



Vickie Lynn Gifford

December 10, 1955 - February 25, 2026

Vickie Lynn Gifford passed away unexpectedly on 2/25/2026. She was born on December 10, 1955, in Dayton, Ohio. At 11 months old, Vickie was adopted by Willard and Alice Wasson and raised as the apple of her mother's eye. Her mother was a person of substantial faith and did her best to instill faith in Vickie. Vickie had her daughter at a young age before marrying and having two sons with her first husband. While starting her family, she began a successful corporate career with Systems Research Laboratory (SRL) in Beavercreek, OH. She enjoyed many successful years there. She would ultimately meet her second husband, Michael Lee Gifford at this company. With that marriage she became a stepmother to Mike's two sons.

In 1996, she moved to Sarasota, Florida and started a new life and career from scratch. She initially worked in temporary positions before joining Living Water Pools where she found a new career in the pool business and true friends in the Serino family.

In 2004, she moved to North Port, Florida where she met great neighbors and friends Kerry and Ginny Miller. Around this time, she and Mike joined Crossroads Church, where they renewed their vows and were baptized on their wedding anniversary in 2011. She often recounted that their years at Crossroads church were some of the bests in their life. During this life phase, she found what would become her last job at Suncoast Pebble Tec working for

Michael Pittman, who she respected immensely. She would affectionately refer to him as the “Boss.”

In what became her last years of her life, she was aided by her cousin and lifelong friend Joani Wasson, who helped care for her husband during his long illness. Joani and Vickie shared a special bond that endured over the decades.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Michael Lee Gifford, who recently passed away and her loving parents, Alice Kendall Wasson and Willard Levi Wasson.

She is survived by her three children, Jayme Perkins (Michael), and their daughter Kendall. Andrew Thatcher (Ashlee), and their sons Landen and Aiden; and her son Matthew Thatcher. She is also survived by her two stepsons: Scott Gifford and his two sons Zane and Connor; and Brad and his two children Taban and Josie.

Vickie had a love for dogs, particularly boxers. She had eclectic taste in music but in later years mostly listened to and supported Joy FM; was a proud blood donor for 40 years and most of all she really appreciated anybody that was up for a quick two-hour chit chat. A great memorial to her would be chatting up an old friend about dogs on your way to donate blood while the Joy FM played in background. That would be a typical Saturday for her.

A memorial service will be held on 3/21/2026 at Grace Community Bible Church, 1045 US-41 BYP, Venice, FL 34285 across from Detwillers (a store she loved) from 11am-1pm. Lunch will be served from a restaurant Vickie frequently enjoyed.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Community Bible Church
1045 US 41 Bypass
Venice, FL 34285

Tribute Wall

LT

“ Lon & Connie Thatcher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vickie Lynn Gifford.



Lon & Connie Thatcher - March 19 at 06:12 PM

MF

“ Mike Pittman/Suncoast Pebble Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Vickie Lynn Gifford.



Mike Pittman/Suncoast Pebble Family - March 19 at 03:48 PM

MF

“ Mike Pittman/Suncoast Pebble Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vickie Lynn Gifford.

Mike Pittman/Suncoast Pebble Family - March 19 at 03:48 PM

LP

“ Love, Kenny and Lisa Perry purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Vickie Lynn Gifford.



Love, Kenny and Lisa Perry - March 19 at 02:39 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vickie Lynn Gifford.*



March 13 at 07:10 PM



“ *Your Friends at Siesta Pebble planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vickie Lynn Gifford.*

Your Friends at Siesta Pebble - March 09 at 01:47 PM



“ *Your Friends at Siesta Pebble purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vickie Lynn Gifford.*



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“ *Don and Andrea Sabia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vickie Lynn Gifford.*

Don and Andrea Sabia - March 06 at 04:45 PM

DS

“ Don and Andrea Sabia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vickie Lynn Gifford.



Don and Andrea Sabia - March 06 at 04:45 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of your mom! My heart is broken, your mom was a beautiful person from the inside out! I work for Pebble Technology, Sun Splash is a long standing customer. I love how you reference a 2hour chit chat we had many. I'm still processing the news, I spoke to Mike Pittman this morning. I'm praying for you & your family during this very difficult time, peace & comfort for you all. 💔🙏😭

Kathleen Comstock - March 04 at 12:29 PM

GF

“ Ginny, Kerry and family purchased the Sentiment s of Serenity Spray for the family of Vickie Lynn Gifford.



Ginny, Kerry and family - March 04 at 12:19 PM

MA

“ Mom thank you for all the birthday celebrations. Sometimes it was cake with the family or dinner at Chi-Chis or TGI Fridays. I know you were most proud of your kids and birthdays were the day you reflected on that.



Matthew - March 04 at 09:44 AM