



Colleen M. Pickering

December 27, 1938 - August 6, 2012

Colleen M. Pickering, age 73, of Aldrich, Missouri departed this life on Monday evening, August 6, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

Colleen was born on December 27, 1938, the daughter of Harry Lee Cummings and Mary Leeilia Carver Cummings in Walnut Grove, Missouri.

Colleen loved traveling with her daughter Karren, cooking for her family and grandchildren, and taking them to church. She was a member of the Aldrich United Methodist Church in Aldrich, Missouri since 1982. She ran the Aldrich Switchboard for several years, and then later worked at Teters Floral Products. She worked as a meat wrapper at local grocery stores and worked for Citizen's Memorial Hospital-Parkview and Butterfield for over 20 years before her retirement in 2008. Her church family and neighbors were a blessing to her. Colleen always had a kind heart and loved to help others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Leeilia Cummings, her

husband of 50 years, James W. Pickering who passed away on June 22, 2006, and their son, Steven James Pickering (age 12) who died in 1982.

She is survived by her daughter Karren Sue Bruce and her husband Steve of Fair Play, Missouri, her sister Joyce M. Harris and her husband Dan, and her brother Dale Lee Cummings all of Point Cedar, Arkansas; her grandchildren Karrie Bruce of Bolivar, Missouri, Lita Lea of Springfield, Missouri, step-granddaughter Michelle Slagle of Springfield, Missouri, step-grandson Michael Bruce and his wife Amy of Bolivar, Missouri; great-grandchildren Melayne Bruce and Sha'dae Courtney, step-great-grandchildren Jessica Bruce, Claire Bruce, Zach Bruce and Mary Grace Bruce, Katie Slagle and Derick Slagle, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Aldrich United Methodist Church in Aldrich, Missouri with Pastor Patty Smith officiating under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, Missouri.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00pm on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri.

Burial will follow at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery south of Aldrich.

Pallbearers will be Larry Hall, Jerry Hall, Dean Smith, Francis Young, Jimmy Harris, and Mike Bruce.

Memorial donations in Colleen's honor may be made to the Aldrich United Methodist Church - Building Fund, 4775 South 36th Road, Fair Play, Missouri 65649.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Colleen M. Pickering*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Colleen M. Pickering*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dear Sweet Family, I am so sorry about your dear one, Colleen. She was such a lovely person! She was a dear friend of my mother, Marie Toalson. I have so many sweet memories of her and Mother visiting and working side by side at the Aldrich United Methodist Church. She seemed to be doing well earlier in the summer when I visited with her. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time. Love, Kay Wheeler*

Kay Wheeler - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carolyn and I extend our sympathy.*

Dr. John E. and Carolyn Russell - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Karren, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was such a loving, kind person. May you find comfort in the happy memories you shared. May God comfort you at this sad time. Love, Linda (Lyman) Denny, Republic, MO*

Linda (Lyman) Denny - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ i have warm memories of staying at karrens house-colleen was such a good cook & so good to us girls-we were blessed to have such wonderful moms-my heartfelt condolences to you karren-i love you & the girls...

susie price - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I worked with Colleen at CMH, and the Race Track. She was a great person and a very hard worker. She was one of the most positive people to be around. Her work ethic was always above and beyond of what was expected. I was blessed to have known her.

Linda Crites - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Karren, I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!

MariBeth Ruckman - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sorry to hear of Collenn passing. God bless your family

Royce Slagle - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Karen, so sorry about your mom. I have so many memories of our lives and time spent in the Aldrich community. I'll always remember when your mom worked the switchboard..I thought it was such a "neat" job. I know you will miss her terribly, just hold on to all of your memories!

Glenda Lyman Taylor - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ *Karren and Family,*

Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. May God comfort you in your time of grief.

Joe Quillin - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Dear karen and family, we would like to send our heart felt love and prayers to you and yours. There will always be a special place in our hearts for your mom.*

Many meals, cards games, fire works and fun. I would not trade it for anything.

*With all our love,
Phyllis and L. Chris Taylor.*

Phyllis and L. Chris Taylor - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Harlie and Nancy*

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Karren - I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Carol Wollard - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM