



Pamela Joy Nelson

February 26, 1954 - January 29, 2026

NELSON -Pamela Joy Nelson, age 71 of Suwanee, GA passed away on Thursday January 29, 2026. A Funeral Service will be held at the Tabernacle International Church, 270 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA, on Saturday February 7, 2026, at 3:00 PM, with Mr. Scott Myers. Interment will follow at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, Lawrenceville, GA. Visitation will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday February 7, 2026, prior to the service at the Tabernacle International Church. Pamela along with her husband Bill owned Nelson Business Products for 24 years. She loved spending time cooking, quilting, crafting and being with her family. Pamela is preceded in death by her mother Patricia Joy (Manning) Murrell and father Gary Luke Gasaway. She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years Bill Nelson, son Shane (Angie) Laugherty, son Jason Laugherty, granddaughter Daphne Laugherty, granddaughter Abby Laugherty, sister Cindy (John) Gasaway, brother-in-law Kenneth (Christy) Nelson and nephew Austin Nelson. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770.962.3100. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com <<http://www.stewartfh.com>>.

Cemetery Details

East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens

87 Scenic Highway
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle International Church
270 Simonton Rd SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(770) 963-3135

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pamela Joy Nelson*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - February 04 at 09:18 AM

KH

Thoughts and prayers to you and your family Bill. Sincerest condolences from Medeco.

Kelly Hartman - February 12 at 01:25 PM

JR

wow, what an amazing and beautiful smile. Lots of great pictures of your family. God Bless you all

Jeff Reagan - February 12 at 03:06 PM

RS

“ *I was so saddened to hear about Pamela. My heart goes out to you all during this devastating time. Sending you love and strength.*

Robert Stanionis - February 19 at 11:09 AM

AK

“ *Condolences to you Bill on the loss of your wife from me as well as everyone here at Eastern Data.*

Al Kersey - February 19 at 10:39 AM

DW

“ 1 file added to the album 1 Corinthians 13:13



D and D West - February 17 at 10:14 AM

“ Growing up with Pam by Cindy Gasaway, her sister

Growing up with Pam was one grand adventure after another. As I recall, being a little younger than her, she was a “hoot” to watch and be a part of her escapades. Pam was always an influencer. As far back as I can remember she had four distinct careers: (1) preacher, (2) dentist, (3) newspaper publisher, and (4) a wife, mother, grandmother, and business owner. Let me explain:

Preacher:

She began her Preaching career at the age of seven. Being raised a Southern Baptist in Hobbs, New Mexico, she knew what it took to preach, bring sinners to their knees, and make them repent. One particular day during summer vacation, Pam called all of the neighbor kids together for a good old-fashioned revival, and to bring their money. She insisted that I pass the offering plate around for any spare change from the kids, to help defray the costs of her sermon preparation. As the children gathered and sat in the dirt in a vacant field, she began preaching and raising her little black bible high-in-the-sky, to tell the crowd of the beautiful life we could have if we accepted Jesus as our savior. She began pacing in front of her audience and increased her fervor knowing this might be the only time she could capture her audience and save their souls. “If you don’t want to go to hell, you must accept Jesus as your savior, RIGHT NOW!”, she yelled. Multiple times, trying to get the message across. Pam explained what hell was, in detail, and to avoid burning in hell, they needed to “get right with God”. The kids began to cry and quickly ran to their homes crying and wailing that they didn’t want to burn in hell.

Pam did not want to lose her congregation but hoped she had scared the fear of God into them and that they would ask Jesus to save their souls. We collected the offering cash and went into the house. That’s when the phone started ringing.

Neighborhood moms began calling our mother asking, “What in the world did Pam do to scare their children? They are crying about going to hell!” As mom got off the phone with multiple calls, she abruptly ended Pam’s preaching career.

Dentist:

Several years after Pam's ministry ended, she leaned into Dentistry. At nine years old she decided to pursue oral hygiene and dental health as a full-time summer career. We lived in the perfect house with a side gate and separate entrance for neighborhood kids to get their teeth cleaned and checked for any signs of tooth decay. As her six-year-old dental assistant, I was told to wear a white dress, white hat, and schedule the appointments for Dr. Pam. The children in the neighborhood were ready, willing and able to line up and have their teeth examined. It was a lot of fun! Kids were ushered in to see the doctor and came out with either a good report or advice on improving their brushing habits. There were a few kids that needed tooth extractions. Some of their teeth were on the edge of being loose and Pam took care of pulling those, you know, to help out the tooth fairy. However, a few patients participated in premature extractions. That evening the phone began to ring and our mom fielded calls from concerned parents. Pam's dental practice was immediately closed.

Newspaper Publisher:

Pam's third professional career that same summer grew as she obtained a small, black typewriter, equipped with an inked ribbon, paper, and carbon paper for making copies. At nine years old, Pam dreamed of becoming a media mogul and helping bring neighbors together through communication. She enlisted me to sell her local newspaper throughout the neighborhood; I believe the price was about 5 cents a copy. Pam would put on her reporter's hat with the word PRESS displayed on the brim, literally, and walk through the neighborhood listening for stories, interviewing kids and noting items of interest, you know...anything that would sell the papers. After jotting down the information, she would return to her home office and begin typing the next edition. One particular day, while interviewing a friend, it was discovered the child's parents had engaged in an argument the night before. I believe the word, "DIVORCE" was feared and speculation ensued. Details of the fight were revealed, and Pam finally had a newsworthy front-page story. She typed the story with accuracy using specific quotes, just to

make sure it was good reporting. She made multiple copies, I sold them and we were quite pleased with that edition. That evening the phone started ringing. As mom faced multiple concerns from parents, Pam's publishing career ended that night.

Wife, mother, grandmother, and business owner:

After multiple attempts at careers, Pam's enterprising spirit never waned. The experience of childhood startups and failed business attempts provided her with the experience needed to take on her best achievements of all: being a wife, mother, grandmother, and business owner. Her pride and joy were Shane and Jason. Two boys that kept her busy and were filled with multiple funny stories, you will need to ask them about their mom stuffing the Christmas tree up the chimney, lighting it on fire and the fire department coming to the front door to report that the roof was on fire. She eventually became a grandmother, known as Big Mama to Daphne and Abby.

When she met Bill Nelson, they began a 40-year marriage filled with love, entertainment, and successfully started Nelson Business Products. Along with Bill, Pam was able to tie together her experience of (1) preaching the golden rule with ethical and moral values, (2) her skills of dentistry by keeping the business clean and shiny, (3) not doing anything you would not want in the news, and (4) having her family involved in the business.

Pam's ability to take multiple skills and interests says it all, "That girl could do anything she set her mind to", while preaching, reporting, keeping it clean. By the way, she had a great set of teeth!

Cindy Gasaway - February 09 at 04:48 PM

“ *Bill and Pam’s Love Story*

I met Pam when she came riding up on a bicycle to my Pizza shop in The Colony Texas in 1984. She had recently gotten divorced and just moved to The Colony with her 2 boys. She had worked for Dominos in California and we were pioneering pizza delivery so it seemed like the perfect fit. I was smitten with her from the start. She had a spirit about her that was unique. She was going to do whatever it took to keep her little family together (meaning her, Shane and Jason). It was the kind of commitment that I wanted in my life. I come from a divorced family where the kids did not matter. She worked for me for a year before we ever got together. She didn’t want another kid to raise (I was 21 at the time) and I didn’t want all that responsibility that comes with a ready made family. But the attraction was undeniable. We decided to make the commitment to each other and blasted out there. She sat me down to talk to me in those first few months and told me if I was going be with her and be a dad to those boys, that I needed to get out of pizza and get a day job. She said I had talent and could anything and do better than I was doing making pizzas. This woman really believed in me! When I didn’t believe in myself. I got a job in sales at a printer supply company and in a short amount of time, found out I had a gift and soon was the top salesman at the company. After a couple of year’s I was offered a position to pioneer a branch office in New Jersey. I took it. We packed up everything we owned in a 24ft U-Haul and off we went. At the end of the first day of driving, we hit some really nasty storms coming out of Nashville. We got to Harriman TN, spotted a Holiday Inn and completely worn out decided to stop for the night. I checked into the motel and started to drive that big U-Haul around the building. Not really thinking about how tall the truck was I clipped the canopy overhanging the entrance. Pam immediately said “keep going they’ll never notice”. I did just that. We got up around to the back of the hotel and parked. I got out and looked and a piece of the canopy was on the top of the truck and I said to Pam – “Honey – I think they’ll notice”. We lasted 1 year in New Jersey before we became home sick for the South. I was selling to people who are like me now (meaning

computer supplies dealers) and they would tell me “Bill, your good at this but the only way you ever really make it is to sell to the end user and own your own business. So at 25 I had this goal in mind. I asked Pam if she wanted to back to Texas and she said “No – there’s nothing in Texas except ex husbands and old girlfriends - we’re going somewhere else.” I told her we could make it anywhere but asked that she pick a big city so I would have plenty of people to call on. She thought for a minute and then said “You know I really like Scarlet O’Hara and Gone with the Wind – let’s go to Atlanta.” So we went to Atlanta.

Since we didn’t have any money, I had to work for other people for years to build some equity to finance the company. In 2002 my boss let it leak that they were trying to sell the business which meant they were trying to sell me with it. I knew it was time but I was scared. And there’s Pam – with no fear - she said to me “Go quit your job! TODAY! I don’t want to be living with you 10 years from now with you crying in your beer because you didn’t have the guts to try. Now go quit your job!” So I left the house and went and quit my job and we started Nelson Business Products. We did well from the start and have had the business running for 24 years.

Pam had many titles like Big Mamma, Mom, Georgia Peach and most importantly – The Queen. Pam was the most domestic, old fashioned person that I ever met. She was extremely crafty and creative. One of her passions / hobbies was making cards for people. She would use rubber stamps to create greeting cards and note cards. She even made wedding invitations for folks. And her cards were absolutely stunning. And she could cook! When the boys were in school, we had a home cooked meal every night. Fried chicken, chicken fried steak, pot roast with mashed potatoes and gravy – country cooking at its finest. There was always an extra mouth or two at our table for dinner and there was always plenty of food to go around. She would bake cookies and bread – she was famous for her potato bread - mmm it was so good. When Daphne was a little girl, she sewed all of her clothes. And then she moved on to making quilts. She made hundreds of quilts – maybe thousands, I don’t even know. And for everyone of those quilts – she would sew the binding on by hand. I would say to her – it would

be so much faster to do that by machine and no one would ever know the difference. She would say back to me that she would know and that doing it by hand would make it more personal. That's just how she rolled. You'll notice the binding is done by hand if you look really close at her quilts on display here. We always had a vegetable garden and she would can tomatoes and sauces. I mean old fashioned water bath canning like her Grandmother used to make. Truly a pioneer woman. She had an amazing ability to focus and concentrate on whatever she was doing. That's what made her so good at whatever she tried. It was always my job to go make the money and she would keep the home fires burning bright. And she did.

And the last thing I want to say about Pam is that she was fiercely loyal to her family. And we are a pretty tight little group because of her. She instilled Holiday traditions in us that we cherish and will strive to keep going. And she marched to her own beat like no other and we loved her for it. And respected her, because she demanded it. We all stayed scared of her.

I'm really going to miss her. I know she's up there now quilting with the angels and probably giving them some shit.

Bill Nelson - February 09 at 04:46 PM

JR

And now I know the story of you guys and how Nelson Business Products came to be, so glad she was there to "gently" push you along. God Bless her

Jeff Reagan - February 12 at 10:11 AM

KH

Most heartfelt story I have ever read. It is great reading about how it all came to be and now I get to help your business as well.

Kelly Hartman - February 12 at 01:32 PM

SF

Bill, my heartfelt condolences, thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Pam was truly a saint in her own right! I know even in the few times I've spoken with her, she was a ray of sunshine that speaks of her faith. God Bless You!

Sam Foden - February 20 at 07:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.*



February 09 at 09:28 AM

KS

“ *Kelly Strauss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.*

Kelly Strauss - February 09 at 09:28 AM

JB

“ *Jennifer B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.*

Jennifer B. - February 07 at 11:15 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.*



February 06 at 08:04 PM

SP

“ Stephen Pazian purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Stephen Pazian - February 06 at 04:40 PM

SP

“ Stephen Pazian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Stephen Pazian - February 06 at 04:40 PM

MC

“ Michelle C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Michelle C. - February 06 at 04:19 PM

AB

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family at this most difficult time....
Angela Brown, City of Atlanta-Corrections.

Angela J. Brown - February 06 at 12:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 06 at 10:25 AM

MH

“ M. WHITE, T. HALL & S. HENDERSON purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



M. WHITE, T. HALL & S. HENDERSON - February 05 at 04:09 PM

SW

“ Savannah W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Savannah W. - February 05 at 03:58 PM

WF

“ Wilson family purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Wilson family - February 05 at 02:53 PM

WF

“ Wilson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Wilson family - February 05 at 02:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 05 at 11:44 AM



“ From, Dan Hauser and Dmitriy Stepanov planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

From, Dan Hauser and Dmitriy Stepanov - February 05 at 11:44 AM



“ Your friends at McCaltek purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Your friends at McCaltek - February 04 at 03:43 PM



“ LGE Community Credit Union purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



LGE Community Credit Union - February 04 at 02:54 PM

LU

“ LGE Community Credit Union planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

LGE Community Credit Union - February 04 at 02:54 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 04 at 02:16 PM

SA

“ My condolences to the family. I will miss you Pam (aka. Mocha). I'm thankful, that i have soo many great memories of you and us. You were a huge blessing to me and my son. I love you forever!. Sheila Avant

Sheila D Avant - February 04 at 11:20 AM

LM

“ Love, Your Family At TouchPoint Medical purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Love, Your Family At TouchPoint Medical - February 04 at 09:24 AM

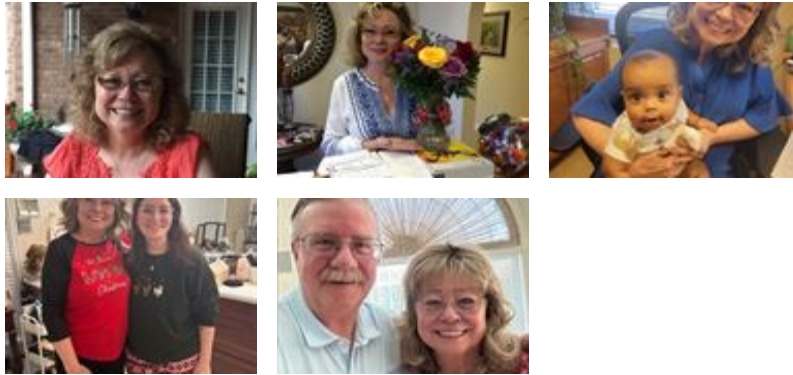
LM

“ Love, Your Family At TouchPoint Medical planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Love, Your Family At TouchPoint Medical - February 04 at 09:24 AM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - February 04 at 09:15 AM

JP

“ James Peavy purchased the Simply Elegant Spat *hiphyllum* for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



James Peavy - February 03 at 03:49 PM

TM

“ Tyrone McCray lit a candle in memory of Pamela Joy Nelson



Tyrone McCray - February 03 at 03:13 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 03 at 02:05 PM

CJ

“ Cindy and John purchased the Heavenly Grace S pray for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Cindy and John - February 03 at 12:55 PM

CJ

“ Cindy and John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Cindy and John - February 03 at 12:55 PM

SR

“ Steve Ruth & Sandy Ryan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Steve Ruth & Sandy Ryan - February 03 at 12:32 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 03 at 12:12 PM

FE

“ From Mama Bess and Daddy Ernie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

From Mama Bess and Daddy Ernie - February 03 at 12:12 PM

IY

“ Irem Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Irem Y. - February 03 at 08:41 AM

-T

“ - The Jireh Supplies Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



- The Jireh Supplies Team - February 02 at 08:40 PM

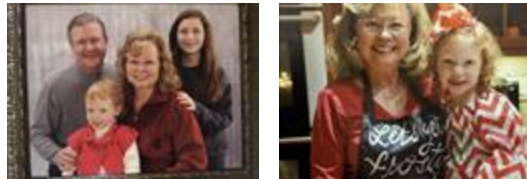
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“ - The Jireh Supplies Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

- The Jireh Supplies Team - February 02 at 08:40 PM

CG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Gasaway - February 02 at 07:03 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Gasaway - February 02 at 06:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 02 at 05:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 02 at 04:51 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



February 02 at 12:31 PM



“ Orion L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Orion L. - February 02 at 12:31 PM

SZ

“ Sending love & prayers to the Nelson Family. Pam was a wonderful person and always had a smile on her face. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

With love and sympathy

The Zerges Family

Shawn C. Zerges - February 01 at 07:35 PM

DW

“ Our thoughts of Pam: sweet, loving, kind, generous. Our hearts are with you. Love to you all as you make your way through each day of this painful loss. D & D West, Garland Texas

Dave & Debbie West - February 01 at 02:04 PM

PB

“ Shane and Jason and Bill. I am so sorry your heart break. I loved Pam as my dear cousin. She will be missed. We had some memorable times as children growing up. Pam was older and Cindy was younger. Love to all of you.

Penny Grissom Bonnot - January 31 at 12:05 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



January 30 at 09:23 PM

JP

“ Jenny, Michelle, and Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Jenny, Michelle, and Pam - January 30 at 09:23 PM

PB

“ Penny Bonnot purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Penny Bonnot - January 30 at 08:43 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your wife Bill, the loss of your Mother Shane and Jason and the loss of your Big Mama Daphne and Abby. I will miss my very best friend, Love and Hugs to all

Michelle Countess - January 30 at 06:16 PM

TJ

“ Tara and Jennifer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pamela Joy Nelson.



Tara and Jennifer - January 30 at 06:03 PM

TJ

“ Tara and Jennifer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Joy Nelson.

Tara and Jennifer - January 30 at 06:03 PM