A Celebration of Life

Pamela Louise Perry

April 22, 1955 — October 29, 2026

Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 5:00pm
Marlan Gary Funeral Home,
The Chapel of Peace, East
5456 E. Livingston Ave.,
Columbus, OH 43232

God Saw You

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you
And He whispered, 'Come to me'.

With tearful eyes we watched you,
As you slowly slipped away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Acknowledgments

On behalf of the family, we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to each of you for your thoughts, prayers, and endless acts of kindness. Each expression of comfort and love is evidence of your genuine love for each of us and our beloved Pam. Special thanks to Marlan Gary and the staff of the Marlan Gary Funeral Home for all you've done to make this journey easier for us. May God continue to bless and keep you in his ever-loving care.

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OBITUARY

A Life of Faith, Love, Laughter, and Family
Pamela Louise Perry, affectionately known as "Pam," was born Pamela Louise Rash on April 22, 1955, in Columbus, Ohio, to the late Clarence Rash and Hester Harper. Born and raised in Columbus, Pamela lived a life filled with faith, family, laughter, and meaningful relationships. On October 29, 2026, at the age of 71, Pamela departed this earthly life, leaving behind cherished memories and a legacy of love.

Pam was truly one of a kind. Funny, outspoken, loving, strong-willed, and generous, she had a personality that was impossible to forget. She wasn't afraid to speak her mind, and those who knew her understood that Pam had her own special way of doing things. Her humor, honesty, and love for people made her a memorable presence wherever she went.

Family was at the center of Pam's life. Her home was more than just a place to live; it was the gathering place, the family hub. Her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loved ones often came together there. Whether sharing stories, enjoying laughter, or simply spending time in one another's company, Pam's home was a place where family connections were made and memories were created.

Pam also enjoyed one of life's greatest pleasures—good food! Although she knew how to cook, anyone who knew Pam knew she enjoyed eating even more. Her love for food, laughter, and good company was part of what made her so special.

And when it came to staying connected with family and friends, Pam had a system all her own. She was known for keeping a schedule for her telephone conversations, making sure people had their designated times to call throughout the day and evening. In true Pam fashion, not everyone even knew there was a schedule! Her oldest son, Michael, discovered this only after her passing, bringing laughter and another treasured memory to the family.

One of Pam's most meaningful relationships was the special bond she shared with her only brother, Vincent Rash. Their connection was reflected in a beautiful daily tradition: speaking on the telephone twice a day, every single day. Those conversations represented the love, consistency, and importance of family that Pam valued throughout her life.

Pam was also a woman who cared deeply about her community. Although her health sometimes limited her ability to work, she found great joy serving as a foster grandparent at a local elementary school. She genuinely enjoyed spending time with the children, and they loved having her there. Her caring spirit extended beyond her own family, touching the lives of young people and neighbors alike.

Within her senior residential community, Pam was a familiar and cherished presence. She enjoyed being around people, and those around her enjoyed her company. Her outgoing personality, generosity, and love for conversation helped create meaningful connections wherever she was.

A Woman Who Trusted God
Above all, Pam was a woman of faith. Although physical challenges sometimes prevented her from attending church, they never prevented her from maintaining her relationship with God.

She found comfort and joy in listening to gospel music, watching gospel performances on YouTube, and spending time in prayer. Her faith was not confined to a church building; it was part of her everyday life.

Through the challenges she faced, Pam continued to trust in the Lord. As her family lovingly reflects, "It was God who kept her as long as He did."

And perhaps the greatest gift Pam leaves behind is the foundation of faith she instilled in her children.

Each of her six children shared a unique and personal relationship with their mother. They experienced different moments, different memories, and different lessons throughout their lives. Yet one message united them all:

"Trust God in everything."

This was more than advice from their mother. It was a guiding principle she shared with each of them, a lesson that will continue to live on through her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Her Loving Family and Legacy
Pamela was preceded in death by her loving parents, Clarence Rash and Hester Harper.

She leaves to cherish her memory her six children: Michael Rash, Latika Rash, Mayo Witty, Clarence Rash, Latasha Rash, and Ryan Perry; her 29 grandchildren; her 8 great-grandchildren; and her beloved brother, Vincent Rash.

She also leaves behind her loving niece and nephew, cousins, extended family members, cherished friends, and neighbors. To many throughout her community, she was affectionately known as "Aunt Pam," a name that reflected the special place she held in their hearts. Her love and welcoming spirit reached beyond family ties, making others feel like part of her family.

Forever in Our Hearts
Pam will be remembered for her laughter, her outspoken personality, her generous heart, her love for good food, her devotion to family, and her unwavering faith in God.

Her home may no longer be the gathering place it once was, but the love and memories created there will remain in the hearts of those who knew her.

Her telephone conversations may have come to an end, but the stories, laughter, and lessons she shared will continue to be told for generations.

And while each of her children will carry different memories of their mother, they will forever share the same foundation she gave them.

Trust God in everything.

Rest peacefully, Pam. Your love remains, your legacy continues, and your memory will forever be cherished.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Parting View

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
Proverbs 31:25–28 · Ahyawnna Devine Rash

Scripture Reading
New Testament
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 · Kimani Jackson

Prayer
Clergy

Selection
"Deliver Me"

Acknowledgements & Reflections
Debbie Harper Hughley

Selection
"Smile"

The Eulogy
Elder Derek Baumann

Benediction

Recessional