



Pamela Finn Rainwater

December 4, 1941 - June 14, 2021

Pamela Finn Rainwater, of Knoxville, TN, passed away peacefully Monday, June 14, 2021, at NHC Fort Sanders. Pamela, born December 4, 1941 in Memphis, TN, was a graduate of Loudon County (TN) High School and an alumna of Carson–Newman College (now University) from which she earned her BA in Music Education. She also earned a MFA in Theatre from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Pamela retired from the Knox County School System after 35 years as music teacher and bookkeeper at Bearden Elementary and was simultaneously assigned teaching music at Rocky Hill Elementary in the last years of her tenure. In addition, Pamela participated in both Knoxville Opera and UT's Clarence Brown Theatre productions as well as teaching private piano lessons. Pamela served as church organist for Loudon First Baptist Church and Erin Presbyterian Church. Proceeded in death by her mother Freda Cox, father Pope Finn, step–father Watson Cox, sister Diane Cochran, step–brother Matthew Finn, and son J. Christopher Rainwater. Survived by step–mother Linda Finn, step–sister Jennifer Finn, son John M. Rainwater, granddaughter Jessica Rainwater, grandsons Kyle Charnley, Michael Charnley, and Nolan Rainwater, and nephew Stephen Cochran. A private service will be held in Savannah, TN. Arrangements by Rose Funeral and Cremation – Mann. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.rosefuneraltn.com>.

Comments



“ Mrs. Rainwater was my music teacher at Bearden Elementary from 1987-1992. I did not realize until I was much older how lucky we were to have a teacher so committed to giving us the experience of participating in musicals, choirs, and talent shows. I still remember Mrs. Rainwater looking at me and telling me I would be the Fairy Princess in our 2nd grade musical, and how excited I was to play that role. She established my lifelong love of music and gave me my first experience of singing in a choir, which I still love doing to this day. My deepest condolences to the family.

Stephanie Casey Pierce - June 27 at 10:35 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Pam's passing. My children and I all took piano lessons from her and we benefitted incredibly from the music knowledge that she imparted. She was a treasure at Bearden Elementary School. My condolences to the family
Linda Holton

Linda Holton - June 26 at 09:46 PM



“ I'm so sorry for this incredible loss. I'm both heartbroken and overwhelmed with joyous memories! Mrs. Rainwater was my first music teacher and instilled in me a lifelong appreciation for all types of music and a passion for singing! I went on to study music education in college, and I'll never forget the impact she had on me as a young girl at Bearden Elementary and beyond! I can only imagine the beauty of that Angel Choir at her Homecoming. Thank you to her family for sharing her with us all those years.

-Kristina (Schliesman) Daloia

Kristina Daloia - June 25 at 03:51 PM



“ Mrs. Rainwater was a legend for all of us that attended Bearden Elementary. She taught us so much! I can still sing many of the songs we learned in our music class, but nothing compares to our musicals that she painstakingly produced for 4th-6th grades. She was always so positive and had boundless amounts of energy. Chris was in our class. I had no idea he had passed and I'm so sorry to lose that brother of BHS 1984! Thinking of you, Mark and all your family. God Bless Pamela Rainwater! Love, Rachel Watts...along with my siblings Becky, Hannah and Bud.

Rachel Trentham - June 24 at 06:44 PM



“ My condolences to Pam's family. She was an amazing lady and beloved by her wide assortment of friends. I was a babysitter for Mark and Chris in the late 1960s. My mom was a part of the teachers' group with Pam at Bearden Elementary and they became life long friends. Such wonderful memories of a life well lived.

Michelle Stephens



Michelle Stephens - June 24 at 01:02 PM



“ To Mark and his family. I'm so sorry to hear about your mom, and I had no idea Chris had died. Your mom was a great music teacher, and I have such respect for her for putting on all those plays. Beth Key, Claire Brandau, and I would ask each other every now and then if we knew where Chris was. Sincerely, Susan Finger Beasley

Susan Beasley - June 24 at 12:41 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Mrs. Rainwater was my music teacher at Bearden Elementary as well as my piano teacher for many years. I have such fond memories of her and how firm but kind she was.

Kathy McGinley - June 24 at 06:46 AM