



# Pamela Ann Legendre

AUG 27, 1953 - FEB 19, 2016



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## **Pamela Ann Legendre**

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**P**amela Ann Legendre passed away on Friday, February 19, 2016 in her home in Covington, Louisiana at the age of 62. She was born in Hotel Dieu on August 27, 1953 growing up in New Orleans and in Little Farms. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oneal and Rita Legendre and is survived by her siblings Patty (Charlie) Justice, Steve (Gigi) Legendre, Charlie (Jane) Legendre, and Celeste (Tommy) Thompson. She is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews Anne Yvette and Rick Legendre, Oneal (Tiffany) and Michael (Kelsey) Legendre, Will and Olivia Thompson, and Caitlin and Baldwin Justice. Pam attended Saint Matthew the Apostle elementary school and graduated from Dominican High School in 1972. She attended Spring Hill College for one year and then went on to the University of New Orleans where she would earn Bachelor degrees in Music Education and Piano Performance and Master Degrees in Piano and Drama. Pam developed into an exceptional pianist, accompanist, vocal coach and conductor holding musical and choral director positions at the University of New Orleans, Loyola University, Tulane University, Tulane Summer Lyric Theater, St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church and Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre among others. Pam also conducted the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra in its Family Discovery Series and Nutcracker ballet productions. In the words of one of her colleagues, Pam was “an institution in New Orleans musical theater.” In 2001, Pam left the city to become the artistic director for The Corps of Discovery, A Musical Journey, an opera commissioned by the University of Missouri. She would later take on teaching positions at the University of Missouri and at Columbia Catholic School. Recognized as a demanding teacher and exacting conductor, she was equally noted for her character, care and concern for others and for her disarming wit. For the last two years, Pam has served joyfully as a music teacher and choral director at Saint Scholastica Academy in Covington.



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A funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel on the Saint Scholastica campus, 122 S. Massachusetts St., Covington, LA 70433 at noon on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until noon.

Pam's family would like to thank the Saint Scholastica Academy School community for embracing her as family in her brief tenure.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Scholastica Academy.

Share a memory on the tribute wall at [ejfieldingfh.com](http://ejfieldingfh.com).




# Events

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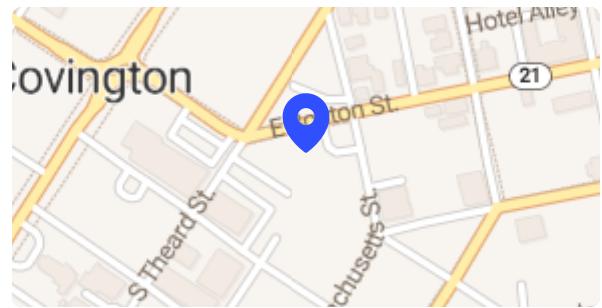
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 27, 2016

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT


 **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel At St. Scholastica Academy**

122 S. Massachusetts St., Covington LA 70433



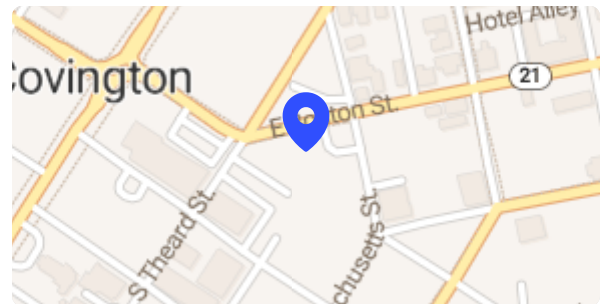
## Funeral Mass

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AN

**B** posted:

Pam Legendre was my opera teacher at the University of Missouri. Working with her was like walking into the eye of a hurricane; awesome orchestrated chaos. Ms. Pam made an indelible impression on me with her incredibly high standards and expert musicianship and stage direction. I'm sorry to hear about her passing really and truly, but I know that she lives on in the musical lives of all the students she touched. You are missed!

January 2 at 8:44 AM

BB

**Bill & Barrie Boutall** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to the Legendre family. I have many fond memories of our good times at Percy Quinn. Bill & Barrie Boutall

March 7 at 3:31 PM

JR

**John Rohr** posted:

Pam and I were undergraduate classmates at UNO. She played piano at a Friday afternoon student recital on the first composition I had performed. She later performed on my masters composition recital in 1985 as an accompanist on three art songs. At the end of the performance of the songs, a member of the audience leaned over to me and said, "That was gripping." I thought at that time, and today, that the art songs were the highlight of the recital. No subsequent performance of the songs created so strong an audience impact. Pam had intuitive musical instincts that allowed her to merge the intentions of a composer with the potential of a performer to create a dramatic experience for the listener. She was an astounding talent. My last contact with Pam was at the time of the Le Petit Theater performance of "Scrooge". She provided free tickets to me and my young niece. Pam will always hold a special place in my heart. My sympathies are with Pam's family. John Rohr

March 3 at 7:10 PM



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KW

**Kenneth Williams** posted:

My sincere condolences to Pam's siblings and nieces and nephews. I know you will miss her terribly. I was a friend and classmate at UNO many years ago. I have many fond memories of her, but mostly I remember how important her family was to her. She was the life of the party with her imitations of Jackie Gleason and Carol Burnett and of course her performances of her signature aria, "Queen of the Night." We shared a love for learning and enjoyed exciting moments as young musicians. I hope you will all find comfort during this time of sadness in each other and in your wonderful memories of Pam. Ken Williams

February 27 at 6:13 AM

RM

**Ritamay And Eddie Mire** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Legendre family.



February 26 at 6:31 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Amazing Arboricola to the Legendre family.



February 26 at 3:56 PM

MB

**Mary Ann Bulla** posted:

What a loss of a superior talent in the music community. Pam and I go a long way back, beginning at UNO in the 1970's when I was her piano teacher for her Bachelor's degree and later for her Master's degree. She was one of the first Piano Performance majors in the young Department of Music and thereby was one of my first "babies". We grew very close and had many wonderful times together outside the studio as well as in her lessons. I will always cherish the memories of those days and all the later ones that followed. She meant so much to so many and my heart is heavy for her loss. My deepest sympathy to her family. I remember her parents well and pray that they are all together again now and that she is conducting a choir of angels !! My love to you, Pam. Mary Ann Bulla

February 26 at 2:49 PM



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**Elizabeth Wegmann** posted:

Pam taught me the meaning of musical theater she had a way of finding the music in every one she met and I consider myself very very fortunate to have worked with her.. What a great loss... My sincere condolences to family and friends. Elizabeth Wegmann

February 26 at 1:11 PM



**Sharon C Johnson** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Legendre family.



February 26 at 6:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Legendre family.



February 25 at 4:10 PM



**Jason Olivier** posted:

I worked extensively with Pam when I was president of the North Lake Performing Arts Society and she was the choral director. She was a tough negotiator! My favorite memory is that during our concerts she would sing along with the choir, and she was not the greatest singer! It would pick up on the recording mics, & when I would mix the performances I would get to hear her singing along and have to figure out how to mix it into the recording. I first met her when she was the accompanist for the choir at UNO in 1979. There is no question Pam was an amazing talent. I am shocked and saddened. God bless you Pam.

February 25 at 2:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Loving Grace to the Legendre family.



February 25 at 10:22 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Garden of Memories to the Legendre family.

February 24 at 11:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Legendre family.

February 24 at 6:42 AM



**Ruthann Wild Chadwick** posted:

Pam was truly an inspiration to me. I first met her while she was the interim choral director at Loyola, and the music director for Tulane Summer Lyric. I was just a young soprano without much self confidence, but she always encouraged me and gave me the confidence that enabled me to become a professional singer and performer. She inspired in me a love of music and theater that has shaped my life. I will always remember her 'sniff,' and her references to her own 'punk voice.' I will forever miss you, Pam, God bless you.

February 24 at 5:27 AM



**Sara E Trapen** posted:

I am at a loss for words. When I felt my loneliest, she was there. Now, I'll always know that she is there with me, whether on this Earth or in spirit. I remember always coming to her for comfort whenever I was crying alone under the stairwell--Ms. Legendre, you were, and always will be an extraordinary woman. There are many in the community who will deeply mourn your passing as your life was a life of service, love, compassion and excellence. Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. I love you so much, Ms. Legendre. Thank you so much for being not only a wonderful music teacher, but my friend. They say heroes don't exist anymore. But I don't believe that, especially not after meeting you. You allowed me to stand up when all the other girls wanted to tear me down. 02/20/16 Sara Trapen, 8th grade student at SSA.

February 23 at 11:52 AM



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ES

**Earl Scioneaux** posted:

I first met Pam doing the musical "Chicago" at the Bayou Dinner Theater. I followed that with "Guys and Dolls" at Le Petit. She was fun to learn from. A great talent that I learned from. Thank you Pam. R.I.P.Earl Scioneaux

February 23 at 10:37 AM

LA

**L Dean Angeles** posted:

Pam was an incredible talent, as an accompanist, conductor and teacher. She was demanding, but the Loyola students who worked with her, preparing their recitals or juries, loved her. I personally learned so much from Pam, when preparing to conduct the Elgar Concerto with Allen Nisbet and the Loyola Orchestra. She was my friend and I will miss her. I remember how happy she was with her new teaching position at Saint Scolastica Academy in Covington. The New Orleans arts community has lost an incredible home grown musician.

February 23 at 10:13 AM

LE

**Lula Elzy** posted:

What a wonderful person, we will miss you dearly.. For many years Ms. Pam was an accompanist for my Modern dance classes at NOCCA on Perrier St. And as I think back on a funny memory that always makes me just laugh out loud.. is when we took all these songs from musical and changed the lyrics to sing about fruit and vegetable for the New Orleans French Market Festival. What a ball we had doing that, and discovering we had dancers who should actually sing, and many are now in musicals around town and on Broadway. Thanks Ms. Pam. Peace and Many Blessing Lula Elzy

February 23 at 5:08 AM

JC

**Julie Council** posted:

My sympathy to Pam's family. I remember the good old days with her at the Hilton's Italian buffet

February 23 at 4:58 AM



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CC

**Catherine Chickey** posted:

One of my sweetest, most rewarding memories are the moments preparing for my senior recital at Loyola, and especially the recital itself. Pamela and I played Shostakovich Sonata for cello and piano- a highly demanding piano part. What a talent! I learned lessons from her of musicianship, but also of personal character that have stayed with me. She had the flu the day of my recital but did not bat an eye. I am so grateful to have known her.

February 23 at 3:44 AM

DW

**Dana J Wilson** posted:

Pamela was not only a most musically inclined pianist, she also understood singers so well and always had wise advice for young musicians. Pam, made a lasting impression on me as I was finishing up my undergraduate work at Loyola University. She accompanied both my junior and senior recitals and it was always tons of fun as her playful sarcasm and humorous wit kept things relaxed during rehearsals. I thought of Pam from time time wondering how she was and am saddened to see this news of her passing. One thing is for certain, her service to the community as a leader in music was immense and she will be missed. Rest in Peace, Pam.

February 22 at 6:39 PM

RH

**Rebecca Holmes** posted:

Many fond memories working with Pam at Loyola University. She was an amazing accompanist! Every rehearsal was full of lasting teaching moments. Hers is one of the voices that resonates in my own days teaching young students. Very blessed to have known her.

February 22 at 3:45 PM

DW

**Dana J Wilson** February 22 at 6:41 PM

So true! As she resonates often with me still after 20 years.

RD

**Richard Douvillier** posted:

Pamela was the person who convinced me to audition for Carousel and told me to audition for Chorale at UNO. She told me about the audition at Le Petit for Scrooge and cast me in a lead role for the 70th Anniversary show which she directed. Such a very talented person but more than that a sweet helpful friend. Gone way too soon. My condolences to her family.

February 22 at 3:30 PM



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EK

**Ed Killeen** posted:

My deep sympathy on the loss of such a wonderful teacher. She comprehended both the importance of discipline and the simplicity of a cue like no other. I am deeply sorrowed by her passing.

February 22 at 2:18 PM

BB

**Becki Davis Bradford** posted:

I worked with Pam doing musical theatre concerts with the then new Orleans symphony. She made me a first soprano, the first person to do so, and then again when we as a family did Annie Get Your Gun at Le Petit. Barry, baby Cameron and I. She loved Cameron who was 17 months old and spent most of the rehearsals in a play pen. She always had time for him and fussed over him. She even bought him a gift for his birthday which fell during our rehearsals. This was a tender and loving side of Pam in the midst of hard working rehearsals. Pam was a institution in New Orleans musical theatre. She will be sorely missed. Becki Davis Bradford

February 22 at 1:16 PM



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AR

**Andee Reed** posted:

I offer my sincere condolences to the Legendre family. Pam was a dear friend, an encourager, an exceptional musician and a great lady of the theatre. Every time I worked with Pam, in theatre productions and church choir she expected the best of me and she offered her best to me. She has made an indelible mark on my life and on the lives of countless others and I will always remember her with love, joy and deep appreciation.

February 22 at 12:41 PM

RS

**Renee Saussaye** February 24 at 9:53 AM

Well said Andee. You and I have worked together with her a few times and those were some of the best theatrical experienced I have ever had. I will miss her.

JB

**Julia W. Burka** February 23 at 10:20 AM

Deepest condolences to Pam's family. She and I together produced some memorable musical programs together for Le Petit Theatre under Don Marshall and for the Tennessee Williams Festival. It was a privilege to work with her. It seemed as though Pam could do anything. I knew whatever I put in her hands would be done perfectly; she would not settle for anything less. More than that, she became a dear friend with a great sense of humor. This is a truly terrible loss for the music community.

LJ

**Leonard Bertolino Jr** February 23 at 4:11 AM

So touching, Andee. So spot on. Lenny Bertolino

VM

**Victoria May** posted:

I'm just at a loss for words. My heart goes out to Celeste, Charlie, Gigi and her entire family. You all will read many tributes to Pam in the coming days. Know that she was such an influence in each and every person's life that she came into contact with. She made us all sound better when she was at the piano or on the stand. She was my teacher in many ways, but most importantly, she was my friend. May her memory always be a blessing to those who knew and loved her.

February 22 at 11:07 AM



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LJ

**Leonard Bertolino Jr** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the Legendre family. Pam was such an influence in my life. I treasure the time we shared on so many productions. I am deeply grateful for all she taught me, her faith in me, her laughter, and above all for her friendship. She will forever warm my heart with memories of music.

February 22 at 10:51 AM

LJ

**Leonard Bertolino Jr** February 22 at 12:38 PM

Celeste I am thinking of you.

EM

**Ed Morvant** posted:

What a treasure not only for her great talent but for her beautiful heart! My deepest sympathy and prayers going out right now. Special fond memories of 70 Girls 70 at Le Petit years ago when she was awesome and knew how to Hit it Lorraine!

February 22 at 10:28 AM



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EA

**Elizabeth Argus** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Legendre family. Pam was a major force in my life. She taught me so much. I will forever be grateful for Pam's love, patience, and wisdom. Rest in peace, dear Pam.

February 22 at 8:37 AM

**MS** **Miss Ann F. Sauve'** February 24 at 8:31 AM  
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**MS** **Miss Ann F. Sauve'** February 24 at 8:29 AM  
Thanks for the memories, Pam. So very glad that we were able to work together on so many great shows. You and your talent will be so missed. Prayers and condolences for your family and all who knew you.

**AL** **Aimee Liu** February 23 at 2:07 PM  
I am so sorry for her families' loss. Whenever I was playing my violin recitals when I was younger, she was always my piano accompanist for my violin teacher and myself and the other students. Even though she was only piano accompanist, she also helped and guided me in many ways to help me better myself and always made me sound greater than I could ever imagine. Because of her I am also now a piano teacher and because I learned a lot from her, I am also now accompanying my own students. Ms. Pam, thank you so much for that. I will always remember you. R.I.P.

**JZ** **Jerry Zachary** February 22 at 4:50 PM  
She taught me the part of Judge Turpin in Sweeney Todd. I'm a diligent musician but she was a musician's musician. I'll never forget the precision she demanded and how much I admired her for it.

**CB** **Cedric Bridges** February 22 at 3:31 PM  
My condolences to Pam's family. I had the pleasure to sing under Pam's baton many times! Truly a fine musician and an even better colleague and friend. We will miss you!!!

**BB** **Bryan Batt** February 22 at 12:57 PM  
My condolences to the Legendre family. I will never forget all the wonderful times and great music with Pam- Bryan Batt

**KB** **Katherine Bertolino** February 22 at 12:14 PM  
My condolences to Pam's family and friends. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by so many.

**PG** **Pam Gregory** February 22 at 12:06 PM



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EA

My sincerest condolences to the Legendre Family. Pam was so bright, talented, dedicated and professional. I feel so fortunate to have learned from Pam as my coach, teacher, and friend. She made me and everyone she worked with our best selves. I will always remember her humor and passion.

CC

**Chris Carey** February 22 at 11:00 AM

Lisa and I offer our prayers, condolences and support to Pam's family. Pam was a unique talent - not only a brilliant musician and performer in her own right; she was willing and more than able to help other performers as long as they would work to meet her halfway. She was tough, but she made everyone she worked with better. She was also a true friend, and carried joy in her heart. I will remember her and all she taught me. Rest.

DS

**David And Rachel Simpson** February 22 at 10:00 AM

Our prayers and condolences go out to Charlie and the Legendre family. Pam was a wonderful lady with an infectious personality. We will always remember her fondly. May she rest in peace.

LB

**Leonard Bertolino** February 22 at 9:46 AM

My heartfelt condolences to the Legendre family. Pam was such an influence in my life. I treasure the time we shared on so many productions. I am deeply grateful for all she taught me, her faith in me, her laughter and above all for her friendship. She will forever warm my heart with memories of music.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Pamela by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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