



Pamela Cecile Lightsy

October 4, 1947 - December 3, 2017

Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1947 – S. Aaron Bell and De Lores Orton Bell, married for 20 months, moved from Dee’s hometown of Kokomo, Indiana to Aaron’s family home in Muskogee, Oklahoma. On October 4th, 1947, Dee gave birth to their first child, a beautiful baby girl, Pamela Cecile Bell. Aaron’s career as a professional jazz musician brought his new family to New York where they established their home and raised their children in Mt. Vernon, NY. Growing up, Pam was big sister to Aaron (Butch) and Robin.

Pam was a very bright, out-going, popular teenager with natural leadership skills. Much like her mother, Pam Was an active community volunteer. While president of the Mt. Vernon NAACP Youth Council, she led a group of local teens down south on a Freedom Bus during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. Upon her graduation from St. Gabriel’s High School for Girls, Pam earned her Bachelor’s degree from her father’s Alma Mater, Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon returning home during a semester break, she met Charles J. Lightsy, the older son of family friends, Adrian and Muriel Lightsy, who lived a block away. It was not long after that first meeting when Charles and Pam knew they were in love, and on August 24, 1969, they wed. From this nearly 50 year union two sons were born: Spencer Wilson Lightsy and Trevor Cordell Lightsy; and today they have five adoring grandchildren. She was a practicing therapist when she earned her Master’s degree in Social Work from Fordham University, and was working towards earning her doctorate degree from Hunter College (all but her dissertation was

completed!) During her career, she worked with city agencies in Westchester County, NY, private clients, was often sought out to train other therapists in the field looking to advance their careers and was the recipient of many industry awards.

A beloved wife and mother, Pam created a loving home that was always open to family and friends in New Rochelle, New York. While Trevor and Spencer were still young, she joined Jack & Jill of America. Later, in 1991, Pam joined the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Bronx Chapter, sponsored by long-time family friend, and mentor, Olivia McMillan.

Pam went on to transfer into the Westchester Chapter, where she was an active member for over 15 years. With their children grown, and Charles retired, Pam and Charles moved to Suffolk, Virginia in 2007, where they built their "dream home." Once again, doors were wide open to family and friends. Their annual Thanksgiving dinners were memorable and always ended with decorating the family Christmas tree. Upon her arrival in Suffolk, Pam transferred her Delta membership and her Rockland County, NY Links membership To Portsmouth, Virginia, where she quickly became an active member in both organizations. In search of a new spiritual home, her heart led her to Brighton Rock AME Zion Church, where she served as a Trustee on the Board, church treasurer, photographer, and occasionally sang in the choir. On December 3rd, 2017, her wondrous life came to an end when the Lord called her home, joining her parents. Leaving to remember and celebrate her life are: her beloved husband Charles; son Spencer (Kamren) and Their children Sam, Nicolas and Vivienne; son Trevor (Cydnee) and his daughters Kamia and Jioni; sister; Robin, and brothers, Aaron, Kenyatta and Rhahime; sisters-in-law Frances, Barbara and Gerri; nieces: Evie, Renee, Aaronica, Danielle and Savanna; nephews, Christopher and Jabari; her Aunt Carol and a host of cousins, friends and colleagues too numerous to list!

If you are inclined, the Family invites you to make a donation in honor of Pamela C. Lightsy to VIRGINIA ONCOLOGY ASSOCIATES, 5900 Lake Wright Drive Norfolk, VA 23502, Thank you

Previous Events

Wake Service

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Service

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Brighton Rock AME Zion Church
1300 Centre Ave
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 07, 2017 at 06:14 PM

JS

So sorry to hear of the passing of soror Lightsey who was instrumental in guiding my daughter into the Westchester chapter. She had their backs. I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet her. Jacquée Strawther

Jacquée Strawther - December 07, 2017 at 07:15 PM

PD

“ Pam's Line Sisters F'92 BXAC DST lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy



Pam's Line Sisters F'92 BXAC DST - December 09, 2017 at 07:36 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pamela Cecile Lightsy.



December 08, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Al Jackson lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lighty*



Al Jackson - December 08, 2017 at 06:06 AM

LO

“ *Words cannot express how I feel about the loss of my friend. With heartfelt condolences.*
Lorain.

Lorain - December 08, 2017 at 05:24 AM

RB

Especially today I am Remembering with joy and love my big sister. So much gratitude for the blessing she still is. And the memories will last me a life-time. ☐💕🙏

Robin Bell-Stevens - December 03, 2021 at 11:53 AM

KP

“ *Katrina Peterson lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lighty*



Katrina Peterson - December 07, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pamela Cecile Lighty.



December 07, 2017 at 09:49 PM



“ Sharon and John Robertson, Ph.D. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Pamela Cecile Lighty.



Sharon and John Robertson, Ph.D. - December 07, 2017 at 09:08 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 07, 2017 at 05:11 PM

AL

“ *Andreia Lynch lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy*



Andreia Lynch - December 07, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pamela Cecile Lightsy.*



December 07, 2017 at 10:56 AM

TO

“ *Tommie lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy*



Tommie - December 06, 2017 at 08:06 PM

JF

“ *We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.*
Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - December 06, 2017 at 07:32 PM

ES

“ *Ellie and Mick Spillett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pamela Cecile Lighty.*



Ellie and Mick Spillett - December 06, 2017 at 04:02 PM

CW

“ *In loving memory of Pamela Lighty*

Junius and Costella Williams



Costella Williams - December 05, 2017 at 09:27 PM

FD

“ *From Rose Edna's book club, ARBC, Washington DC purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pamela Cecile Lighty.*



From Rose Edna's book club, ARBC, Washington DC -
December 05, 2017 at 01:02 PM

DB

“ *Delmarene Barnes lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lighty*



Delmarene Barnes - December 05, 2017 at 12:43 PM

PL

“ *Pat Lattimore lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy*



Pat Lattimore - December 05, 2017 at 12:32 PM

PL

Condolences to the family - Pam was my BFF's favorite cousin and my sister in Delta Sigma Theta - will be missed by many

Pat Lattimore - December 05, 2017 at 12:36 PM



My sister in Delta Sigma Theta and my friend!

Patricia Lattimore - December 05, 2017 at 01:05 PM

RB

Warm expression of sympathy to the family of Pamela Lightsy. She was a Champion. My Dear Soror's love and dedication touched so many and the memory of her is eternal.

rosa barksdale - December 07, 2017 at 01:34 PM

JW

jeremiah white and Family send our prayers and regards

jeremiah white - December 11, 2017 at 08:25 AM

DB

“ *Delmarene Barnes lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy*



Delmarene Barnes - December 05, 2017 at 12:08 PM

JB

“ *Jacqueline Barnes lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy*



Jacqueline Barnes - December 05, 2017 at 11:42 AM

TJ

“ *Tanisha Jackson lit a candle in memory of Pamela Cecile Lightsy*



Tanisha Jackson - December 05, 2017 at 08:23 AM