



Pamela Murphy Grode

September 23, 1967 - March 5, 2017

Pamela Murphy Grode, 49, of Hendersonville died Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Pardee Hospital.

Pam was born to Roberta “Bertie” Murphy and Charles “Chuck” Murphy in Riverside, NJ, a beautiful dark-haired, brown-eyed baby girl with grandparents and many aunts and uncles on both sides of the family. We soon learned that Pam was blind in one eye but she never let that hold her back. She was a good athlete that especially loved soccer and cheerleading. Pam was as extroverted and friendly as they come. All who knew her enjoyed Pam’s great sense of humor and playfulness. She grew up in Atlanta, Georgia where she still has many friends and family; although she spent the last few years of her life in the Hendersonville, NC area near her mother.

When Pam was a young woman she acquired a new step-mother, Laura Murphy, and a new step-father, David Woods, and eventually a half-brother, Charlie. She loved all of her family very much and delighted especially in the women circle of Gram Murphy and Aunts Vanessa and Corinne who supported her throughout her life.

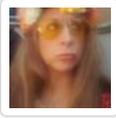
Pam worked in various hospitality jobs in the restaurant industry, beauty salons and animal care facilities. She loved all animals, especially dogs. She was preceded in death by her beloved black labs, Parker and Ranger. She was always willing to pet sit in order to surround herself with the affection of animals. Pam was a great cook and enjoyed preparing meals for family and friends. She also enjoyed gardening and nurturing just about anything and anyone. She was often the life of the party, the center of attention, and had the biggest heart in the room.

Pam faced a lot of physical and emotional set-backs in her life, but came through everything with resilience and determination. She died with two artificial hips, a titanium shoulder and fused vertebrae. These surgeries caused a lot of pain that she usually met with good humor and a lot of patience. But Pam’s body finally gave out, too soon for all who loved her. She is in peace now, probably with her sweet animals and comforted by

the loving God she prayed to so often. She will be missed by her friends and family.

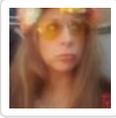
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Pam had a heart for anyone that needed help.

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“ Pam was brave, fun and crazy at the same time. She tried to teach me to drive in her green Renault "Le Car" in high school. That was never a good idea on busy streets because we (more her than me) would end up laughing so hard! Some credit to her and some to Mr. Chesna the drivers Ed teacher at North Fulton High I eventually got my license. She used to try to talk like us southern folks but often she would get mad and the New Jersey would come out! That is if we weren't talking like the famous 1980s

"Valley Girl", fer sure! She would say "That is like groddy to the max".....

I did not see her for many years and a couple of years ago I did! Same girl. Funny as heck. We picked up where we left off like zero time passed. That is Pam!

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“ I've been lighting white candles since I learned of Pam's passing and just think of all of her beauty, humor and her maturity at the end of her life. She was a bright light who suffered way too much for anyone to have to endure. She never complained, was always upbeat in the face of of real pain and took the high road. Her's was not a life any of us would have chosen, but she managed it with the utmost of humility and grace. I will miss her more than I can ever say. She is so deeply in my heart and there is no question that we shared a deep bond that will never go away. Rest in Peace beautiful Pam. Let your spirit be free of the earthly bonds that held you here. I am blessed to have had you in my life. I love you like life itself.
Your friend, your mentor and your pal, Vanessa



Vanessa Murphy - March 08, 2017 at 06:49 PM