



## Mona Leah Rakestraw

November 14, 1964 - November 1, 2023

Mona Leah Rakestraw 1964-2023

Mona left this world just like she entered it...on her own terms and surrounded by family. Mona was the daughter of Norman and June (Rusk) Rakestraw and was born on November 14th, 1964 in Pekin, IL.

Mona is survived by her two sons Blaine (Ashlee Crawford) Leamon of East Peoria, IL and Dylan Leamon of Danvers, IL and one grandson Dyson Leamon of Mason City, IL. She also leaves behind her life partner Rusty Jones of Mason City, IL., her dog Bandit and her two cats Whiskers and Socks; siblings John Rakestraw of Pekin IL, Lisa (Shannon) Willhite of Petersburg IL, Keli (Terry Kinney) Vansaghi of North Pekin IL, and Mara (Michelle Grasher) Rakestraw of Bloomington IL.

Mona was preceded in death by her mother, father and four siblings Tina, Eddie, Teresa, and Cathy.

“Don’t mourn me because I’m gone. I loved living my life. Go celebrate that I was here! Love your life! Hold your family and friends as hard as you can. Get rid of all the negative, toxic and pettiness that can eat your soul. We are all better than that. Love life!”

In accordance with her wishes, Mona was cremated. She was in the care of Hurley Funeral Home of Mason City, IL. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Mason County Pets Without Parents 29926 Route 10, Mason City IL, (309) 562-7240 or any “No Kill”

shelter you choose.

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Rusty and family sorry for your loss, in our thoughts and prayers with our deepest sympathy, Bonnie and Linda Jones and family.

Bonnie Jones - November 05, 2023 at 09:58 PM

BJ

“ Bonnie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mona Leah Rakestraw



Bonnie Jones - November 05, 2023 at 09:51 PM

AN

“ Thinking of the family at this difficult time, prayer for Mara, Michelle and the entire Rakestraw family.

Ann, Matt, Henry & Olivia Grasher



Ann - November 04, 2023 at 09:21 PM

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“ Growing up in a small town as we did and all Hang n at Hubley , many memories were made by all. I did have a few with Mona and it was a grand time as always. Fly High Mona you won't be forgotten by all. Condolences to the Family.



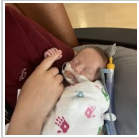
Lisa (Chafin) - November 03, 2023 at 05:22 PM

JE

“ Had many memories with Mona including her first ear piercing RIP Mona



jean - November 03, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Brenda Krigner-Himmelrick lit a candle in memory of Mona Rakestraw



Brenda Krigner-Himmelrick - November 03, 2023 at 08:39 AM

LH

“ larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mona Rakestraw

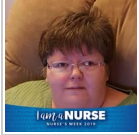


larry and Mary Hundt - November 03, 2023 at 08:39 AM

CS

“ So sorry to hear Mona is gone. She was a good friend. I will always remember the times we spent together.

Cindy (Snyder) Sanders - November 02, 2023 at 11:36 PM



“ Pamela Karr-Cook lit a candle in memory of Mona Rakestraw



Pamela Karr-Cook - November 02, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Mona Rakestraw



Cheryl Cockerham - November 02, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Beverly Stafford lit a candle in memory of Mona Rakestraw



Beverly Stafford - November 02, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ Charlotte(Seward)Veronesi lit a candle in memory of Mona Rakestraw



Charlotte(Seward)Veronesi - November 02, 2023 at 06:41 PM

JH

“ *Rusty, Blaine, Dylan, John, Lisa, Kelli, Mara- our hearts go out to each of you.  
RIP Mona!*

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**Jan & Stan Hickle** - November 02, 2023 at 04:36 PM