

## *In Loving Memory*



*Ronda De Peterson*  
*1969-2021*

*Ronda De Peterson, the daughter of Gilford and Lucille (Hensch) Sorenson, was born on March 1, 1969, in Breckenridge, MN. Ronda graduated from Fergus Falls High School in the class of 1987, then continued her education by attending Alexandria Technical College. In 1989, Ronda was blessed with a son, Brett. She met Steve Mickelson and together they were blessed with two daughters: Brooke and Quincy.*

*Ronda worked at Hardees for a few years, Viking Foods in Alexandria and managed the smoke shop for a number of years. In 2006, Ronda met Tony Defoe. They lived together in Miltona and enjoyed hosting their families for holidays and family gatherings. Since 2014, Ronda worked as a caregiver for New Beginnings. Her kind and loving personality was a perfect fit for the clients she helped at the different group homes she assisted in.*

*Ronda was accepting of all people and always dependable to those who needed her. She was a selfless and patient woman, who adored her children and especially her grandchildren. Ronda was devoted mother, grandmother, sister and significant other to Tony. She loved them all, with all of her heart, and will be dearly missed by those she loved.*

*Ronda De Peterson, died on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, in Alexandria at the age of 52 years old. She is survived by her loving daughters, Brooke Mickelson of Alexandria and Quincy (Mitchell Preusse) Mickelson of Sartell; grandchildren, Annabelle Thomasy, Everly Thomasy, Lane Preusse, and soon to be born grandson Declan Preusse; significant other of 16 years, Tony Defoe of Miltona, stepson, Devin (Elizabeth) Defoe of San Antonio, TX; brother, Larry (Geri) Sorenson of Pelican Rapids; sister, LeAnn (Terry) Larson of Kensington; sister-in-law, Terri (Bob) Thompson of Fargo, ND; nephews, Kody (Krista) Sorenson, Hunter Sorenson, Derreck Sorenson, Tanner Schmitz, and Caleb Schmitz; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Brett Peterson, and her brother, Roger Sorenson.*

***For Those I Love,  
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
But let my spirit calm your fears,  
I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*Celebrating the Life of*

**Ronda De Peterson**

March 1, 1969 † July 7, 2021

**Funeral Service**

Alexandria Covenant Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Wednesday, July 14, 2021  
11:00 AM

**Officiant**

Reverend Trinity Opp

**Special Music**

*"Amazing Grace"*  
*"Sissy"* by Alan Jackson  
*"I Hope You Dance"* by Lee Ann Womack  
*"How Great Thou Art"*

**Casket Bearers**

Kody Sorenson      Hunter Sorenson  
Zack Salo              Caleb Schmitz  
Trevor Hensch      Blaine Hensch

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

Annabelle Thomasy      Everly Thomasy  
Lane Preusse              Declan Preusse

**Interment**

Kinkead Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota



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