



## Ronnie Gene Pichler

July 16, 1958 - July 27, 2020

Ronnie Gene Pichler, 62, of Grand Island went to be with the Lord on July 27th at CHI- Health St Francis. A Celebration of his life is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th at 10:30 am at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Visitation will be on Monday evening from 5-7 PM with family present. All CDC recommendations will be followed, and face coverings are expected as we are trying to protect those most vulnerable.

Ronnie Gene was born July 16, 1958 to Larry and Joyce (Bengel) Pichler. He was raised and received his education in GI having graduated from GISH in 1977, where he excelled at gymnastics & wrestling.

In 1980, Ronnie loaded up his prized 1968 gold Camaro headed down the highway 1600 miles to Seattle, WA where he enjoyed the fast paced life style of the big city. Having lived there for 2 years and missing his roots he returned to GI. Ronnie always had a passion for the outdoors and loved to hunt and fish with his Dad, Grandpa, and Uncle Val. He hunted both water fowl and deer always looking for the biggest rack.

On August 1, 1987, he married Teresa Shelton and to this union 2 children were born, a daughter Jenna Johanna and son Tanner Gene.

In 1991, Ronnie was blessed with the opportunity to become a business owner and purchased Rapid Carbonic from his Uncle Val. He owned and operated the business for over 10 yrs.

Known by many as the guy that always had a smile on his face and an infectious laugh, Ronnie was famous for his clever jokes, entertaining stories,

and a way to make everyone in his presence feel like a longtime friend.

Ronnie was proud of his decision to take a new path in life which resulted in 15 years of sobriety. Through this sobriety Ronnie found great joy in reaching out to encourage others. He was a friend you could lean on, trust in, and was a most loving and compassionate soul. He worked at Preferred Mail picking up mail at various businesses and spreading cheer wherever he went. He also volunteered the last 3 years at the Salvation Army always encouraging the customers to take more than what was allowed because, "he can't count." He had a big heart and was loved by so many especially his grandchildren that he enjoyed being with and attending any event they were in. He had a special bond with his children and if he wasn't in their presence he was face timing them. He loved listening to music with his headphones and catching a good flick on the boob tube. The last 8 years of his life he shared a special relationship with Mickey McCann and enjoyed her children and grandchildren, often being referred to as Papa Ronnie.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Jenna (Shawn Dodson), Tanner (Hannah Holder), Grandchildren Jaida, Alaina, Knox, and Tara; Partner Mickey McCann; Brother Rickie, Sisters Robin (Gilbert Martinez), Roxann Emde (Larry), many nieces and nephews.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents.

No black to the funeral, dress fun like Ronnie would want you to.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronnie Gene Pichler*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Ronnie was a heck of a man. He always had a smile on his face every time i saw him . I always enjoyed visiting with him hearing his jokes and what not. He will sure make an awesome angel in heaven. Sending prayers and hugs to the family and closest friends; Especially Tim Petersen he will surely be missed by many. Go fly high with the angels Ronnie RIP buddy love ya !!!*

**Sherise Bartunek** - August 05, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *Jennifer May lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Gene Pichler*



**Jennifer May** - August 04, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Ronnie was a good man and he's going to b a heck of an angel. My prayers and hugs go out to his family and friends during this hard time. Please let the love, and joy his smile, and laughter brought your heart, shine through you forever!*  
*Much love always,*  
*(John 3:16)*  
*Caroline williams*

**Caroline Williams** - August 04, 2020 at 11:07 AM

SS

“ Hugs and prayers to Ronnie's family. He's gone way too soon! Jerry and Sue Shalberg

Sue & Jerry Shalberg - August 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronnie Gene Pichler.



August 03, 2020 at 02:28 PM

KA

“ My condolences to the Pichler family. We had some great times back in our High School Gymnastics days - He always had a smile on his face and was a great person.  
Keven Aldridge

Keven Aldridge - August 03, 2020 at 09:49 AM

JS

“ Jim, Rachel, Sarah, and James Shelton purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ronnie Gene Pichler.



Jim, Rachel, Sarah, and James Shelton - August 02, 2020 at 04:04 PM

KL

“ Roxann (Larry) and families, i'm sooooo very sorry for your loss, sending lots of prayers/HUGS to you and your families!!!

Kimberly (Allen) Lange - August 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

PD

“ Robin, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Ronnie. He was always upbeat and smiling when he would come and pick up the mail at Ace and if a person was feeling a little down he always made sure you were smiling by the time he left. What a great person! I know his leaving will leave a huge hole in your heart but I think maybe God had a special spot in heaven and he was looking for just that special person to fill it. His smile will be missed by many!  
Peg (Formely Ace Hardware)

Peggy Derickson - August 02, 2020 at 12:57 PM

PD

“ Peggy Derickson lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Gene Pichler



Peggy Derickson - August 02, 2020 at 12:49 PM

DV

“ Hi Jenna - I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I lost my mom just a month ago so I know this isn't an easy time. My comfort comes from knowing she's in heaven and that someday I will see her again. Cherish the memories you shared as a father and daughter

Denise Vasey - August 02, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JG

“ *Joy Davis Gibson lit a candle in memory of  
Ronnie Gene Pichler*



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**Joy Davis Gibson** - August 01, 2020 at 06:44 PM