



Pamela Young

September 22, 1957 - June 8, 2015

The Mass of Christian Burial for Pam Young, formerly of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Thursday, June 11, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, with a Rosary at 6:00 and Prayers at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Pamela Ann “Squirt” Young, 57 passed away with her loving family surrounding her on Monday, June 8, 2015, at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND.

Pam was born September 22, 1957, the youngest of six children, to Donald and Gladys (McDowell) Young, in Wadena, MN. After attending St. Ann’s Catholic School through 6th grade, she graduated from Wadena High School in 1975. At the age of 17, Pam went on to Bemidji State University, earning a BS in Art Education in 1980. While at Bemidji she played field hockey on a team inaugurated into the Bemidji State Hall of Fame for their many years of success. She taught Art in Browns Valley, Sebeka, Perham and East Grand Forks as well as coaching basketball, volleyball and softball in various levels throughout her teaching career. Miss Young’s love and intensity for art and athletics influenced and empowered many students, loving children of all ages and always encouraging to bring out the best in all of them.

Pam fought for and encouraged the “underdog”. She stood up for family, for

respect and for what was right. As busy as her life was, Pam always found time to spend with her mother almost every day while she was in Elder Care. “Squirt” enjoyed competition, whether she was playing field hockey, basketball, softball or family games; if she was coaching she was a fierce competitor, always focused and committed to doing her best. She never complained all the way through her illness. She never asked, “Why me?” Instead she read Hebrews 12:1 “Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” Her last day at school was spent talking to her students about her diagnosis and how she was going to beat this disease, inspiring many staff and students. Putting a tennis ball on the end of her hockey stick to use as a cane, she set out for the journey, never faltering.

A talented photographer, mostly because she was a lover of nature, Pam could see beauty in rain, snow, lakes, hay bales or even old barns. She loved softball, playing in many National Tournaments, until 2012 and even base coaching after being diagnosed with kidney cancer until 2014. She was a dependable teammate and very enthusiastic. As well as sports, Pam was also a lover of music, attending many live music concerts (especially going to Moondance Jam). She also loved camping, canoeing and fishing with her many friends. She could sew and enjoyed making quilts out of t-shirts. She was loyal and kind and will be so dearly missed by her family and many friends and relatives.

A big fan of Minnesota sports teams: Gophers, Vikings, Timberwolves and especially the Twins and Lynx, she attended as many Twins and Lynx games as she could and always watched them on television.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, Donald & Gladys Young; grandparents George & Mary Young and Russell & Theresa McDowell; and nephews, Mark Young & Tony Munkholm.

Survivors include her loving family: sister Bonnie (Jerry) Munkholm, Vacaville, CA; brothers Bob, Wadena; Ken (Kathy) Ottetail, Jim and Jerry Young, Wadena; her dear friend, Lisa DeSpiegler, Moorhead; daughter Taylor Dobbs, grandchildren Hunter and Peyton Dobbs, Moorhead; Lisa's parents, Gordon and Kathy DeSpiegler, Browns Valley; Lisa's brothers, Ray (Michael) DeSpiegler, Golden Valley, MN and Steve (Missy) DeSpiegler, Browns Valley; Lisa's sisters Jody (Lloyd) Erickson, Winner, SD and Rose (Scott) Stensgard, Sarasota, FL; nieces and nephews, Donny and Ryan Amaya, Kyle, Kevin (Ang), Kelly and Jayson Young, Kole, Avery, Ethan and Bremer DeSpiegler & Grace Stensgard; Cindy Amaya, Nelda (Eric) Murrell, Sharon Amaya, Kandi (John) Veach, Pam Fuller; Mike Amaya & Kevin (Myrna) Munkholm, Portia Munkholm, Dawn & Stephani Lundstrom.

Pallbearers are Pam's niece and nephews: Donny and Ryan Amaya, Kyle, Kevin, Kelly & Jayson Young and Kole DeSpiegler. Honorary pallbearers are all of Squirt's former teammates.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice of the Red River Valley, (www.hrrv.org) 1701 38th St S. #101, Fargo, ND 58103.

A special tribute to Shelley's wonderful "yellow" team at Hospice who was always there for Pam; to Dr. Sanallah, M.D.; the Reverend Larry Delaney; and the many passionate caregivers at Sanford Medical Center Palliative Care in Fargo. Thank you as well for the over 13,000 well wishes on Caring Bridge or those who sent flowers, cards, food, or phone calls or helped in any other way.

Burial will be held at a later date in Valley View Cemetery, Browns Valley, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

JUN 11. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Pamela Young*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 10, 2015 at 07:17 PM

SW

“ *Sam And Kathy Waln lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Sam and Kathy Waln - June 11, 2015 at 07:42 AM



“ *She was the best art teacher I ever had. She will be missed but not forgotten.*

Jason Zick - June 11, 2015 at 01:33 AM

MS

“ *Mary Ann Schmitz-Mowatt lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Mary Ann Schmitz-Mowatt - June 10, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pamela Young.*



June 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ *Cindy (Weller) Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Cindy (Weller) Wallgren - June 10, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pamela Young.*



June 10, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Jacqueline Arndt lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Jacqueline Arndt - June 10, 2015 at 10:56 AM



Jacqueli Arndt

I had the pleasure of being a student of Pam's at B-V and also to play against her throughout the years in womens softball. She was a wonderful person! My sympathies go out to the family!

Jacqueline Arndt - June 10, 2015 at 10:58 AM

BO

“ *Bunni (Hegarty) Olson lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Bunni (Hegarty) Olson - June 10, 2015 at 10:50 AM

BF

“ *Barb (Sweere) Frisch sent a virtual gift in memory of Pamela Young*



Barb (Sweere) Frisch - June 10, 2015 at 10:01 AM

ST

“ *Sue Theisen lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Sue Theisen - June 10, 2015 at 08:12 AM

SW

“ A few years ago :) I played basketball with Pam at Wadena High School. Pam was a speedy competitor who played hard, and who supported all her team mates. What a blessing to hear how she was able to use her gifts to teach kids and to support other teams as well. My prayers for her family at this difficult time. Sue (Neitzke) Westmark

Sue (Neitzke) Westmark - June 10, 2015 at 07:42 AM

CA

“ Cindy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



cindy anderson - June 10, 2015 at 06:32 AM

Jo Hansen

“ Jo Hansen lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Jo Hansen - June 09, 2015 at 11:24 PM

Greg Fiedler

“ She was an art teacher of mine at PHS! Always upbeat and influential, as well as being a person of desire! Another taken from us all before their time, life always keeps you guessing. Rest in peace Pam, thanks for being! 😊



Greg Fiedler - June 09, 2015 at 10:23 PM

DL

“ *Denise Lillis lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Denise Lillis - June 09, 2015 at 10:08 PM

BS

“ *Bettina Seelig lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Bettina Seelig - June 09, 2015 at 09:53 PM

JP

“ *Jay & Vicki Pieske lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Jay & Vicki Pieske - June 09, 2015 at 08:05 PM

SO

“ *Shoey And Otz lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Shoey and Otz - June 09, 2015 at 07:31 PM

RT

“ Rick Tappe lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Rick Tappe - June 09, 2015 at 07:04 PM

PK

“ Polly Anderson Kern lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



polly anderson kern - June 09, 2015 at 06:08 PM

PK

Pam will always be such a special precious classmate and person in my life. She always had that sweet smile that lightened peoples' hearts around her. Wish I could have gotten to know her more as the years went by. Love, Polly Anderson (Kern)

polly anderson kern - June 09, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pamela Young.



June 09, 2015 at 05:31 PM

S(

“ *Sherri Matthiesen (Heidorn) lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Sherri Matthiesen (Heidorn) - June 09, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ *Kelly Collette lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Kelly Collette - June 09, 2015 at 04:50 PM

SF

“ *I, too, worked with Pam at PWMS then for a brief time at PHS before she as diagnosed with cancer. Her love of art, softball and music was evident in our conversations. She loved teaching her students, whether it was in the classroom or on the field. Her stories about the concerts she attended or planning to attend showed on her face through her fabulous infectious smile. Your light shines bright Pam. I am blessed to have known you.*

Sue Fresonke - June 09, 2015 at 04:47 PM

LO

“ *Lori lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Lori - June 09, 2015 at 04:11 PM

BK

“ Pam will be missed. I was lucky enough to have lunch with her one year when she was an Art teacher at Prairie Wind Middle School, Perham. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. She also taught my boys well. Her love of teaching was amazing. She will be missed. A co-worker, Barb Krumwiede

Barb Krumwiede - June 09, 2015 at 04:09 PM

AH

“ Ann Heinis lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Ann Heinis - June 09, 2015 at 04:09 PM

DC

“ Pam was a great teacher in her years at PWMS. She was always willing to help people out. Saw her still smiling at Lynx game last summer.

Dave Cresap

Dave Cresap - June 09, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ Ms. Young was an amazing teacher. She was very passionate about art and always had high expectations for her students. I still have my sketches with her notes on the back; now cherished memories. Every time I work with changing the perspective in my graphic design work, I remember her lesson--and how I really didn't get it the first time. (-: Thank you, Ms. Young--you will be missed.

Angela Refsland - June 09, 2015 at 03:07 PM

DI

“ There are so many fond memories of my outfield partner and opposing softball coach. Rest in peace Squirt and play a few more innings on those beautiful and heavenly diamonds. Shof and Norm



diane - June 09, 2015 at 03:04 PM

MS

“ Melody Scott lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Melody Scott - June 09, 2015 at 02:47 PM

KS

“ Kathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Kathy Smith - June 09, 2015 at 01:21 PM

CK

“ Craig Klawitter lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Craig Klawitter - June 09, 2015 at 12:57 PM

KB

“ *Katie Bolland lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Katie Bolland - June 09, 2015 at 11:26 AM

SD

“ *Sandy Schob & Mary Ann Donnay lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Sandy Schob & Mary Ann Donnay - June 09, 2015 at 11:24 AM

KB

“ *Kristie Barthel lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Kristie Barthel - June 09, 2015 at 10:52 AM

TA

“ *Pam was such a great and spirited teammate at Wadena High School -- I will forever remember all the fun times!!!!!!*



Teresa Askew - June 09, 2015 at 10:29 AM

LM

“ Larry Gallagher M.D. lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Larry Gallagher M.D. - June 09, 2015 at 10:04 AM

NG

“ Nancy Gemmill lit a candle in special memories of Pam Young.



Nancy Gemmill - June 09, 2015 at 09:48 AM

PE

“ Pat Evavold lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Pat Evavold - June 09, 2015 at 08:44 AM

BS

“ Betty Sczygiel lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Betty Sczygiel - June 09, 2015 at 08:22 AM

LB

“ *Linda Macklem And Cabrini Brandl lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Linda Macklem and Cabrini Brandl - June 09, 2015 at 08:09 AM

SH

“ *Susie Roes And Mark Hermison lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Susie Roes and Mark Hermison - June 09, 2015 at 06:54 AM

DS

“ *Deb And Dan Sweere lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Deb and Dan Sweere - June 08, 2015 at 10:24 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young*



Jim and Lorie Baron - June 08, 2015 at 08:46 PM

PH

“ Peggy (Wynn) Haman lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Peggy (Wynn) Haman - June 08, 2015 at 08:45 PM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Dave Schumacher - June 08, 2015 at 08:22 PM

LK

“ Laurie Krueger lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Laurie Krueger - June 08, 2015 at 07:57 PM

AS

“ Alan Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Pamela Young



Alan Schumacher - June 08, 2015 at 07:46 PM