



## Pamela S. Diakun

October 15, 2019

Pamela (Sotiropoulos) Diakun, 63, of Glastonbury, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in Hartford surrounded by her loved ones. Pamela leaves behind her devoted husband John Louis Diakun, and their two children John and Jessica.

Born in Ipswich, MA on May 27, 1956, she was the daughter of the late Georgia (Argeropoulos) Sotiropoulos and the late Fotis A. Sotiropoulos. Pamela graduated from Ipswich High School in 1974 and Stonehill College in 1978. After college, Pamela worked with an engineering firm in Boston, MA while pursuing her master's degree.

She and her husband were married August 26, 1984 and moved to Glastonbury where Pamela devoted her life to raising their two children. For the last 15 years, Pamela worked proudly as a tutor at Manchester High School. She was predeceased by her father Fotis on July 3, 1984, her mother Georgia on September 25, 2013, and her sister Elaine on November 24, 2011.

A private funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd at the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Monday, October 21st, from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., with Trisagion at 6:30 P.M., at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 S. Main Street, West Hartford, relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Pamela's name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For directions and online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

# Events

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**OCT** **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home

1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT, US, 06110

# Comments

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“ 25, June, 2020

I was casually listening to the 6:00 pm news on WVIT today and heard a segment where a young lady was involved in a loving tribute to her mother. What caught my attention was the news that the person being honored was a tutor at Manchester High School and her last name was Diakun. Compelled to search further, I immediately and fearfully looked up the name of the only person I knew with that last name associated with MHS. and, unfortunately, it was that special and very dear friend and colleague that I had the pleasure of working with - Pam Diakun. I was a teacher in the Manchester school district and taught history and social studies at Manchester High for over 20 years. Pam was often a tutor that worked with several of my students. She was a welcomed presence in my classroom. We became fast friends. Her enthusiasm and humor was infectious. Pam was very dedicated to her role in the classroom and was an important asset. The students enjoyed her immensely and even wrote a song about her - "Lady in the Cashmere Sweater..." Her true talent however, was making every student feel special. I had the honor of working with Pam Diakun for several years and admired her love of family, her laughter, and, above all, her exuberance.

We also saw each other often in a local gym where she displayed the same passion for physical fitness as she did as an educator in the classroom. Working out and discussing classroom issues were something we both enjoyed sharing. She was so proud of her husband and children. Indeed, I never met them, but I clearly knew them. She shared her illness with me and, with the same indomitable spirit, she attempted to maintain her regimen. Indeed, when her presence in the gym became more infrequent, it was apparent that her health was threatened. I looked for her every time I went to the gym and asked about her status to all those who knew her - all to no avail. It was only today 25, June, 2020 that I learned of her departure. I am saddened and silenced.

To her family I wish to say Pam was an amazing and tremendous spirit, so committed to her students, her family, and those of us that were blessed with working together with her. There is so much that I could write about her and still leave much unsaid. I know she has left a void at Manchester High School for all those who also knew her. Her smile and zest for life will forever be a beacon for her memory. I was truly enriched by being her colleague.

Thank you, Pammy!

Robert E. Cooper  
Retired MHS teacher and her friend.



“ I am sad to hear your family has lost a wonderful mom. I taught Jess in middle school and i remember Pam at conference time, one of the first to sign up, (never was a need to worry with Jessie!) and wanting the best for her daughter, always conscientious and wanting her girl to excel.

Jessica, I hope amazing memories help buoy you till you find the peace that comes with the comfort of time.

Martha Stepnowski

**Martha Stepnowski** - October 30, 2019 at 08:02 AM