



Kim McCracken

December 20, 1957 - July 14, 2025

Kim McCracken, age 67, of Monett, MO passed away on Monday, July 14, 2025, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO with family by her side. Kim was born in Joplin, MO on Friday, December 20, 1957; daughter of Bill and Dorothy (Clifton) Jones. She graduated from Monett High School in 1976 and furthered her education at Missouri Southern State University and Southwest Missouri State University where she obtained Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education. Kim married Darrell McCracken on Saturday, October 18, 1980, in Monett, MO. Mrs. McCracken spent her career as a teacher and counselor in the public school system. She touched many students and families. She worked with at-risk students who many had given up on and made a difference in their lives. Mrs. McCracken was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. She loved her family so much and enjoyed camping, floating on the pontoon boat, traveling, and cooking for them. She was very family oriented. Spending time with her family and taking care of her parents was important to her. Mrs. McCracken was a member of the Waymark church in Monett, MO. She will be missed by many.

Surviving are the following: her husband Darrell of Monett, MO; one son, Austin (Nicole) McCracken of Pierce City, MO; two precious grandchildren, Mason and Colter McCracken; mother, Dorothy Jones of Monett, MO; two siblings, Biff (Karon) Jones of Aurora, MO and Cindy (Ed) Boes of Jasper, MO; several nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

Mrs. McCracken was preceded in death by her father, Bill Jones and a brother, Clifton Wayne Jones.

The family will receive friends where they will celebrate Kim's life and the impact she had on others at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will be at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Friday, July 18, 2025, beginning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Bill Cox officiating. Burial will follow at Rocky Comfort Cemetery in Rocky Comfort, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Kim McCracken's grandchildren's college fund (checks written to Austin McCracken) in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Rocky Comfort Cemetery

Rocky Comfort, MO

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
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Funeral Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ Kim had such a positive impact on everyone she met, and her warm and caring nature will be missed dearly.

Tina Wormington - July 17, 2025 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ Darrell and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jill (Phelps) Hudson

Jill Hudson - July 17, 2025 at 12:07 AM

SJ

“ Kim was a very special person to all who knew her. She touched many lives from the students she inspired to those lucky enough like me to have worked with her. Austin, cherish the memories and live your life to make her proud just as you have always done. She's now your guardian angel and will always watch over you and your family. I'm so sorry I can't make her service but know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Susie Jenkins

Susie Jenkins - July 16, 2025 at 07:41 PM

GK

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you.

Glenna Kraft - July 16, 2025 at 10:36 AM

RC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Debbie (Branum) Creed - July 15, 2025 at 05:36 PM

JC

“ Janet Cornell lit a candle in memory of Kim McCracken



Janet Cornell - July 15, 2025 at 10:48 AM

RH

“ I am so sorry to hear my sweet classmate Kim has passed . She was such a good person loved by all who knew her. I want all of the family to know how sorry I am... I know your hearts are broken. Many prayers for each of you. 🙏🙏

Rebecca Long Hughes - July 15, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JR

“ Kim saw the best in people. I was a student that caused a bit of trouble and was a pain. Sr year I was living on my own and working a full time job Monday-Friday. I had her for HomeEc first hour and always came in wore slick, tired, and hungry. She would have me go to the kitchen and make the class breakfast often. I knew it wasn't for a class project but did it anyway. She always had a kind work and a way to encourage me. I will always appreciate and honor her by treating others the way she treated me. She was a genuinely good person.

JT Roberson - July 14, 2025 at 09:07 PM