



## Ramona "Mona" K. Pickering

August 13, 1956 - September 12, 2019

Ramona "Mona" K. Pickering, age 63, of Kearney died on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at CHI Health - Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Family Memorial Services will be at a later date. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Mona was born on August 13, 1956 in Denver, CO to Charles G. and Geraldine M. (O'Day) Johnson. She attended South High School in Denver and graduated with the class of 1975. She was united in marriage to Ronald D. Pickering on November 4, 1981 in Golden, CO. Mona was employed as the school secretary at Windy Hills School in Kearney for over 25 years. She developed numerous friendships and touched countless lives of faculty, staff, parents and students throughout her career. Her family often heard of instances where children enjoyed attending school because of Mona's warm, kind and caring personality. She will also be fondly remembered for her amazing cooking.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Ron of Kearney, NE; parents, Charles and Geri Johnson of Waynesville, NC; siblings, Lori Johnson of Arvada, CO, Rock and Vanessa Johnson of Conifer, CO, Genna Wissman of Littleton, CO; uncles, Danny and Linda O'Day of Brighton, CO and David and Amy Johnson of Murphy, NC; numerous other family members and a host of friends and colleagues.

# Comments

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“ Hi dear oldest Sister of such grace and always willing to give your last dollar or last meal to others, the immense thoughts you put into giving to others was UN-measurable!! In your last 3 years the energy and time of caring for your husband, making road trips to Estes Park in Colorado, to give both of you with your loving dog Sophie a lasting time of love in your favorite place as a family of joy and much laughter!  
The care to your neighbors as much love back as they loved giving to you!  
The in depth stories of parents of how much their kids shared great messages of how great Ms. Mona was with them, the great Videos you did of classroom events of joy!  
And from the hospital to many that I met outside your hospital room of how beloved you were my dear sister, it was an honor to spend so much time with you and Ron these last 3 years of such great memories of cooking, hiking, feeding the birds and ducks,  
the fantastic Elks in Estes and but of course the lasting 3 am story of Thanksgiving 2016 up in Estes Park with Big Foot!! I will cherish all of the inside stories of deep laughter with you forever in my Heart! Until we meet again, take great care of Sophie, and I know every day from this day forward you are my strongest, most positive Angel to keep those of Evil Away!! Thank you always for the great care of me as I grew up to be there when you needed me Most! Much love Little Sister



Lori - October 02, 2019 at 04:04 PM

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“ Ramona was such a nice friendly person. When we moved back to Kearney and my son made a transition to a new school, she was so nice and helpful.... She will always leave a mark on all those children she was with over the year....

Coleen - September 16, 2019 at 03:40 PM

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“ As a parent of three kids going through Windy Hills, Mrs Pickering was a steady presence of love and kindness. What a wonderful legacy of caring she left behind her. As someone said here, she helped raise thousands of Kearney kids. Prayers to the family and to all who cared about Mona. She will be well remembered and loved.

Erika Krull - September 16, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“Mrs Pickering" provided my children with many fond memories during their school years at Windy Hills. She handled their medical "crises" without missing a beat and was always friendly and helpful when we visited the school.



**Deb Gibbs** - September 14, 2019 at 02:37 PM

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“Mona was there for my children when they attended Windy Hills. She was such a caring loving person to all the children at Windy Hills. She helped raise thousands of Kearney children. RIP Mona.

**Denise Neill** - September 13, 2019 at 07:21 PM

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“My sister in law of 15 ish years she was so kind and loving welcomed me into the family with love she will be missed. Vanessa Johnson

**vanessa johnson** - September 13, 2019 at 07:04 PM

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“ I attended Windy Hills Elementary when Mona was the secretary, and I remember her always being one of the warmest and nicest people. She was friendly and kind to anyone and everyone. I know she will greatly be missed, as she made an impact on many lives including my own. Sending all the love and good vibes to her friends and family.

**Stephanie K.** - September 13, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ My sister Mona was a kind and loving women. She always had wise and loving words for me when I was struggling in life. I will miss her dearly!

**Geena** - September 13, 2019 at 11:31 PM



“ Mrs Pickering was a rock for me at Windy Hills! She was always there with a kind smile and loved seeing the kiddos come through every day. What a wonderful legacy of kindness she left.

**Erika Krull** - September 16, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Mona was such a warm, caring person. Every time I went up to Windy Hills to visit with the teachers, she greeted me with a smile and friendly words. She was a wonderful person who made everyone feel special. I am so sorry for your loss, Ron. I am thinking of you and praying for you.

Linda Liebig

**Linda Liebig** - September 17, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ My sister Mona was a caring, compassionate person. She so enjoyed being in nature watching the elk, listening to the river and feeding her squirrels. She loved her Sophie and her husband with all her being. She was a great cook and enjoyed sharing those recipes. We will miss her annual outings to see her siblings and family in the state she grew up in. Thanks for being a role model and provider for all you touched.

Love from Conifer

Brother Rock, Van & Soshe

**Rock Johnson** - November 04, 2019 at 11:55 AM