



## Pamela Anne Ritchison

September 25, 1950 - January 26, 2009

Anderson-Pamela Anne Barnett Ritchison went home to her Lord's waiting arms on Monday, January 26, 2009. Born September 25, 1950, Pammy was a loving mom and wife and a devoted 6th grade teacher for many years at St. Ambrose elementary school here in Anderson. She held a BA and MA in elementary education from Ball State University. She fought a courageous battle with ovarian cancer for the last 6 months. Her love for her family will live for years to come. She touched her many students and always tried to help let their talents shine. She found the best in them and challenged them to let their lights shine for the world to be a better place. Our challenge now is to take her light that she shared through love and kindness and let the world see a glimmer of her as we love those around us.

Pamela and her husband, John, lived four years in Portugal and travelled Europe. She spoke fluent Portuguese and French. She loved learning new cultures and shared that with her students when she returned to the states. She will be always remembered by her husband of 36 years, John D Ritchison, "JD" and her precious sons. Son Andrew J. Ritchison, M.D. and his wife Sarah Crane Ritchison M.D. plus the light of her eye, her grandson Alexander Logan Ritchison live in Carmel. Son Adam D. Ritchison and his wife Erin McIntire live in Arlington Texas. She is survived by her Mother Anne O. Proch Barnett of Anderson and was predeceased by her Father, Donald Keith Barnett in 2002. She has an older brother James Patrick Barnett and his wife and dear friend to Pam, Carolyn Berry living in Anderson. Their children

are Brian Barnett and Karen Ahearn of Coco Beach, Florida and Emily Barnett Sharp and husband Nigel of Australia. She has a younger brother Bruce Kevin Barnett and his wife Crystal living in Batesville. Their children are Mindy Conaway and her husband Nate with Chloe and Emma of Kokomo and Keith Barnett of Portland, Indiana and step-children A.J., Luke and Carla daughter Charlie of Bloomington. She has a sister-in law , Cindy Stamper; niece, Tracy Ballege; nephew, Bobby Stamper and friend, Pat Ritchison. She leaves behind many other cousins, aunts and uncles including her favorite Aunt Mary and Uncle John Bagan of Youngstown, Ohio, their son Johnny and her favorite special cousin, Mary Beth Bagan Beeman and Jim Beeman. She laughed much with her lifelong friends Ruthie Bramlage, Anne Brewster Herrold and husband, Bob plus Stephanie Hall. Her very happy days with all her teacher-friends at St. Ambrose as well as the fine principals and church staff meant much to Pammy; but, above all she felt privileged to be a part of the lives of her many students. Calling hours are 4 to 8 on Thursday, January 29, 2009 and the funeral will be Friday, January 30, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Robert Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Rev. Steve Lane of Southern Heights, where she was a member, will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ambrose School.

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# Tribute Wall

FF

“ Johnny, We just found out today about Pam. No one called and let us know. We are so sorry to hear of your loss of Pam. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you and your family.

Fred & Becky Fenimore - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had only just heard she was ill, and then she was gone. She was a very good woman -- quick with a smile and laugh. She will be sorely missed by countless people. You are in prayer.

Karen Gardner - February 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Words can't express how sorry we are to hear of Pam's passing. She will be missed by many. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Ron and Marsha Adams - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are offering our sincere sympathy and condolences during this difficult time of sorrow.

Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery/ Burial Vaults Co. - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ adam&erin and entire ritchison family my deepest sympathy at this difficult time.

scott hagerman - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ There are so many ways to express what and how much Pam meant to us all. As Pam leans into her Saviors open arms of love, I picture in my mind a beautiful smile on her face as she looks up into His eyes, and a very well pleased smile on His face as He looks at her and welcomes her and she hears these words, "Well done my good and faithful servant." I will always remember Pam's lovely and heart felt mediations on the singing birds and the trees and all of God's creation that she was able to sit and enjoy in her own back yard. She adored His creation and was always grateful. My prayer is that the family can hold on to the many memories that they built together. Although we are sad with her not being here in the earthly form, we as Christians give praise and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, who provides us with the promise of everlasing life. And we rest in that promise that Pam has arrived. From the little children to the big grown ups that you have touched along the way, Pam we thank you, and are grateful for the difference you made in each individual life. In Christ Love Bob Hendrickson

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**Bob Hendrickson** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Pam always had a smile and I am so glad to have known her. As a mother of 9 children who went thru St. Ambrose, Pam was one of the best teachers and I only wish all of my children could of had her. Leanne was the only one with that privilege and Pam left a lasting impression on Leanne, never to be forgotten. I am sure Pam will have a very special plce in Heaven. We will always remember her beautiful smile. Marva Paulie

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**Marva Paulie** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am sorry to hear of Pam's passing. Pam's children and family are a testimony to the type of wonderful person she was.

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**Carla Gregory** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I am very sorry to hear of Pam's passing, she was a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

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**Linda Ballard Gregory** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ JR, You have my deepest condolences. I am in Detroit and will not be able to see you in person. Reb Gooding

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**Reb Gooding** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Mrs. Ritchison's light will continue to shine through the children she taught for so many years. We feel blessed to have had the good fortune of knowing her and sharing some of that light. Thoughts and prayers to John and the boys. Allison and the Cage Brothers

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**Allison Cage** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ As one of Pam former students, I remember her always challenging us to do better and shoot for the stars. You could always sense how much passion she had for all of us. She will be surely missed!

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**John Cole** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We extend our condolences to you and your family at your time of sorrow and loss.

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**Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Last Mother's day, while we were at church there was a terrible storm. One of our 4 cats was possibly hit by a fallen branch or lightening. Pam & I misty shared our love of cats on many occasions. We had "BIG O" since he was born. He died in my arms that afternoon. I rocked him & hummed to him and wrapped him in a blanket as he moaned in pain. We have no children therefore our pets are our kids. My heart was broken. I couldn't stop crying then God told me to pick up the phone & call Pam! She answered right away. I told her what happened through my sobs. Her words calmed me & gave me peace. She knew exactly what to say. Then I was fine. She told me since we saved the Mother cat which was abandoned at the farmhouse we moved into, we gave "Big O" life. For 11 years he was ours. I loved Pam. I see her everywhere I've been this week. I also see how her light still & will forever shine. With donations to Saint Ambrose School... she shines on.. possibly saving the school in these tough times. SHE IS A GIFT FROM GOD AND KEEPS ON GIVING. Her face was like ivory with a bright smile & sparkle in her eyes. She helped me personally, so much when I became temporary secretary overnight. She came accross the hall & brought me flowers & candles & courage to do my best each day even though I didn't believe in myself. I was one of her students, too in that way. She taught me so much. She was an inspiration to so many & will never be forgotten. I bet she's a teacher to children in heaven... among the angels.

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Misty & Scott Rambis - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM