



## Pamela Mary Ketchum

August 15, 1950 - November 7, 2021

Pamela Mary Ketchum, of Longboat Key FL, passed away on Sunday, November 7, 2021 following a long and courageous battle with brain cancer.

Pamela was born on August 15, 1950 in Newburgh NY. She lived most of her adult life in Cincinnati OH and Longboat Key FL.

She met her husband Mark Douglas Ketchum while attending Cornell University, and they married in 1973. Pam and Mark were both husband and wife and best friends for over 48 years. Pam obtained her degree from Cornell, majoring in Early Childhood Development. This subject remained her passion; from her early involvement in the Head Start program, to years of teaching elementary school and art, to raising her two children, and being fully in the lives of her five grandchildren.

Pam loved the beach, her flower gardens, community involvement and travel. She was proud to have stamps from over 30 countries in her passport, and enjoyed putting together photo albums to chronicle each new location. Her favorite repeat destination was Italy, true to her Italian heritage; and she enjoyed being the "Italian tour guide" for family and friends. Pam and Mark shared a love for Cornell University that resulted in regular alumni involvement and keeping up with several life-long college friends.

People who knew Pam remember her for her generosity, humility, and selflessness. She was a tireless volunteer for causes including Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity. She will especially be missed at family gatherings which she loved to plan and host.

Pam is survived by her husband Mark, daughter Meredith Vincent (Richard), son Matthew Ketchum (Megan), grandchildren Luke, Cash, Reed, Kate and Elle. She is also survived by her mother Mary Petrillo and her brothers Peter, Ralph and Robert Petrillo and their families, plus countless cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She is predeceased by her father Ralph Petrillo.

A private viewing for family and friends will be held on Friday, November 12 from 4-7PM; Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota FL.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 13 at 11:00AM; Saint Mary Star of the Sea, 4280 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key FL.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of Pam's favorite local charities. Children First [www.childrenfirst.net](http://www.childrenfirst.net)  
Longboat Key Turtle Watch [www.lbkturtlewatch.org](http://www.lbkturtlewatch.org)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Star of the Sea  
4280 Gulf of Mexico Drive  
Longboat Key, FL 34228

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Very sorry to Mary, Peter, Ralph and Robbie and their families on Pam’s passing, as a friend to the entire family we all grew up in New Windsor, and we’re always welcome at the Petrillo residence, fond memories always. Richard Shapiro*

Richard Shapiro - November 21, 2021 at 09:09 AM

DB

“ *My sincere condolences to Mary and sons and Pam’s husband and family. She was one of my first friends growing up on Woodlawn Avenue. May all good memories comfort you in this difficult time. Rest In Peace Pam.*

Dorothy Pisani Brophy - November 20, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Pam grew up the street from me on Woodlawn Avenue in New Windsor, NY. She was almost like a sister to me and my sister Dorothy. To Mom Petrillo and her brothers I was shocked to see that Pam had passed away. My condolences on her passing. May she rest in peace.*

Rich Pisani - November 16, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.*



November 12, 2021 at 05:30 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.*



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November 11, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.*



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November 11, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.*



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November 11, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JW

“ To Mark and the entire Ketchum Family... all of your friends at Cornell University... and especially those closely affiliated with our rowing program, and the College of Human Ecology, send our sincere condolences. Mark, you have been a true champion for Cornell's student athletes and an important member of the Big Red family. Your friends on the Hill are grieving with you and wishing you strength and comfort during this difficult period.

*Until we see each other again, be well.*

*John Webster, Big Red Athletics*

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**John Webster** - November 11, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.*



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November 11, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.*



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November 11, 2021 at 07:09 AM

GM

“ I am sorry I was not in time to meet Pam but I have beautiful pictures of her when she was young.  
A big hug to all family.  
Love from Giovanna Masiero - Italy

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**Giovanna Masiero** - November 10, 2021 at 06:36 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Petrillo Family purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.



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**Love, Your Petrillo Family** - November 10, 2021 at 04:49 PM

BJ

“ Pam was an amazing woman! She had a passion for the ocean and especially sea turtles. We patrolled the zone in front of her house on Longboat Key monitoring sea turtle nests. Everyday, Pam would be out there waiting for us - picking up trash and making sure the beach was clean for the little hatchlings to make their journey safe to the ocean. Even when Pam was diagnosed with cancer, she still made her way out to the beach each day that summer. Unfortunately, for awhile now, she was not there to greet us, but we waived to her everyday in hopes that she was sitting by a window and would see us to know that we were still faithfully monitoring the sea turtle nests in front of her house. Pam will truly be missed on Longboat Key. We will be praying for comfort for her family. Brenda and Caleb Jameson and all of the Longboat Key Turtle Patrollers on Zone C.

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**Brenda Jameson** - November 10, 2021 at 03:56 PM



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



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November 10, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.



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November 10, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Pamela Mary Ketchum.



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November 10, 2021 at 02:47 PM

LM

“ *Our cousin Pam was a wonderful woman that was taken from us too soon. She was kind, outgoing and generous.*

*We hope she feels at peace just like she made so many others feel.*

*We were lucky to have her.*

*She will live on in our memories and her spirit will never be forgotten.*

*Rest In Peace,*

*Love,*

*The Masiero Cousins,*

*Butch, Darlene, Jim, Doug, Nancy, Louie & their families.*

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**Lou Masiero** - November 10, 2021 at 01:38 PM