



## Pamela Kae Kragt

May 12, 1947 - January 2, 2025

Pamela “Pam” Kragt, 77, of Cedar Falls, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at Nation Cottage at Western Home Communities in Cedar Falls, IA. Pamela Kae Kragt was born on March 12, 1947, in Primghar, IA, to Arlington Ferdinand and Rosa Mae (Green) Ericson. She graduated from Sioux City Central High School and went on to earn a degree in education from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. She was crowned Miss Sioux City and Miss Iowa in 1966 and went on to compete in the Miss America pageant. She was united in marriage to Dr. John B. Kragt on December 16, 1983, in Emmetsburg, IA. Pam began her career as a teacher in Havelock, IA, was a bookkeeper at West Bend International and later was the office manager for John’s Chiropractic Business in Emmetsburg, Iowa. When they moved to Spirit Lake, she was a real estate agent for Dowden Hinn, Realtors and Stauss Realty.

She was a member of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church where she was very active and sang in the church choir. She enjoyed singing and competing with the Spirit of Harmony Chorus (Sweet Adelines) and the Harmony group. In her free time, she enjoyed playing the piano and singing.

Pam is survived by her husband, Dr. John B. Kragt of Cedar Falls, IA; daughter, Dawn (Frank) Schmidt of West Bend, IA; son, Brett Fehr of Algona, IA; step children Dan Kragt (Elizabeth) of St. Paul, MN; Tom (Nancy) Kragt of Anchorage, AK; and Michele Kersten of Sea Bright, NJ; 4 grandchildren, 8 step grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; her brother, Gerald (Nancy) Ericson

of Mason City, Iowa, and her sister-in-law, Lorna Ericson of Cedar Falls, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arlington and Rosa Mae Ericson, brother, Laurel Ericson, and step son-in-law, Tom Kersten.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Western Homes in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Inurnment will take place in the Valley View Cemetery in Rock Valley, IA, at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com).

Memorials will be directed to hospice and various entities within the Western Home Community.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Western Homes  
5307 Caraway Ln  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Western Homes  
5307 Caraway Ln  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pamela Kae Kragt.*



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January 28, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ *In 1998, our German exchange student wanted an Okoboji Boat ride in the worst way. Dr. John and Pam to the rescue! They both graciously shared their time and boat (Captain John) to make her wish come true. Pam was a beautiful spirit. I treasure that memory and thank God for that little slice of heaven on earth. Her soul is in paradise now. Halleluia!*  
--Cheryl L. Hessenius (formerly of Spencer, IA)

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**Cheryl Hessenius** - January 27, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Pamela Kae Kragt.*



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January 27, 2025 at 05:11 PM

PH

“ 9 files added to the album Green/Ericson Family Photos



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**Patricia Green Hartman** - January 27, 2025 at 03:45 PM

PH

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Pam's family. Pam was, and will always be, my beautiful and talented cousin, just two months younger than me. We spent many happy times together growing up on Aunt Rosa Mae and Uncle Arlie's farm, and later in Sioux City, but were unfortunately separated by many miles as adults. I cherished any time later in life that we did get to spend together. I won't be able to attend the Memorial, so created by own photo gallery to share.*



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**Patricia Green Hartman** - January 27, 2025 at 03:41 PM

JC

“ *My sincere condolences to John and the rest of the family. I have many fond memories of Pam in choir and other activities at church. I know she will be missed by many.*

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**Judy A Christensen** - January 18, 2025 at 12:33 AM

ST

“ Shirley Thompson lit a candle in memory of Pamela Kae Kragt



Shirley Thompson - January 15, 2025 at 11:29 AM

NJ

“ My happiest days were spent working with Pam at Doc’s office. I grew to love them so much. Pam will be sorely missed. Love to Doc. Nancy Janssen

Nancy Lou Janssen - January 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pamela Kae Kragt.

January 14, 2025 at 04:04 PM



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RD

“ My Sympathy to Pam’s family. I have such fond memories of Pam. She was a beautiful person inside and out. May she rest in peace. Rosemary Dunn

Rosemary Dunn - January 09, 2025 at 12:41 AM

BM

“ To John & family, Many happy musical memories shared with Pam in church choir and community musical events. Grace and peace to you all at this difficult time. Linda & Bill Moore

Bill & Linda Moore - January 07, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DD

“ My sympathy goes out to John and his family.

Denny Dotson

Denny Dotson - January 07, 2025 at 01:53 PM

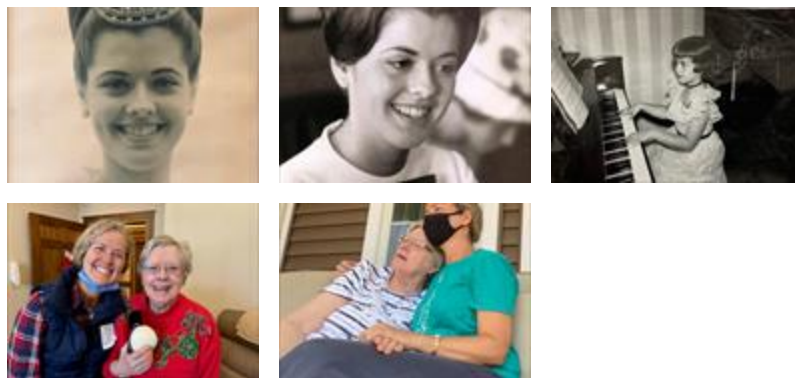
PG

“ I was a freshman in high school and your Mom was my music teacher. Her love of music inspires me still today. She also touched the life of my daughter, who was an OTA at Western Homes in CF. Small world that paths cross but despite the dementia, my daughter also saw that beautiful soul of your Mom. May your hearts be helped by all the lights that are still shining in us.

Pamela George - January 07, 2025 at 10:52 AM

DS

“ 17 files added to the album Schmidt Family Photos



Dawn Schmidt - January 06, 2025 at 02:57 PM

RH

*Thanks for sharing these pictures..I remember your Mom and Dr. well..please extend our sympathy to Dr Kragt..these are great pictures.*

**Roger/Darlene Hankey** - January 07, 2025 at 09:30 AM

LH

“ *To Pam's family I am sorry for your loss. Pam was a beautiful person inside and out with a beautiful smile. She will be missed by many!*

**Lou Ann & Larry Huberty** - January 06, 2025 at 11:08 AM

LM

“ *Pam participated in West Bend Summer Theater and always did an outstanding job. Such a lovely voice and great stage presence. My deepest sympathies to the family*

**Linda Mertz** - January 04, 2025 at 08:24 PM

KK

*Pam was the Tenor in our group Take Note. She was so warm and funny and talented. I will miss her wonderful smile.*

**Kerrie Kramme** - January 09, 2025 at 06:26 PM

JW

“ *A member of the Spirit of Harmony Chorus for many years, Pam was known for her ready smile, her beautiful voice, and her amazing kindness. She will be missed by all who knew her.*



**Judy Weipert** - January 04, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ *Larry Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Pamela Kae Kragt*



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**Larry Mary Ann Jansen** - January 04, 2025 at 11:09 AM



*To John and Family Our Sympathy to all. Elaine Nauss and family*

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**Elaine Nauss** - January 23, 2025 at 12:13 PM