



## Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin

December 27, 1942 - November 10, 2024

Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin, 81, of Indianapolis, passed away November 10, 2024. She was born December 27, 1942 in Beech Grove, IN, to the late Herman Lewis and Elizabeth “Betty” (King) Beem. Pam was a 1961 graduate of Arsenal Technical High School. She was a proud State of Indiana employee, working as an administrative assistant for 32 years before retiring in 2009. Pam was a long time member of Irvington Presbyterian Church, where she was active in various groups over the years. Pam enjoyed being social and often met up with friends and family at her favorite restaurants. Pam loved traveling and receiving postcards from her family members on their various travels. She likely received over 100 postcards over the years. Pam loved flowers, diligently watering her potted plants on her porch every day throughout the Spring and Summer to ensure her house was bright and cheerful. Pam was an avid home decorator. She especially loved decorating for the holidays. Pam had a decoration for every season and every surface in her house. She loved staying up late watching movies and TV shows, especially shows on HGTV. A lifelong shopper, Pam loved to shop for her home, as well as for her family. Known affectionately as “Ma” by her grandchildren, she was always buying gifts for those she loved. Pam had a special style, always matching her outfits and jewelry to the seasons and holidays. Pam had earrings for every occasion. Pam’s family was very important to her, and she loved visiting and spending time with them most of all.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 14, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street. Funeral services will be Friday, November 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Avenue, Indianapolis. An additional visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service. Pam is survived by her loving husband of 15 years, Patrick Durkin; brother, Lewis Beem; sons, Jeffrey (Deborah) Emminger, Scott (Joan) Emminger, and Christopher Ayres; grandchildren, Tyler Walker, Karen Emminger, Sarah Emminger, Tristan Emminger, and Rachel Emminger; and great-grandchildren, Chloe Walker and Liam Walker. She is preceded in death by her first husband, James Emminger; and her second husband, Robert Ayres, Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made in Pam's honor to the Irvington Presbyterian Church Endowment, 55 Johnson Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219 or online at <https://www.irvpresby.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park

9350 E Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Irvington Presbyterian Church  
55 Johnson Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

## Funeral Service

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Irvington Presbyterian Church  
55 Johnson Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46219



# Tribute Wall

CE

“ Charles Ellison lit a candle in memory of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin



Charles Ellison - November 15, 2024 at 11:40 AM

AA

“ Ann A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.

Ann A. - November 14, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.



November 14, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.



November 13, 2024 at 09:50 PM

DP

“ Daryl Palmer lit a candle in memory of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin



Daryl Palmer - November 13, 2024 at 08:27 PM

DP

Sad to hear of Pam's passing. Prayers for family and friends.

Daryl Palmer - November 13, 2024 at 08:28 PM

YS

“ Your friends from Tarkington SE1 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.



Your friends from Tarkington SE1 - November 13, 2024 at 08:17 PM

YS

“ Your friends from Tarkington SE1 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.

Your friends from Tarkington SE1 - November 13, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.*



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November 13, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *Fr. Dan Durkin & the Allmandingers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.*



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**Fr. Dan Durkin & the Allmandingers** - November 13, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ *In her memory and condolences to her family.*  
*Walt Linne*

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**Walter P Linne** - November 13, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.*



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November 12, 2024 at 06:48 PM



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

November 12, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ Marianne lit a candle in memory of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin



**Marianne** - November 12, 2024 at 05:12 PM



*She was a very nice lady. My condolences to her family.*

**Marianne** - November 12, 2024 at 05:13 PM



*Pam Beem and I were friends since our toddler years living on Tacoma Ave and then Oakland Ave. We continued our friendship through out the years. Saw each other at Irish dance recitals or just at various functions throughout the years. Pam always had a smile on her face, a joy to know. Pam's father always kept Emerson Ave. from 16th to 21st street clean and subsequently the city named it the Herman Beem area. There may still be a placque there honoring him. Her mother, Betty Beem volunteered at Community Hospital for many years. Great people!*

**Connie Heneghan** - November 13, 2024 at 01:56 PM



*She was a very special employee to Gary. Our visits we always special.*

**Barb Couch** - November 13, 2024 at 09:21 PM

CD

“ *Cooks from next door purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pamela Sue Ayres Durkin.*



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**Cooks from next door** - November 12, 2024 at 04:34 PM