



## Vanessa Rutland Pinson

April 28, 1961 - January 10, 2024

Vanessa Rutland Pinson, affectionately known as Nessa, left this world on January 10, 2024 at the age of 62. She leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and community spirit in her hometown of Crystal Springs, MS.

Born on April 28, 1961 to Joann Henderson Rutland and Gerold Dean Rutland, Vanessa was the middle child, growing up alongside her sister and brother. She attended Forest Hill High School, graduating in 1979. Vanessa went on to attend Hinds Community College to study photography, a hobby she cherished throughout her life.

Vanessa's life blossomed further when she married her soulmate in a beautiful ceremony at Van Winkle Baptist church in Jackson, MS in the summer of 1983. Following their marriage, the happy couple embarked together on the journey of parenthood, welcoming three beautiful boys into the world. Rather than pursue a career in the workplace, Vanessa chose to stay at home as the epitome of a domestic goddess, dedicating her time and energy to the most important career in the world -- raising, loving, and nurturing her three sons. As her sons grew into adulthood, they gave to Vanessa three daughters-in-law, whom she loved and nurtured as if they were her own children. In recent years, her eldest son has blessed her with one of life's greatest joys in the form of two beautiful granddaughters, whom she cherished.

Her kitchen was the heart of her home, known for its warmth and the unforgettable aroma of her famous baked goods. Nessa loved feeding people, taking any opportunity to share the joy and comfort of a home cooked meal with her friends and loved ones. She especially enjoyed cooking for her three hungry sons and their many friends that came to the house throughout the years. Nessa never met a stranger, and all were welcome in the refuge of her home. A compassionate soul, Nessa had a soft spot for animals and adopted many over the years at the insistence of her sons who also inherited this trait. Additionally, she made many donations to shelters and charities for those in need, most of which were not known to her husband for many years.

Vanessa was predeceased by her father, Dean Rutland. Her spirit is carried on by her mother, Joann Henderson Rutland, loving husband, Bill Pinson; sons, Chase Pinson (Whitney) Trevor Pinson (Megan), Gage Pinson (Taylor); granddaughters, Tatum Pinson and Evie Pinson; sister, Deanna Lovelace; brother, Lance Rutland (Tammy); a host of nieces, nephews, and other family; and a community that felt the impact of her life deeply.

The services to honor and celebrate Vanessa's life will be held on January 25, 2024. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 am and the Celebration of Life beginning at 11:00am at St Columb's Episcopal Church located at 550 Sunnybrook Rd, Ridgeland, Mississippi.

David Townsend, Ira Head, Prentiss Chancellor, Wayne Fowler, Mark Bennett, and Larry McWilliams will serve as honorary pallbearers, carrying forward her legacy of strength and love. Pastor CJ Meaders will speak to her memory, ensuring that while Vanessa may have left us in body, her spirit will continue to inspire and guide us.

Vanessa Rutland Pinson was a beacon of light in the lives of all who knew her, and her memory will be a treasure in the hearts of many. Her life was a

testament to the beauty of giving, and loving unconditionally. She will be forever missed.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations made to the Copiah Animal Shelter, (27084 US-51, Crystal Springs, Ms 39059; 601-954-6447 or 601-892-7512).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Columb's Episcopal Church  
550 Sunnybrook Rd  
Ridgeland, MS

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My prayers and deepest sympathies for the Pinson family* 🙏🙏🙏

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