



Rhonda Lynn Hamilton

February 20, 1959 - April 1, 2020

Rhonda Lynn Hamilton, 61, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at her home in Valley View, TX. She was born to her parents Burel and Theda (Watson) Goggans in Carlsbad, NM on February 20, 1959. Rhonda was the youngest of the five Goggans children. She was raised as a country girl from a bygone generation in Bryan County Oklahoma near Mead. As a child Rhonda was acquainted with making lye soap, hanging clothes out to dry, raising a garden, plucking chickens, riding horses, and wrangling cattle.

Rhonda met the sixteen-year-old boy from the next farm over and her future husband Robert when she was thirteen. They married the summer of 1977 when she graduated from Silo High School. Each attended Southeastern Oklahoma University until Robert graduated and they moved to Shawnee Oklahoma in 1979. In Shawnee, their sons Joshua and Aaron were born. Shawnee is also where Rhonda began her life's work. Rhonda's life's work was dedicated to teaching and nurturing children and mentoring mothers. From the beginning of her work, it was recognized that Rhonda had an extraordinary intuition for raising children. As she raised her boys, she cared for the children of working mothers in her home. She began passing on her insights and experience to the parents of the children in her care. Those parents, their children and she formed extended families. Rhonda's work with children in her home continued when she and her family moved to Pilot Point, Texas in 1994. In her red brick house on College Street, she opened Rhonda's Wee Care. That's where she became known to everyone in town as "Ms. Rhonda". In 2007 after their children had left home, Mr. Rob and Ms. Rhonda went to live in the country. Ms. Rhonda then began working in the Pilot Point and Valley View elementary schools as a substitute teacher and a teacher's aide. That change in occupation multiplied Ms. Rhonda's impact on those communities. From those positions, she was able to lovingly and significantly influence the lives of scores of children, teachers and parents.

In 2018, Ms. Rhonda was diagnosed with cancer, but cancer did not take her. She beat it back, twice. Two years later after a misstep at the top of her stairs, Ms. Rhonda received a traumatic head injury. She was rushed to the hospital by helicopter where she underwent emergency surgery. Rhonda was unable to recover from her injury. She was taken home under hospice care where she died without pain or fear while Robert was holding her

hand. Rhonda's life and death are examples of how durable and how fragile our lives are. Her legacy is now held in the lives of the children and mothers that she touched.

Rhonda is survived by her husband Robert Hamilton; her chosen parents, Larry and Juanita Hamilton; her sons, Joshua and Aaron Hamilton; her chosen daughters, Melissa and Chelsea Hamilton; grandchildren, Andrew, Jonas, Madeline, Annabelle, Elizibeth, Berrett, Liam, and Cameron Hamilton; brothers, Robert and Duane Goggans; sisters, Sharon Hurst and Chequita Randant; and chosen sisters, Judy Morgan, Carol Canavan, and Sheri Hayden. The others that loved and will miss Ms. Rhonda are without number. Service arrangements are pending until a later date. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center. To send a flower arrangement to the family of Rhonda Lynn Hamilton, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ You were such a dear friend to me! We had so much fun and your laughter and smiles were contagious. You showed love to everyone and was always so gracious. I am so blessed to have had you as my friend.

Ailene Horton - April 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I've known Rhonda since she first started dating her forever love, Robert Hamilton, back in the 70's. We spent many weekends together at the Hamilton fruit farm in OK and later when she and Rob moved their family to Pilot Point. Rhonda had the gift of making everyone in her very large circle feel special. Whether it was a fresh bouquet of wild flowers for a neighbor, a room full of rowdy children or a group of close friends over for dinner. Her sudden passing leaves a huge void in so many lives. One thing is for sure, this world was a better place for those who knew Rhonda. We will miss her sweet spirit. May God comfort her precious family in the coming days.

Cindy Cannedy - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! My God's peace and love be with all of you!

April 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PH

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Penny Howard,

Pilot Point, Texas

Penny Howard - April 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Ms. Rhonda.... what can I say. Not sure I can put into words what you meant to our family- all of us. You helped me raise my babies- the most important person in my kids lives after mom and dad. They absolutely adored you - as did Jason and I. You were a true treasure!!!! You made such an impact in so many peoples lives. What a life well- lived! Thank you for your servitude. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for spreading the love that you did. We have forever been touched by it.

Andrea Moon - April 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear that Rhonda has passed away. She was such a special person and a dear friend. Heaven has another angel, but she will be missed by so many. Love and prayers to all the family.

Janie Leach - April 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Prayers of peace and comfort for the family. One of the nicest ladys Ive ever met.

Mary Vickers - April 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Rhonda was truly one of a kind and will be missed by anyone who knew her. She had a huge impact on me while raising my children in the late '90s and early 2000s. I knew I could share my concerns with her and that conversation would go nowhere. She was a true and trusted friend. I never knew anyone who had the capacity to love people just the way they were the way she could. I will always cherish her friendship and my memories with her. To Robert, Josh and Aaron, I am praying for you.

Cheryl Hobbs - April 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Rhonda, my sister-in-law and friend, you brought a special joy to our family. You knew how to make each and every person feel loved by carefully planning special moments for all of us. I feel so blessed that you were, and will always be, a part of our family.

Judy Morgan - April 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Rhonda was a very kind woman and always had a smile on her face. I enjoyed talking with her when she came into Stephens Grocery. I am very sorry for the loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Debbie Jones - April 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Mrs. Rhonda you were indeed a friend to everyone. You will be truly missed far and wide. You taught me many things that I will never forget. Heaven has gained another Angel. Love Glorinda Poster Barnett

Glorinda - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ very sorry for this loss

mark turner - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Rhonda was a lovely lady! Very sorry for your loss!

Bob, Turner & Parker Sedberry - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Miss Rhonda amazing wonderful woman that blessed my life in more ways than I can count. It's strange because she came to my mind several days in a row before she passed away I don't know why ,didnt have much contact with the Hamiltons anymore ,but she was just on my mind and heart ...Then my mom sent the news....Miss Rhonda, I wish that we had gotten to talk, because there was something I wanted to say to you that i had held in for years....but didn't., you moved away... and I got busy but there was something really important i wanted to say. I hope that you are in such a better place now tho, and maybe we will get a chance to talk in another life. You are an amazing blessing to me . You brought so many beautiful Moments to my life honestly like you're a true gem you and your family (and Toby)

Holly Rogers - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HR

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Holly Rogers,

Dallas, Texas

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LM

“ *Rhonda was a sweet woman dedicated to serving others. The children loved her and we all admired her.*

Linda Muir - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Ms. Rhonda. You were the definition of love!!! Oh how you will be missed by all.*

Shara Roden - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *We loved Rhonda and are so sad to hear of her passing. We will be thinking of you all.*

Monica Parkhill - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Loved Ms. Rhonda. She was a blessing to our school.*

Susan Smith - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Rhonda I know you are flying high in the sky with Angel's and making designs out of the fluffy clouds. When we were little, Rhonda and I would try to find as many shapes of things we could while looking at the "puffy" clouds! She would say, someday I'll get to design these shapes in the clouds!! I will never forget when my mom caught us making mud pies using the bottled coke as the liquid... well, coke makes better mud pies!! I grew up with my cousin & I just knew we would grow old together. I love you and miss you! And no one can fill your shoes at the family reunion. Everyone loved Rhonda... especially the little ones!!! Ride high!!*

Pamela Whitworth - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Rhonda was an amazing lady. What a blessing it was to know her. She will always hold a special place in my heart

Becky Adams - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I had the honor of knowing Rhonda for the last two years. Although it was a brief time the stories she shared made it feel like a lifetime. She always spoke so sweetly of her family and friends. I loved listening to her tell me about her memories. Rhonda was such an inspiration. Despite the hardships she faced she was always so positive and humble. She was truly the strongest woman I have ever met. Without knowing it Rhonda was teaching me how to be a good wife, mom, person, just by being herself. There are so many great things to say about Rhonda. I was blessed to know her. Rhonda told me the only tattoo she ever got was a semicolon on her right hand to remind herself that her story continues. This is still true, her memory lives on and a new chapter has begun. Rhonda was an angel on earth as she is now in heaven.

Laura Rios - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Aunt Rhonda you will never be forgotten! Fly with the Angel's beautiful! We love you Deidra, Dustin, John, and Wyatt.

Deidra Fournier - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ To A beautiful and loving niece, Lylus and Verstle Roy Goggans

Verstle Goggans - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Ms. Rhonda was very special to a lot of us. I will always remember her caring for me, my sister and several of our childhood friends in the mid 90s and Ive missed her often since then, even now. It hurts to hear of her passing, but Im blessed to have known her. Sending love to Robert, Josh and Aaron.. and the rest of Rhondas extended family and loved ones.

Dalton Fuller - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM