



## Ramona Rae Hughes

August 23, 1956 - March 11, 2025

### Ramona Hughes

Our beloved Mona, age 68, of Andover, MN passed away March 11, 2025, surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Wendy Velie and Rebecca Gohde.

Mona graduated from Holcombe High School, Holcombe, WI, in 1974. She married John Hughes in 1975. She graduated from Bethel University, St. Paul, MN in 1988 and went on to earn a Master of Arts degree from St. Mary's University.

Mona taught in the Anoka-Hennepin school district for 30 years, primarily at Monroe Elementary School in Brooklyn Park, MN. She was proud of her part in teaching hundreds of first graders to read. A fervent reader herself, she was continuously working through a stack of library books. In retirement Mona renewed her lifelong interest in painting and created many pieces for her own enjoyment, as well as to share with friends and family. Devoted wife, daughter, mother, grandmother and friend, she cherished time with loved ones. Her cooking and baking brought family together and her thoughtful actions- such as recognizing occasions with handmade cards, delivering a meal or muffins just when they were needed, and friendly conversation-will be remembered.

Survived by husband of 50 years, John Hughes; mother, Winona Turner, children, Marcus (Molly) Hughes and Elizabeth (Jake) Davis; grandchildren,

Gwendolyn and Gavin Hughes, Evelyn and James Davis, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held April 26, 2025

Courtyards of Andover

13545 Martin St NW

Andover, MN 55304

Visitation 1:00pm

Service 2:00

Meal to follow

Memorials to the Mona Hughes Memorial Scholarship in support of youth art education at the Rumriver Art Center, Anoka, MN. Link for donation: <https://square.link/u/x6Wrllsi>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Chapel Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Kelly A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ramona Rae Hughes.

Kelly A. - April 23, 2025 at 10:43 AM

BF

“ Bill & Katie Elmer & Family purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Ramona Rae Hughes.



Bill & Katie Elmer & Family - April 22, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ramona Rae Hughes.

April 17, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Ramona Rae Hughes.



April 17, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ramona Rae Hughes.

April 17, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Ultimate Golden Ghirardelli Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Ramona Rae Hughes.



April 17, 2025 at 02:40 PM

PM

“Mona was one of the first people to welcome me to Monroe way back in 1992. Our friendship grew as we worked on our master degree program together. She was a friend who could read my mind and make me laugh with just a look. She always had great advice whenever I needed help with a student or even with my own personal life.

*I am so heartbroken that she left this world too soon. I haven't even been able to fully process the loss.*

*Her passion for teaching and art and literature was amazing. She introduced me to fun mystery authors and even convinced me I could do water color art! (Not well, but she never judged.)*

*My prayers and thoughts are with you John, Elizabeth, Jake, Mark, and Molly, along with her mom and grandkids. She will be missed by many and I know you all have some wonderful memories and moments with this beautiful soul!*

Love,  
Paula McCusker

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**Paula McCusker** - April 17, 2025 at 01:39 PM

CP

“Mona taught my son at Monroe Elementary. She was a magnificent teacher. As I volunteered at the school I could see she used every trick in the books to help children learn to read. My son wanted to be a teacher after having her. He went into the airforce and became a firefighter. When he was home he went to her class to talk about service duties. He told the class his duties were to save lives. She was a great teacher and my son a great reader. Carol Parks and son Kevin.

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**Carol A Parks** - April 12, 2025 at 11:27 AM

FE

“ From all of us at Northwoods Engineering planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ramona Rae Hughes.

From all of us at Northwoods Engineering - April 04, 2025 at 05:10 PM

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“ From all of us at Northwoods Engineering purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ramona Rae Hughes.



From all of us at Northwoods Engineering - April 04, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KB

“ Being Mona's friend and teaching colleague for 30 years was a blessing in my life. She made a very positive impact on her students, friends and family. I will greatly miss her wonderful sense of humor and generosity. I'm feeling very lost without her. Rest in peace, dear friend.  
Kelly Barnes

Kelly Barnes - April 02, 2025 at 05:52 PM

PF

I was a colleague of Mona's at Monroe Elementary School. She was dedicated to her students and a supportive colleague. Mona will be remembered by all who were fortunate to work with her. Pat Flynn

Patrick Flynn - April 02, 2025 at 11:16 PM

RO

“ *Sitting by Mona in art class was not only fun watching her paint..favorite tones of lime green, but also hearing her tell stories in humorous style...she always made me happy! I already miss her so much! Randi*

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**Randi Olson** - April 01, 2025 at 02:05 PM