



Pamela Mary Bradford Volk

July 29, 1953 - January 20, 2026

Pamela Mary Bradford Volk, age 72, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2026, in Leesburg, Florida, surrounded by love, with her children David Volk, Kathryn Volk, and Amy (Volk) Palomaki holding her hands.

Pamela was born on July 29, 1953, in Toledo, Ohio, to Brian and Ethel Bradford. She grew up in Ottawa Hills, where she met her future husband, Thomas Volk. Pam graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1975. Pam and Tom married on May 29, 1976, beginning a lifelong partnership rooted in family, and shared adventures in support of their pretty awesome children and grandchildren.

Pam and Tom raised three children: David (born 1978), Amy (born 1981), and Kathryn (born 1985). Family life soon became centered around a shared passion for horses. Pamela loved horses deeply and spent countless hours at barns and shows, happily watching her children train and compete as the family traveled across the country at a high level of competition. This passion eventually led to the purchase of a horse farm in Blissfield, Michigan, where the family kept horses for many years. Pamela also delighted in caring for her two miniature donkeys, whom she adored.

As her children grew and began their own careers, the family stepped away from horses, sold the farm, and returned to Toledo. Pamela and Tom later

began wintering in Florida at the Riverbend Luxury RV Resort. Pamela's love for Florida quickly grew, and she soon made it her full-time home—first in Punta Gorda and later in The Villages—embracing an active, social lifestyle and making friends wherever she went. She was frequently joined in her adventures by her sister-in-law Susan Volk-Sizemore, and her brother David Bradford (Cindy) of The Villages, Florida.

Pamela treasured her role as an aunt and remained closely connected with her nieces and nephews, all of whom she was immensely proud. Above all, she adored being a grandmother. She shared a special bond with her grandchildren, Nora and Miles Hall. Pamela loved accompanying Nora to the horse barn and horse shows and was equally devoted to cheering on Miles at his hockey games.

An energetic and outgoing spirit, Pamela enjoyed card games, Scrabble, and playing pickleball both recreationally and competitively, participating in numerous tournaments. She was always busy, always social, and always forming meaningful connections. Her love for animals extended beyond her own pets, leading her to volunteer at local animal shelters where she cared for cats in need.

Pamela was preceded in death by her brother, Brian Kay Bradford II, and her parents, Brian Kay Bradford and Ethel Beatrice (Earl) Bradford.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Volk; her children, David Volk, Amy (Eric) Palomaki, and Kathryn Volk; her grandchildren, Nora and Miles; and her brothers, Dennis Bradford, Doug Bradford (Elena), David Bradford (Cindy), and Brian Bradford III (Hope).

Pamela will be remembered for her warmth, her boundless love for family and animals, her adventurous spirit, and her ability to make friends wherever life

took her. She leaves behind a legacy of devotion, compassion, and joy that will live on in all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Pamela's memory to local animal shelters or animal rescue organizations. Pamela's lifelong love of animals and her dedication to volunteering and caring animals in need made this cause especially close to her heart.

A memorial service will be held on March 7th, 2026 at Christ Presbyterian Church 4225 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo, Oh. 43623. There will be a service in the chapel at 1PM, followed by a reception until 4pm.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Presbyterian Church
4225 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43623

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Just learned of Pam's passing. A lot of memories from high school and OWU. Whenever we chatted it was like time hadn't moved, she was such a stable constant. ...Tom Brooks

Tom Brooks - February 20 at 11:06 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all of the Bradfords and Volks...I dated Pam through most of our years at Ohio Wesleyan and truly loved her for so many reasons. Thanks to social media, we were able to reconnect later in life and share highlights of our lives with each other - I was always impressed with what she did with hers. RIP, Pam... You were loved...

Don Slobodien - February 02 at 08:32 AM

JG

“ My family was honored to call Pam a friend and fellow "Barn Crew" during many shared equestrian experiences. Her love for animals is so evident in her children and grandkids, who she adored. We will miss her.

Joan Grundey - January 25 at 09:56 AM

CW

“ It was an honor to share so many wonderful conversations and meaningful moments with Pam during the 4-H events where my kids and her grandkids grew side by side. She showed up for her family with her whole heart, always present, always steady, and she passed down her animal wisdom to the generation coming after her.

To her daughter, Amy, may you find comfort in the memories you hold—knowing she lived a life of love, purpose, and devotion to the people she cherished.

Christy Wackler - January 25 at 06:36 AM

HB

“ Pam was a wonderful sister to Brian and an amazing aunt to both of my children, and she will be deeply missed. I am so grateful for the time we shared and will treasure those moments forever.

Hope Bradford - January 23 at 08:35 PM

BB

“ My favorite sister comforted and protected me during many difficult times. She always smiled even when I thought the sky was falling. She steered me out of the storms and calmed me when I raged. I am flawed, but for her I'd be much worse. Hopefully she positively touched your life as she did mine and so many others. Together we can keep her memory alive with smiles and compassion for all we encounter.

Brian Bradford - January 22 at 11:00 PM

JM

“ Hi Tom: I was so sorry to hear about Pam’s passing. I have nothing but great memories of our times together in the horse world! Please share my condolences with David, Amy and Catherine. Keeping you all in my thoughts.

Jane Mort

Jane Mort - January 22 at 06:51 PM

EB

“ Sincere condolences from Eric and Linda Breidfjord to the Volk Family.

Eric and Linda Breidfjord - January 22 at 05:46 PM

JG

“ Tom, Lorrie and I were so shocked when Jeff shared the news of Pam's passing. Know we have nothing but great memories of Pam - friendly, down to earth, so easy to talk with, self-assured - and we're so glad the four of us could first be neighbors, then friends. A few memories stand out for me, but the one I'll always remember is the picture of you two from our 50's/60's party, you both happy with great smiles. With sincere sympathy to you, David, Amy, and Kathryn - you all, including Pam, will be in our prayers.

Joe Giannetti - January 22 at 04:23 PM