



Pamela Elise Hartema

May 30, 1951 - February 5, 2026

Pamela Elise Kinkaid Hartema, 74, of New Hartford, Iowa, passed away on February 5, 2026, at Waverly Health Center after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease and dementia. She was born on May 30, 1951.

Pam was united in marriage to the love of her life, Lonnie Hartema, on February 16, 1973, and together they shared nearly 53 years of marriage. Their life together was filled with devotion, laughter, and deep family bonds. She is survived by her husband Lonnie; her daughters Kimberly Sheehan, Kory (Brian) McElfresh, and Kristal (David) Graves; her cherished grandchildren Tyler, Nathan (Misty), Makenna, Drew, Lukas, and Zachary; bonus grandchildren Kevin, Sean, Ryker, and Skylar; her brothers Russell (Mary), Tim (Julia), and Nick; her stepsister Sandy; and many "adopted" grandchildren who lovingly knew her as Grandma Pam.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandson Brady; her mother Florana; her father David; her stepfather Eugene; her stepmother Jackie; and her stepbrother Bobby.

Pam devoted many years to being a stay-at-home mother and grandmother, pouring her love, time, and energy into her family and the moments they shared together. She later served her community as a librarian at the New Hartford Library and retired after working in food service at Kwik Star. No matter the role she held, Pam gave her heart fully and treated everyone she met with warmth and respect.

Her greatest joy was being the best mother and grandmother possible. She

was a devoted, fun-loving, kind soul who truly never met a stranger. Pam had a special love for animals and cherished her many beloved pets, especially her Yorkshire Terriers. She also enjoyed cheering on the Denver Broncos, sharing laughs, and making others feel welcome and loved.

A Celebration of Life will be held in an open house format on Saturday, February 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the New Hartford Community Church Fellowship Hall. A private burial service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Donations may be directed to the family and will be distributed between Cedar Valley Hospice and Bartels Retirement Community in Pamela's memory.

Pam's legacy of love, generosity, and compassion will live on through all who were blessed to know her.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

New Hartford, IA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Hartford Community Church
406 Oneida St
New Hartford, IA 50660-7723
(319) 983-2322

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Tina,Chris Schipper and kids. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.



Tina,Chris Schipper and kids. - February 13 at 03:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.



February 13 at 01:29 PM

HA

“ I was blessed to have Pam not only as a neighbor, but as an honorary grandma. Whether I was stopping by to swim in her pool with her grandsons, or the one summer I helped bottle-feed kittens, or just stopping by when I saw her and Lonnie sitting out on their patio, I always knew I was welcome to sit and chat for as long as I needed.



My heart goes out to the entire family as I know she went through a long battle with Parkinson's and dementia. I was comforted by the fact that she had people in heaven to welcome her in, such as her parents, Brady, and even my own grandma.

Much love, Hailey Schipper <3

Hailey - February 13 at 11:08 AM

YF

“ *Your Wilkins Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.*



Your Wilkins Family - February 13 at 08:22 AM



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

February 12 at 09:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.*



February 12 at 09:52 AM

CR

“ *Cindy, Tom, Brenda, Tim and Rhonda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.*



Cindy, Tom, Brenda, Tim and Rhonda - February 10 at 11:46 PM

TJ

“ *Todd & Lisa, Krista & Joe, Orv & Janet purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.*



Todd & Lisa, Krista & Joe, Orv & Janet - February 09 at 02:39 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.*



February 09 at 02:11 PM

RD

“ *Rosie, Dale, Joanna, Ryan & Dave purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Pamela Elise Hartema.*



Rosie, Dale, Joanna, Ryan & Dave - February 07 at 04:36 PM