



Pamela Janish

June 21, 2009

BOSTON - Pamela (Pierce) Janish of St Croix, Virgin Islands, 48, passed away on June 21, 2009, at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, after a courageous 25-year battle with cancer related illnesses.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1961, in Iron Mountain. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1979 where she broke several track records, and attended Lake Superior State University.

She married the love of her life, Daniel Janish on Oct. 18, 1980. They were inseparable since they met and set an inspiring example of true love and marriage. Pam was the general manager of PC Paradise in the Virgin Islands for the last 15 years. She had worked previously as the executive assistant to the Harris County Librarian in Houston.

Pam enjoyed life to its fullest. She was an avid scuba diver, rescue diver, and loved finding sea horses. Pam loved traveling with her husband and recently climbed a glacier in Alaska. She took flying lessons, rode her dirt bike, golfed, fished, loved to sail, and spending time with her adorable kitten, Rosebud. Pam loved to share the island life with family and many very special friends. She was known for sense of humor, love of adventure, infectious giggle, rum punch recipe, and spunk. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

She leaves behind her husband, Daniel Janish; mother, Dee Pierce; sisters, Nancy (Rick) Anderson and Wendy (Mark) Warmuth; brother, Randy (Deanna) Pierce; mother-in-law, Sharon Janish; brothers-in-law, Tony (Cheryl) Janish and Jim (Michelle) Janish; sisters-in-law, Lori Turk, Denise (Jeff) Myslecki, Cindy (Bob) Claire and Christy Pierce; long time family friends, Omer Tholkes and Steve Gendron, along with many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roman Piece; brother, Jerry Piece; and father-in-law, Ted Janish.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be welcome in the name of the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or the St. Croix Animal Shelter.

Condolences to the family of Pamela Janish can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Dan:

So very sorry to hear of your wife's passing. I am sorry I did not have the pleasure of meeting her. She sounds like such a wonderful person! You were very blessed to have had your soulmate for so many years, but I know it was not enough years for you. I hope the memories of those years and God's loving arms wrapped around you now will help to sustain you through this time of loss. I have often thought of you and would love to hear from you when you are up to it. Please get in touch when you can - judy0711@aol.com. My prayers are with you! Love and hugs to you! Your cousin - Uncle Harry & Aunt Ann's daughter - Judy.

Judy Braham (Janish) - Venice, FL - Cousin - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Hi Dan, I am so deeply sorry for your loss of your beautiful wife, your "love of your life", Pam. I never had the honor to meet her, but I know of her wonderful spirit and tremendous courage (and sense of fun!)through all of Sarah and Shawn's stories. They think the world of you both. How fortunate and blessed you are to have had such a force of love in your life, if only for too short a while. May you now somehow find comfort in all of the beautiful memories and the legacy of love you shared. You are in my thoughts and prayers Dan. Take care. Tracy (Shawn's little sister)

Tracy Thomas - July 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ The members of the Vista Concordia Homeowners Association send their heartfelt sympathies to Pamela's family and friends. We will miss having you here.

Michele Belanger - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Dan - Brian and I, and the girls were so saddened to hear about Pam's passing. The girls and I will be forever grateful to both you and Pam for all the help you gave and knowledge you shared with us when we first moved to St. Croix. Even though we needed the extra space in the apartment of our new island home, we were certainly sad to see you and Pam move out. I wish we could've gotten together with Pam once more for a round of bushwhackers. We will miss her much, as all who knew her will.

Nancy Wallace - July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Hello Dan -
It's Char & Rob Luteran (Shawn's brother & wife).
You & Pam came out to our home some years back and we very much enjoyed our time with you.

Sarah & Shawn have always said so many wonderful things about you & Pam. She told me of Pam's health issues and always talked about her courage & strength. (That goes for you too).
Life is so worthwhile when we surround ourselves with good friends who are like family. That is what you & Pam have been to Shawn & Sarah.

Remember - "people may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel." Pam (and you) gave love & warmth and that my friend, never burns out. You are in our prayers.

Rob & Char Luteran

Rob & Char Luteran - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dan, although Pam and I got to know each other for a brief time a few years back on St. Croix, she was always an inspiration to me for her strenght, courage and compassion. Even though I did not get to see her much, when I saw her on the street or at her job she always had a caring word for me. Our prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Ana Foster - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ We will miss you so dearly Pam. May you be in a better and safer place , free from pain , hurt sorry , and continue to brighten up our day with your smile.... From Ruby,Heather, Berry , Paulette, Michelle, Lorna , Simone ,Irma, and the delivery guys @ Flemings Transport.

Flemings' Transport Co. - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dan I remember you back when all the boys from Athens got to-gether. Shawn and Sarah talked about all the good times you guy's had. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Pam is with our Loved ones. Shawn & Sarah's Mom (Kitty)

Kitty Thomas-Schmittler - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dan,
We are saddened by your loss, as are the many others who had the pleasure to know you two. We wish you strength and perseverance as you travel through these challenging times. Godspeed.

Peter Brown & Charlotte Bodurow

Peter & Charlotte - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dan, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We shall miss your and Pam's visits. Her smile would light up the sea and sky at the deli. We are thankful for knowing her.

Mary and Bob Scribner - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dan and Family,
If i could have one single wish,And never have another,It would be to have an hour,And spend it with my good friend (Pamela),I would wrap my arms around her,And kiss her smiling face,And the pieces of my broken heart,Would fall back into place,But God would not grant that wish,For surely He would know,If I had (Pamela) back again,I would never let her go you're loving Irish friend, Good Bob
My sincere condolences to you Dan and family at this time.

Your,Sincerely Bob. Gleeson.

Bob Gleeson - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Dear Dan,
I remember meeting you and Pamela either at breakfast, where she made me envious that anyone could eat ice cream at that early in the morning. I remember the encounters at our beloved Domino Club, where I could always count on you to buy your old boss a drink. I remember the many parties, where we engaged in too much eating, drinking, and dancing. Now, I have learned of the death of our Pamela.

Through these last years you and Pamela have displayed tremendous courage, which has been an inspiration to us on St. Croix who had the honor of knowing you. Your example was one we can remember when we too must face difficult moments. I thank you for the strength you gave us while you handled this difficult problem. Our love and thoughts are with you. Pamela was the epitome of a refined lady, who always treated everyone with the utmost respect. I know this is an enormous loss, but you may be comforted by the knowledge that she left the world better than he found it. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

*Sincerely,
Luther Edwards*

Luther Edwards - June 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Dan and family-
We are so sorry to hear of Pam's passing. Her smiling face will be missed at our little candy store. We always enjoyed seeing you two walk in the door.
Pam has found peace-
May you find peace in the love from your family and friends-
Mary Ann and Jeff*

Mary Ann and Jeff Seroogy - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Pam holds a special place in my heart. She was one of my best friends in elementary and Jr. high school. We shared many walks home from school together, sleepovers, and 4-H clubs. She had an amazing sense of humor and a strength that I admired. I have shared so many stories about Pam with my children. Memories of her always bring a smile. I will never forget her.

Donna Spanton Armstrong - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Pam and I were friends starting in 4th grade (I think). We lived 2 blocks from each other. After dark, she and I would walk to the middle corner and make sure we could hear each other all the way home - so the bats or the boogie man wouldn't get us! I spent countless hours growing up with Pam. As high school progressed we ended up in different "groups" but she was always there if I needed her ... she was one of the 2 people I turned to when I first found out when I was 15 that my dad was diagnosed with an incurable form of leukemia.

One of the things I always remember hearing about her after we graduated was that she had found "the love of her life". It appears that remains true for all time.

I am so sorry for your loss - it sounds as if Pam grew up to be the adult I suspected she would be - loving and kind and full of life. I know you will all miss her deeply.

Lisa Fagan Walts - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of Pam's death. I remember so many good times from high school as Pam's tennis partner and fellow saxophone player. I always enjoyed Pam's sense of humor and good spirit and I am sure you will miss her terribly. Our heartfelt sympathies. We will keep you all in our prayers.
Susan Cohodes and Tom Payant
Seattle WA

Susan Cohodes and Tom Payant - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dan and families of Dan & Pam - We are so sorry for your loss. We were privileged to know Pam, even if only for a short time. She was an inspiration, and displayed such grace and humor at all times, and we will never stop missing her. Our hearts will be in Michigan today.

Marcel & Juli Meilleur - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Pam. She is an inspiration to all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Rosy, Mike and Marcie, Susan, Laurie and Rowe - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Nancy,Dee,Wendy and Randy and Pamela's beloved husband, Gary and I send our heartfelt deepest sympathy at the loss of your wonderful sister,daughter, and wife. We were priveledged to live beside Rick and Nancy for many years so i know of some of Pamela's struggles. We hope you all can find some comfort in knowing she is in a better place ,free from pain and with her dad and other brother.Our prayers are with you at this ver sad time.

Gary and Melinda Howell - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dan and family,
Words cannot express the sorry I feel for your loss. I have only known Pam for a short time, but her kindness and friendship will be missed for a long time. Dan, you are in my heart and thoughts.*

David Herbert - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

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Gary and Melinda Howell - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *The smile she greeted me with when I would pass by the store, the warm hug and "Hi, Lisle" I got, I miss it already. She genuinely cared about people.*

My condolences and respects to the family of this beautiful soul I had the honor and pleasure of knowing.

Lisle Brathwaite - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Words cannot express my feelings when I heard that Pam had passed away. I wish over the course of time I had not lost touch with her and so many other friends from my childhood. My thoughts and prayers go out to her husband and the Pierce/Janish families.

Lisa (Barkle) Richards

Lisa (Barkle) Richards - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ For Danny and Pammy,
Pammy I will miss you with all my heart.
Everytime we were together we had the best of times. The bushwackers, diving, yes and even the cheese head while wearing a bikini. I will miss my friend. Danny we are and always will be there for you.

I Love you Guys...

Pam get the blender going.... We all will be ready to party when we see you next...

Sarah Luteran - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ To Dan Janish and Family,
We extend my condolences and heartfelt sympathies to you.
Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are our thoughts and prayers.

Eric and Lori Jackson

Eric Jackson - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. We send our sympathy. Dan and the Pierce/Janish families will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark, Carrie (Eischens) and Brooke Shurhay - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ We are but a few of the MANY that were touched by sweet Pam. Her dad, Roman and my dad, Ron, were brothers, hence we were first cousins. Unfortunately, we only met twice in this life, but were those times memorable?!

First time, was @35 years ago. Some of my siblings and I flew from MN to the UP for Christmas. We met up with my dad, stepmom, Terry, and our stepbrother, George, who flew up from Miami. WE HAD A GREAT TIME- THE PIERCE BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES (Next time we needed to have sister, Margaret and her family join in)

Next time/last time I saw Pam was a few months back. She and Dan came up to Miami (Weston) for some medical appointments. They stayed at my stepmom, Terry's house. (I lived only minutes away.) Pam was so happy when I brought over the photo album of our Christmas so many years back. Dan was loving it too, seeing photos of his love, the teenage Pam and the family "way back when." Needless to say, we had a great time. My son, Eric age 12, fell in love with Pam's hugs, forever smiles, and her wonderful tickling ability. Eric also loved Dan the first moment they met (So did I. It was the first time we'd met him. He was warm loving.) I had never met a couple who had so much love for each other. Dan and Pam looked like they were on their honeymoon 24/7. I'll never forget that and want that for all people that say they are "in love."

Dan gave Eric a cool Buzz Cut when Pam and Dan were in town, and Dan and Eric became immediate "buddies."

When I told Eric about Pam, we prayed, we cried, and he asked how Dan would be able to live without Pam.

We loved Pam so much. I have never met a person like her (in so much pain at so many times, but ALWAYS WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE AND THE HAPPIEST OF ATTITUDES.

Pam- rest in peace my sweet cousin. You are in the best of company. We all have wonderful memories of you, and pray for all of us that you have touched, loved, and made smile.

Jayna Pierce and son Eric - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ You are in our thoughts. Take things one day at a time. We know you will miss her. She set a good example for us all, live life to the fullest.

Larry and Rebecca Lilienthal - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I can still picture Pam running the 400, passing the baton, and high jumping. She was a very talented athlete. The team and I could always count on Pam. More important than her talent was the fact that she was a terrific person. She was a joy to know! Pam was kind to every person on the team. The other girls looked up to her. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to be her coach. My heartfelt sympathies go out to all of you.

Merry Hall - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM