

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Pamela Jane Schneck

WHO WAS BORN

January 26, 1948
Minneapolis, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

November 11, 2025
Ortonville, Minnesota

PAM'S SERVICE

Saturday, January 3, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Clinton, Minnesota

OFFICIANTS

Minister Jim Rach
Minister Bev McNeil

EULOGY

Penny Tower

MUSICIANS

Karissa Dennis, Accompanist
Donna Jo Kopitzke, Flutist
Ellie Helgeson, Trumpeter

URN BEARER

Beloved Husband:
Rick Schneck

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Rausch Brothers
Many Beloved Cousins

INURNMENT

Clinton City Cemetery
Clinton, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Pam's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship at the church dining hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Moberg Chapel
Clinton, Minnesota



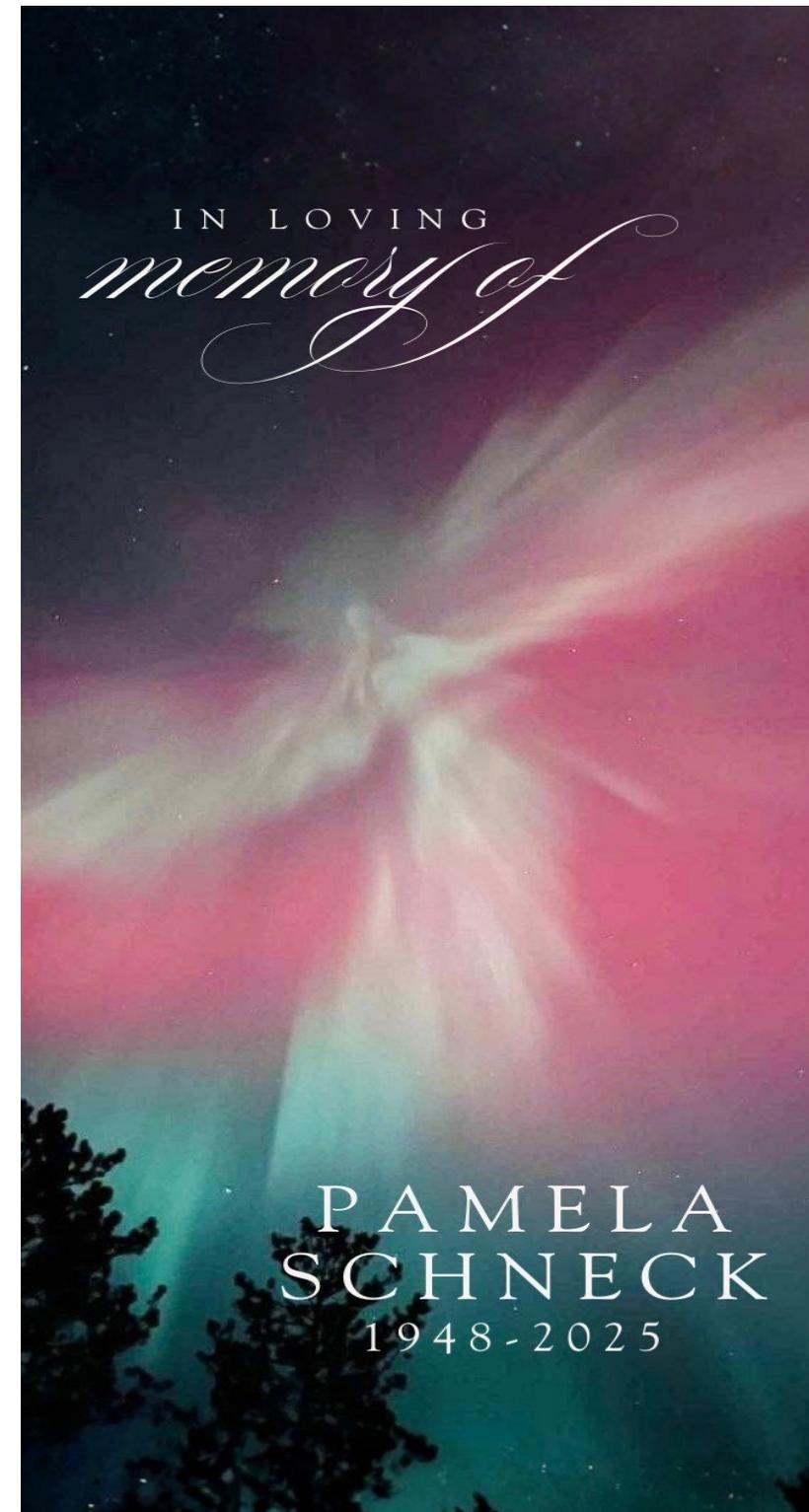
After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When my life is done.

- Helen Lowrie Marshall





Pamela Jane Schneck, 77, passed away peacefully in Ortonville, MN, on November 11, 2025. She wrote her own obituary in 2013, before her Alzheimer's diagnosis in 2016. This is how she wanted to be remembered:

This is my second attempt to write an obituary...my first one wasn't funny enough. And I have always loved humor as it makes life worth living. Also, I don't completely trust the people in my family to do this job. I like some control once in a while, even if I have to grab it.

I was born Pamela Jane Parker on January 26, 1948. My parents were Harlan (JR) Junior Parker and LaVerne (Babe) Idelle Gunderson Parker. They later decided I needed a sister and I was gifted with Penelope.

My growing up years were filled with laughter, discipline, and love. I had a great childhood in Aberdeen, SD. It was the 1950's and 60's. We played outside, biked all over, did not have TV early on, and we lived a life without fear.

I loved school and graduated in 1966 from Aberdeen Central High School before attending Northern State College to become an art teacher.

In the fall of 1971, I began teaching art in the Ortonville schools. I taught upper elementary as well as some junior and senior high classes. Coming to Ortonville was like "coming home," as my grandfather, Harlan N. Parker, resided there. And to add a great deal of new blood and excitement to his life, I moved in with him! The first day I was in his home, he danced an Irish jig with me!



In 1973, I married Rick Schneck. And Rick was never again the same! We moved to a hobby farm outside Clinton, MN, in 1974. We both enjoyed our little "funny farm" with all its different animals, which included horses, cats, dogs, chickens, goats, rabbits, turkeys, peacocks, alpacas, pot-bellied pigs, a miniature horse and donkey, and more!



But the most interesting animals we ever had were our own two daughters! We were blessed by Karissa and Bethany in the early 1980's. They were a joy and also provided a lot of humor along the way...though they might disagree! (But smart kids never disagree publicly with their Mama!)



I retired after teaching art for ten years. I was home with my little ones and later returned to the workforce when Rausch Brothers Monument Company hired me as their artist. I spent 25 years creating stone designs as well as going to area farm and home shows to help display our products. I am proudest of the many beautiful war monuments we created to honor our veterans.

Life to me has always been a treasure. I have known so many great people. I thank all of you who have touched my life! Many of my students became my friends. I have a crazy but very loving family, and, you know, I love crazy if it means laughter and joy.

I have enjoyed my church, Trinity Lutheran in Clinton. I have liked living on our hill near our little town. I can hardly think of anything I don't like!

So, thank you! I'll be seeing you again, one way or another! Life is a circle....and you may just see me circling by....which means I am looking for directions!

Left to smile (I hope) after I'm gone are my loving husband of 52 years, Rick Schneck, daughter Karissa Dennis (Ross Knudsen) of Lakeville, MN; daughter Bethany (Brent) Stolle of Kirkland, WA; four grandchildren: Leo Dennis, Parker Dennis, Weston Stolle, Isaac Stolle; great-granddaughter Gabriella; sister Penny (Scott) Tower of Richfield, MN; honorary son Tyson Karsky of Clinton, MN; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, god-children, and friends.



I was preceded in death by my father and mother, Harlan (JR) and LaVerne (Babe) Parker; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Weston and Ruth Schneck; brother-in-law David Schneck; cousin Cheryl Yerges; and beloved aunts and uncles.

I told my girls that after I was gone, I would paint the sky for them. If you are ever sad or feeling alone, just look up! I will be thinking of you, too.



Please use this QR code to view Pam's tribute video, obituary, and online guestbook.

