



## Pamela Wells Hanglin

September 6, 1972 - May 2, 2017

Deerfield - Pamela Wells Hanglin, 44, died in her home in Deerfield on Tuesday afternoon, May 2, 2017 surrounded by people and dogs who adored her. The sea of broken hearts she has left behind is vast – that of her wife, Lisa Wolford, with whom she would have shared a 15th anniversary on May 3; her mother, Mary; her sister Jill and sister-in-law Sharman Hayward; her uncle, David Hanglin, and his family; her aunt, Sherry Bennett, and her family; her lifelong comrade-in-arms and very closest friend, of whom she was so proud, Heather MacKinnon; and the many, many other friends and family she loved so deeply. Pam cherished her nieces, Kira and Joss Hayward-Hanglin, who she got such a kick out of; they are too young by far for broken hearts but will always be filled with love for their funny Aunt Pam.

Pam held a bachelor's degree from Merrimack College and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University. She was a skilled private investigator with the New Hampshire Public Defender, where she dedicated her 20-year career to being a passionate defender of civil rights and a loyal champion of the Sixth Amendment. She was devoted to her Public Defender colleagues, and they loved her for her brilliant wit, incisive comments, elegant solutions to strategic problems, and beautifully written investigative reports.

Pam did not like bad drivers. She loved tennis, Monhegan, her country club, good wine, manatees, penguins, the Red Sox, and Barbra Streisand. She

devoured John Updike's Rabbit novels all the while appreciating the special genius of Bravo TV's Andy Cohen. She felt a part of Lisa's family and loved visiting or being visited by them. Her heart was full of Hampton but she considered the Big Island, Santa Fe, and Mill Valley her homes away from home. Above all, she loved her beagles, Lionel and Marie, even though she suspected that Lionel loved Lisa more.

For more than three years, Pam fought a stoic, determined battle against colon cancer. Until the bitter end, no matter what, she refused to let the disease hold her back. Pam loved her life. She was so thankful for all the people in it.

Pam's wishes were to have calling hours at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road in Hampton. Calling hours there will be 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8. She also planned for a celebration at Throwback Brewery, 7 Hobbs Road, North Hampton. The party at Throwback, where lots of laughter and stories and memories of Pam will be shared, will be Tuesday, May 9, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making charitable donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 one of Pam's father's favorite charities [www.stjude.org/](http://www.stjude.org/); or Libby's Haven for Senior Canines, P.O. Box 65, Canterbury, NH 03224 from whence the beagles came; [www.lhsk9.org/](http://www.lhsk9.org/). or the Rockingham VNA & Hospice, c/o Exeter Hospital, 5 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH 03833 who helped us so much.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Throwback Brewery  
7 Hobbs Road  
North Hampton, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pamela Wells Hanglin*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I met Pam many years ago while working at Star Market in Boston. We had so many fun times. I am so sad to hear of her passing. Always hoped someday we would meet up again. May she rest in piece.*

**Stacey Lebel-Smith** - February 04, 2020 at 12:04 AM



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**Stacey Lebel-Smith** - February 04, 2020 at 12:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela Wells Hanglin.*



May 08, 2017 at 09:43 AM

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“ We didn't know each other long or well but once a Seacoast Women's Rugby team mate always a friend. I'm sure Pam would be the first to admit rugby wasn't her sport but she sure had fun trying (and the rest of us watching) and brought her signature brand of hilarity to every moment e.g. dropping a scathing obscenity around the keg and upon realizing it fell on tender ears. "I'm sorry you had to hear that my little lamb."  
I laughed for days (years) and will never forget her enviable rapier wit, huge grin and kind heart.

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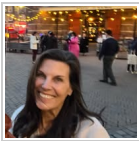
**Carolyn Shire** - May 06, 2017 at 06:31 PM

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Pam's passing. I went to high school with her and I remember her always being so full of spirit, joy, life and humor. My heart goes out to all of Pam's loved ones.

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**Amber** - May 05, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ I have such great memories from being at the Hanglin's first house near to the beach in Hampton and then at their house on Hobbs Rd. I don't know if she would remember this but I will never forget playing "Charlie's Angels" with Pam, Jill and Lisa through the neighborhood. Also being at cookouts at the MacKinnon's and the many birthday parties we went to between the Thomsen Rd and Hobbs Rd girls. Oh, and the times we all went to Happy Wheels - just remebered that and it made me laugh. Thanks Pam for always being so funny and easy to be with.  
I live in Atlanta now but kept up with Pam through my mom. She sounded just as funny and great to be around as I remember. No matter how old the memories, they will always be there. I am thankful for that and that I got to spend at least some time in my life with Pam

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**Amy Gies** - May 04, 2017 at 03:58 PM



“ *always fun, always funny, always had a smile on her face even when she had to have known how ill she was. I will miss her on and off the tennis court, my condolences to all who loved Pam*

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**Melissa Rigazio** - May 04, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ *Pam was one friend who left me with some of my funniest memories, I will never forget her. She had my parents and I in complete hysterics as we ate dinner at Jerry's restaurant and she did her best impression of Julia Childs for us. There are so many to recall but that was one of the best. She will be truly missed. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends during this sad time.*

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**Stephanie Widrig** - May 04, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *We knew Pam years ago in Concord and loved her acid wit and bountiful facial expressions. She was a bright spark and it saddens us to hear that that light has gone out far too soon.*

*With sympathy and wishes for strength to those she left behind.*

*Jon Greenberg and Connie Rosemont*

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**Jonathan Greenberg** - May 03, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ *Pam's sense of humor was beyond compare... she always knew how to put a smile on someone's face, and anyone who spent time with her came away feeling happier. My deepest sympathies to all of her family and to all the people who loved her.*

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**Heather Hyvari** - May 03, 2017 at 07:09 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Pam's family and friends. God Bless*



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**JoEllen Pike** - May 03, 2017 at 05:12 PM