a candle in memory of Pamela J Merkley



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**Ganiere Family** - August 05, 2019 at 05:57 PM

TA

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**Tanya** - August 05, 2019 at 03:48 PM