



Pamela G. Payne

October 5, 1950 - January 14, 2026

Pamela G. Payne, 75, of Pekin, peacefully passed away surrounded by her family, on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at her home. She was born in Normal, IL on October 5, 1950, to Kenneth and Donna (Blunk) Bean. She married Randy Payne on May 27, 1977, in East Peoria, and they enjoyed over 26 years together until his passing on December 7, 2003.

She is survived by her daughters, Kelly (Curtis) Wesner of Washington and Kimberly (John) Tovrea of Pekin; one brother, Stephen Dennis (Carol) Bean of Excelsior Springs, MO; and beloved grandchildren, Hunter (Kali), Payton, Harley, Tyler (Sabrina), Grady, and Adley.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Jo Ann.

Pamela graduated from beauty school and worked at The Personality Beauty Salon in Normal for several years. She later worked at Washington Christian Village as a hairdresser for over 20 years until she retired.

She enjoyed fishing, swimming, and spending time outside, but above all, cherished moments with her grandchildren, who affectionately referred to her as Mammaw. She organized her work schedule to spend as much time with them as she could.

She attended Summit Point Church in East Peoria.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2026, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the funeral home. Pastor Mike Klopfenstein will officiate. Burial will follow at

Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois.

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Pamela G. Payne



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 20 at 12:11 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your mom's death. I met her at WCV when my mother-in-law was there. She was always so cheery and full of joy.
We even reconnected when we saw each other in a store. Deepest sympathy to all of you.
Janet Wehnes

Janet Wehnes - January 30 at 05:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 18 at 02:37 PM

MS

Thank you so much for all the photos of Pam from baby and on up to adulthood. That beautiful smiling her as a baby was so very precious; she kept that sweet attitude through the years of becoming an adult. I am an a bit older first cousin who loved spending time with Pam, Denny, Grandma Bean, Aunt Blanche, Aunt Donna, Earl, Vicki, and Brenda as well as others. Our family lived on a farm in Southern Wisconsin and we were so excited when we got to spend a week with Grandma Bean. Pam and Denny's other grandparents also lived within the block so they could visit all of them easily and head to the swimming pool with us kids.

I remember that Pam's favorite food was peanut butter; yum! Our families were together often and both families took a trip together up through Canada; special memories.

I noticed in one of the photos that Santa was not very friendly! Yikes! The photos of Pam at many ages show how good she was at being a hairdresser.

I loved the photos of the children and grandchildren; it is easy to see how she loved them and they loved her too.

I feel privileged to have been a cousin with Pam.

*Love,
Mary Ruth Schirer*

Mary Schirer - January 18 at 09:47 PM



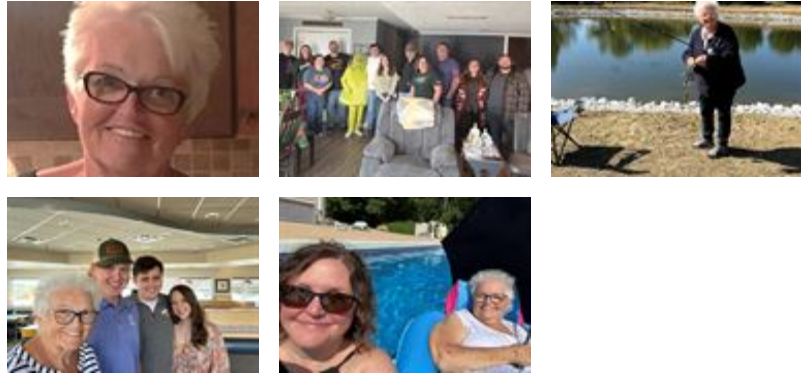
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela G. Payne.*



January 18 at 01:28 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 17 at 03:17 PM



“ Diane, Jim, Virginia, Susan, Jean, Jan, Larry purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Pamela G. Payne.



Diane, Jim, Virginia, Susan, Jean, Jan, Larry - January 16 at 01:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela G. Payne.



January 16 at 11:57 AM



“ Dennis & Jody Fox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela G. Payne.

Dennis & Jody Fox - January 16 at 11:57 AM

TS

“ We were sorry to hear of Pam’s passing. She was a good friend and a great hairdresser.

Thomas & Helen Seacrist

Thomas & Helen Seacrist - January 15 at 07:16 PM

TH

Kelly & Kim

I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such an amazing women. I can't imagine your loss but please know mom and I love you both and are here if you need us.

Love

Tina (Marge's daughter)

Tina Houghton - January 15 at 07:58 PM

DF

Kel and Kim I am truly sorry for your loss, it's never easy to lose a loved one, but just know you have family and friends to help you through this. Praying for you and your family.

Donna freeman - January 16 at 09:25 AM