



Lona (Punky) Peterson

December 29, 2005

Peterson, Lona Mae (Punky) age 63, of Hopkins, died peacefully and unexpectedly on Christmas Eve morning. Preceded in death by her father, Russell; brother, Milo and granddaughter, Kayla Mae. Dearly loved and missed by loving husband, Larry of 45 years & 1 month; cherished by her children, Carrie Parsley (Kenneth), Mark (Jill) and Kelly McFarland (David); grandchildren, Alexander, Joshua and Shyla; mother, Alverna Ecklund and cousins. Dedicated Best Buy employee. Lona was the strength and heartbeat of the family, and friend & mentor to many. Private interment. Memorial Service 2 PM Thursday (TODAY), with visitation one hour prior to service, all at: Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952-938-9020

Tribute Wall

KM

“ On behalf of the whole Peterson family, I would like to send out a huge hug (and of course one from mom) and a warm thank you to all of you who have written so many beautiful, touching, and heart warming notes. As all of you know, mom was everything to us, the very center of our lives. We all have a very painful hole in our hearts and it's hard to know how to continue on without mom here. It is comforting to have so many great friends to help us through this difficult time. Mom was very proud to have had such amazing friends and family.

*We miss you dearly and love you with all our hearts mom!
Dad, Carrie, Ken, Mark, Jill, David, Kelly, Alex, Josh and Shyla*

~

Kelly McFarland,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Kelly McFarland - February 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Today, I learned that the lady, whom I've respected and loved for the pasted 8 years, went home. I know that the Lord must have needed her and in Lona's fashion, she left peacefully. I know that Lona is now the guardian angel over her your family because her spirit lives on. I love you and will miss you. Until we meet again...

~

Marie Kelly,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Marie Kelly - January 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Carrie and family,
I am sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in my thoughts and
prayers. Let me know if I can help in any way. Kim*

~

Kim King,

Prior Lake, Minnesota

Kim King - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I knew Lona for several years at Best Buy. She became more than a co-worker. She became my friend. She always stayed in touch and I visited with her each time I traveled to MN. I will miss her.

~

David Gallagher,

McKinney, Texas

David Gallagher - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I worked with Lona for approximately 10 years and know that she was a truly wonderful human being who ALWAYS had a smile and a kind word. She was a warm and caring person who valued family above anything else (she constantly talked about her family) The Best Buy family will truly mourn the loss of this wonderful person!

~

Lisa Stefanich,

St. Louis, Minnesota

Lisa Stefanich - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Punky's family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are here for you.

~

Dewayne & Barb Sietsema,

Richfield, Minnesota

Dewayne & Barb Sietsema - January 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I feel fortunate to have known such an incredible person! May time give you peace...*

~

Debby Merten,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Debby Merten - January 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *To Lona's Family,
With deepest sympathy. I am so sorry for your loss. I am Lona's
hairdresser and have been for the last 4 years or so. I saw her
almost every month and we had cultivated a truly wonderful
relationship! She was such a special lady and I will miss her
terribly...
With respect,
Catherine Schneider*

~

Catherine Schneider,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Catherine Schneider - December 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Carrie & Family,*
Wanted to let you know we are thinking about you during this
difficult time.

Diane & Oran Byers

~

Diane Byers,

Phoenix, Arizona

Diane Byers - December 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Blessing to the Peterson family in this time of loss. Lona always brought a smile to anyones face and was always a joy to be with. Gregg and I had the pleasure of working with her at Best Buy and will miss her. She will be in our thoughts and memories for years to come. Blessing to the family members who enjoyed her everyday.*

~

Gregg and Carolyn Kastner,

Savage, Minnesota

Gregg and Carolyn Kastner - December 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *our deepest sympathy is with you during this difficult time.*
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~

willard syrup

Contact Me

December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Lona. What a genuinely great lady with a wonderful soul. It will not be the same around here without her smile. My thoughts are with all of you.

~

Sue Murphy,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Sue Murphy - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *To Lona's Family...We are saddened by the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother. Though her body will no longer be in our presence, her spirit will live on in your memories. I will miss her quiet spirit, her smile with a twinkle in her eyes, but especially her warm and genuine hug for me whenever we saw each other. I loved her unconditionally and though our words were few, we shared a bond that needed no words. I know you will deeply miss her and we are so sad for your loss.*

~

Bobi & Rick Murray,

Chanhassen, Minnesota

Bobi & Rick Murray - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dear Lona's loved ones,
I am absolutely devastated to hear the news about our Lona. I have
know Lona for all of her time with the Best Buy family. I know
nothing in the world could ever take away the pain you feel! Please
know that Lona was dearly loved, she had so much heart & soul
and will be greatly miss by all. My heart is so very heavy!*Janis Clark

~

Janis Clark,

Lakeville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Janis Clark - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Ken and Carrie, we're thinking of you both- sorry to hear about your mother. Love you both-Rhonda and Blaine

~

Rhonda and Blaine Bynell,

Greenville, South Carolina

Rhonda and Blaine Bynell - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Peterson Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss, we so enjoyed working with Lona at Best Buy and will miss her very much. Our thoughts are with you. The Travel Department.*

~

Melissa Moore,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Melissa Moore - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dear Peterson Family,

I am so sorry for your loss and ours. Lona and I were coworkers at Best Buy. She always would take time for people and make you feel special. Lona would send me funny, encouraging, patriotic and spiritual emails that would always make me laugh or cry. She will be sorely missed. Know that she touched many lives here and we will miss her sunshine. Take care and may God give you comfort during this time of sorrow.

~

Tery Schaeffer,

Chaska, Minnesota

Tery Schaeffer - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Dear Carrie, Ken and Family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

~

Teresa and Doug Schmertman,

Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

Teresa and Doug Schmertman - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ There are no words, but thoughts are with you in abundance. Grieve her death, but celebrate her life and take comfort in all the wonderful memories that you must have made. Go on living, laughing, crying, and loving. Know that our sympathies are with you in your time of such sadness. LARRY, Dennis sends condolences. KEN & CARRIE, CeCe sends hugs to your "whole" family. We love you!

~

Kathi, Dennis and Brooke Hitch,

Corydon, Kentucky

Kathi, Dennis and Brooke Hitch - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To the Peterson family,
Lona possessed many likable qualities and was loved by many here
at Best Buy. It was an honor to know her and she will be deeply
missed. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Marilyn Williams,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Marilyn Williams - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *The world is a lesser place without Lona in it. Peace.*

~

Guy D'Angelico,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Guy D'Angelico - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Lona was truly a wonderful caring person and will greatly be missed by so many. I loved her very much and cherish the memories I have!

~

Kim Myhre,

Raleigh, North Carolina

Contact Me

Kim Myhre - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Lona - It is the simple things that mean the most, your smile, saying hello and making me comfortable when I was so nervous (about 7 years ago). My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

~

Julie Carey,

St. Paul Park, Minnesota

Julie Carey - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, this is so soon after kay's death.If there is anything we can do let us know, love Ray and Shelia*

~

Raymond/Shelia Bellville,

Reno, Nevada

Raymond/Shelia Bellville - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Cousin Larry, we just received a telephone call this evening finding out Lona passed away. I haven't even told my mother yet. I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Please accept our sympathy.*

~

Jane Nash,

Jordan, Minnesota

Jane Nash - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *To the Peterson Family,
My deepest sympathy to all of your family on the loss of Lona. I was so shocked and saddened to hear the news.
I was so fortunate to work with Lona at Best Buy and she touched so many people each and every day at work. There will always be a feeling of loss as we all pass by Lona's cube. She will be sorely missed by all! I will always remember her smile.
Lona always talked about her grandchildren, and how very proud she was of each and every one!
My heart goes out to her family. I am so very saddened by your loss.*

~

Cheryl Jordan,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Cheryl Jordan - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *My days at work are missing an important smile - Lona you will be missed very much. You were truly a special person. My condolences to the family.*

~

Bob Haider,

Northfield, Minnesota

Bob Haider - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I loved Lona like family. She was quick to lend an ear (her left one) and we shared lots of laughs. Her wisdom, compassion and kindness helped me make many life decisions in the past ten years. I will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

~

Becky Greeley,

Mendota Heights, Minnesota

Becky Greeley - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *To the family of Lona -
I am so sorry for your loss - Lona was a true friend and wonderful
co-worker. She will be missed by many of us here at Best Buy.
God speed Lona and Thank you for all you did for me. You will
forever remain in my heart.*

Peace

~

Tenley Mitchell,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Tenley Mitchell - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lona's passing. I worked with her about 5 years ago at Best Buy. She was always so kind and just a pleasure to talk to. I send my prayers to the family.

~

Angie Preiner,

Oakdale, Minnesota

Angie Preiner - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the family of Lona Peterson;

Lona will always be remembered for the time she took to make everyone's day around her better. There was always a smile and a warm "hello". We will miss the friendship, the conversations, and the smile.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Peterson family...

~

Doug & Dana Sitzman,

Lakeville, Minnesota

Doug & Dana Sitzman - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ We will all miss Lona. She was a very special person. I enjoyed working with her and knowing her. We know she is in a better place.

~

Lowell Peters,

Fountain Hills, Arizona

Lowell Peters - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Carrie,

My sincere condolences. Judy Tiegen sent me the message that your mother has passed away. I am so sorry to hear this. Your family will be in my prayers. - God Bless you all - Patti Zuelch

~

Patti Zuelch,

Cleveland, Minnesota

Contact Me

Patti Zuelch - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Dear Peterson Family,
Lona always had a smile and a hello for me when I would walk past
her cube. Even though I didn't know Lona well I feel a sense of loss
at her passing as there will not be another like her.*

~

Phil Ward,

Chanhassen, Minnesota

Phil Ward - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My heart goes out to your family and to everyone who will deeply miss Lona.

What a caring, strong and “spunky” gal. She helped make any occasion fun.

I recall the two of us occupying the back two seats of a four passenger plane, laughing and joking, while the entire time she gripped my arm and hand so hard it left marks. I am saddened that the grandchildren will not have more such cherished moments, but I know those they have are very, very special. She gave so much to so many.

~

Carol Wiggins,

Maple Grive, Minnesota

Carol Wiggins - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Lona's Family -*

Lona always asked about the special people in my family when I saw her which showed me how important special people, like you all, were to her. May God be with you and keep her memories alive with you always.

~

John Peterson,

Rosemount, Minnesota

John Peterson - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Family - I will always remember the joy Lona brought to the office every day. The way her quick wit and humor would always lift the spirits of those around her. Best Buy will be a different place without her here each day. You folks will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

~

David K. Barnhart,

Savage, Minnesota

David K. Barnhart - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Dear Peterson Family,
Lona was such a special person; she always had a smile and kind
word for everyone. She made work fun and I will miss talking to her
and getting a hug. Clarissa*

~

Clarissa Wolf,

Chaska, Minnesota

Clarissa Wolf - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *To the Family of Lona Peterson,*

Our deepest condolences for your loss. We are fortunate to have known Lona for many years. She was truly a special person and a great friend who knew how to make you laugh and put a smile on everyones face.

We loved her and will miss her dearly. Lona will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

~

Sandy & Ronni Feuer,

Venice, Florida

Sandy & Ronni Feuer - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ It has been my honor to call Lona "my friend". I met Lona in 1999; a valued co-worker & true friend. She will always hold a special place in my heart.

~

Jeniene Benedict,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jeniene Benedict - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Dear Lona's family,
I loved Lona and enjoyed working with her for many years. Lona
had a great sense of humor and made everyone she knew feel
special. She will be missed by a great number of people.*

~

Cindy Christensen,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Cindy Christensen - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Carrie, Ken, Larry, Mark and Kelly*
Our thoughts have been with you since we heard. Be together and
make it through these times. We love you guys. Keith, Donna, and
Kids

~

Keith A. Parsley,

Little Dixie, Kentucky

Keith A. Parsley - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Carrie, Ken & Family*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Im sorry we did not have the chance to know Lona. Garret thought a lot of her and said she was very funny and always smiling. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love

~

Keith, Misti, Garret & Katelin Greenwell,

Corydon, Kentucky

Keith, Misti, Garret & Katelin Greenwell - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Carrie, Ken and Family*

Our deepest sympathy for your loss of Lona. I will always remember my last visit with Lona. It was out to dinner then on to the Blenders concert. What a wonderful time and memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Love Cindy and John

~

Cindy Dukatz,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Cindy Dukatz - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Carrie & Ken and Family,
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family in this hard
time, I have many fond memories of your summer visits. Although
she will be greatly missed Memories last Forever and Ever and
Always... and she lives on through you and will always live in the
hearts of those who knew and loved her.
Thinking of you and yours,
Stephen Syrup & Family*

~

Stephen H Syrup,

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Contact Me

Stephen H Syrup - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Lona's family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Lona and I worked together at Best Buy and had many good times together. She will surely be missed by me and the other people she knew there.*

~

Helen Guffey,

Eagan, Minnesota

Helen Guffey - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Dearest Carrie, Ken, Larry, Mark, Kelly and family,*

Wanted to let you know how much sadness and shock we feel regarding your dear Mother and wife!! Her smile will be greatly missed, as she was always chearful! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Much love, Laurie, Mark and Janae

~

Laurie Phillips,

Phoenix, Arizona

Laurie Phillips - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Dear Lona's family,
I loved Lona so much. She was such a wonderful human. All of us
who knew her were so lucky to have her as a friend.
Lona remembered people from everywhere. She was incredible.
She will live on forever in our memories and hearts.
If there is anything we can do help you in any way, please call.
thanks for sharing Lona with us all.*

~

Katie Koskie,

Richfield, Minnesota

Katie Koskie - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Carrie and Ken, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your friends at the VA.*

~

Sandy Sampair,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sandy Sampair - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ ~

Russell Peterson,

Green Valley, Arizona

Russell Peterson - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Our dear friends and family, we are so pained to hear of Lona. We are so very sorry. Carrie, our hearts are just grieved that you are going through this pain. We think of you each day in our thoughts and in our prayers. May God comfort you all. We love you. Dave and Cleda

~

Dave and Cleda Parsley,

Corydon, Kentucky

Contact Me

Dave and Cleda Parsley - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *I loved Lona very much. She was a dear sweet friend. Everyone that knew Lona felt special in knowing her. She in turn made everyone she knew feel special. I will miss her always.*

~

Patricia D'Angelico,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Patricia D'Angelico - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *my thoughts are with you during this time. I worked with Lona for many years at Best Buy and she was a pleasure to work with and to know.*

~

Julie Lyon,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Julie Lyon - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Carrie & family:*
Our deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Roger, Kristi, Emily, Kyler, Kaelin & Kurt

~

Roger & Kristi Metz,

Portland, Tennessee

Roger & Kristi Metz - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy to all. Carrie, our hugs and love to you during the hardest experience of your life. We are thinking of you and love you!

~

Karen, Kirby, Kelcey, Karli and Keaton Dennis,

Lancaster, Kentucky

Contact Me

Karen, Kirby, Kelcey, Karli and Keaton Dennis - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM