



Miriam "Pam" LaPorte

May 3, 1949 - November 25, 2025

Miriam "Pam" LaPorte, 76, of Kankakee passed away peacefully in the presence of her loving family at her daughters home in Ashkum on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, following a short illness. Pam was the first born child to Lawrence and Evelyn (Dionne) Love on May 3, 1949 in Kankakee. She married John "Jack" LaPorte on November 27, 1971. Pam and Jack were married for 43 years before his passing in May of 2015. Together they raised their only child Lisa. Pam spent the majority of her life working in child daycare. For several years she worked along side her mother Evelyn and her daughter Lisa at the Y.W.C.A in Kankakee. After leaving the Y.W.C.A., Pam dedicated her time to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her hobbies included playing cards, especially euchre, and board games. She was an avid reader and had often spent time writing her own book. She had a great love for the Hallmark channel, and food channel. Her utmost love outside of her family was Christmas. Pam loved the Christmas season so much that she never wanted it to end. She passed that love of the holiday season on to Lisa. Pam is survived by her only child, a daughter, Lisa (Keith) Cooper, her grandchildren Doug (Traci) Cooper, Brittany (Alan) Cox, Jordan (Ricki) Cooper, and Austin (Reagan) Cooper as well as her 12 great grandchildren, Autumn, Halle, Brystal, Hunter, Hazel, AJ, Brady, Carter, Davin, Reid, Emmett, and Annalisa. Her brother Larry (Lynn) Love of Watseka, sister Debra Young of Seguin Tx, Aunt Shirley Saathoff of Bradley, sisters in law Kathy LaPorte of Bradley, Linda LaPorte of Arizona, and brother in law Richard (Marre) of

California as well as and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Extra "grandchild" Isaiah Louer whom she babysat for multiple years. She is preceded in death by her husband Jack, her parents Lawrence and Evelyn Love, Aunt Dori & Uncle Ambrose, and Uncle Don as well as both maternal and paternal grandparents. Visitation for Pam will be on Tuesday, Dec 2, 2025 from 4-7 pm at the Kankakee Schreffler Funeral Home on West Court St in Kankakee. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec 3, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Kankakee Schreffler. Cremation rights will follow along with a private family burial at Mount Calvary where she will once again forever lay beside Jack. In lieu of flowers memorials in Pam's name may be made to her family to donate to a charity of their choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marci lit a candle in memory of Miriam "Pam" LaPorte*



Marci - December 02, 2025 at 06:55 AM



“ *Brenda Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Miriam "Pam" LaPorte*



Brenda Hargrove - November 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM

RU

“ *Pam was a sweet lady. She help take care of my boys*

Ruby - November 28, 2025 at 08:34 AM

MM

“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Miriam "Pam" LaPorte*



MR MRS - November 28, 2025 at 07:53 AM



“ *I love you so much OG. I miss you already. Play some Zelda for me up there.*

Brittany Cox - November 27, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ *I miss you so much already, my heart is completely broken. I know you are not in pain any longer. I know your the beautiful angel you were here but with your gorgeous wings. Play a game of cards for me!*



Lisa Laporte-Cooper - November 27, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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To my sister who was the most generous person I know. Would help out when ever she could and loved her family more than anything. You will be missed. No more pain and will see you when I join you.

Debra Young - November 28, 2025 at 01:20 PM