



Rhonda Thomas

May 4, 1970 - June 16, 2024

Rhonda Thomas, 54, of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Rhonda Lee Thomas, daughter of Ronny “Jake” Gene and Donna Lee (Knowler) Hughes, was born May 4, 1970, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The family lived in rural Gibson, and Rhonda attended Tri-County Schools. On February 12, 1988, she married Jerry Dean Thomas; they made their home in Beacon, and Rhonda was a homemaker raising their five children. They later divorced. After her children were older, Rhonda held various jobs, including Everspring Hotel Manager, YMCA Director of Facilities, and Mahaska Health Environmental Services Supervisor.

When having fun, Rhonda enjoyed the Southern Iowa Speedway races. Rhonda was a stubborn and determined gal with a spitfire attitude and personality. She had no qualms about expressing her opinions and generously gave her children corrections and advice. She loved shopping and looking for bargains, and her generosity overflowed in well-stocked rooms of supplies readily available to her children and any needy organization. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy; spending time with them was something she cherished; she knitted each a blanket, leaving each a comforting reminder of Grandma. Her family includes her children: Jerad Thomas of Oskaloosa, Heather (Corey Gabel) Thomas of Oskaloosa, Katlyn (Braden Lamb) Thomas of New Sharon, Trenton (Ranee Hill) Thomas of Oskaloosa, and Kyle (Miranda Darrah) Thomas of Beacon; 10 grandchildren: Aidan, Keaton, Bentley Graham; Oliver Gabel; Kami, Mila, Malachi, and Amara Thomas; Aubrey Myers; and Everleigh Lamb; her siblings: Dean (Deb) Hughes of Rose Hill, Ron Hughes of Beacon, Jerry (Sandy) Hughes of Oskaloosa, Jay (Jamie) Hughes of Knoxville, and Doreen (Jason) Rippey of Fairfield; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and her faithful dog, Charlie.

In addition to her parents, Rhonda was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, and an infant brother, Bryan.

Graveside Funeral Services for Rhonda will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at Beacon Cemetery, with Pastor Molly Goodrich of the First Christian Church officiating. A visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Beacon Cemetery

1860 260th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Dean and Debbie, I am living back home in Northeast Missouri now. I am sorry to be reading this. I remember Rhonda from when we were neighbors. Thinking of you...

Merrili Jones - August 02, 2024 at 12:54 PM

DS

“ Rhonda and I were good friends from kindergarten on through high school and she was even in my wedding. After that , we kinda lost touch. I will always remember the fun times we shared. My thoughts are with her family.

Darla Sterling - June 18, 2024 at 01:42 PM

KL

“ Rhonda girl. We had so many memories together. I loved when we would run into each other so we could catch up. You were so brave and strong through your whole life and Cancer battle. My heart is crushed knowing you are gone. I love you Rhonda and always will.

Kathy Larsen - June 17, 2024 at 12:37 PM

DF

“ Debbie And Bud Fowler lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Thomas



Debbie and bud fowler - June 16, 2024 at 07:49 PM

RJ

“ Rinay James lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Thomas



Rinay James - June 16, 2024 at 06:21 PM

TF

“ The Meislahn family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Thomas.

The Meislahn family - June 16, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhonda Thomas.



June 16, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Yvonne Smart lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Thomas



Yvonne Smart - June 16, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Davina VanHelten lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Thomas



Davina VanHelten - June 16, 2024 at 01:39 PM



RIP Rhonda I will miss you..💔

Davina VanHelten - June 16, 2024 at 01:39 PM



So sorry for your loss

Debbie and bud fowler - June 16, 2024 at 07:49 PM