



Vickie Sharon (Sallenger) Moon

September 16, 1946 - August 21, 2025

Vickie Sharon (Sallenger) Moon passed away on August 21, 2025, in Pueblo, CO.

She was born in Sacramento, CA, to Glenn and Olive Sallenger on September 16, 1946. Vickie was the oldest of seven children ; she was especially close to Glenda. She rarely spoke of her childhood, it was often referenced as difficult and their family being extremely poor. A song she always referenced as a description of her childhood was: Tennessee Ford's, Sixteen Ton's "You load sixteen tons, what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt. Saint Peter, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go; I owe my soul to the company store". Many of her family members were miners which was marked by several family moves as her father traveled for work. As the oldest child, she naturally became the caregiver to her siblings, taking on a motherly role to support them—a role she maintained throughout her life.

In 1960, Vickie moved to Idaho with her family. At age 17, she met Dennis Moon, who would become her husband. They married on June 26, 1964, and began their life together in a one-room shack on the family farm west of Ashton, ID. Eventually, they moved a house from Ashton to Sarilda, that would become their home. Together, they had three children: Michael (Charae) Moon, of Ephraim, UT; Richard Moon, of St. George, UT; and Rebecca "Beckie" (Wes) Johnson, of Rudyard, MI. Later, they adopted EmmaLee (Corey) Jensen, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Glenna (Keith) Hart, of Flint, MI; and Brandon Moon, of Idaho Falls, ID. She has 22 grandchildren and 12 great-

grandchildren, with one more on the way. Vickie loved every one of them, even those she never met. Dennis and Vickie began their life together with little more than hope and dreams. Their home was a revolving door for those without a place to stay and was always open to anyone in need.

Throughout their marriage, they provided a home for many foster children and family members. For Vickie, family was the most important thing. The lines often blurred regarding who and how everyone was related—their family tree looked more like a bush. Through adoption and their support for those in need, countless individuals could be considered a sibling, child, or family member. Her house was always full of kids and family, and she loved every bit of it. Her primary job was her children. She was involved for years in the Booster Club at North Fremont, supporting Mike and Rick through football and wrestling. She loved watching Beckie play basketball and volleyball. Watching EmmaLee and Glenna dance was her absolute favorite thing. When she thought she was done, Brandon came along, rebooting her cheering and videoing. It was hard to see Vickie without a gigantic camera stuck to her eye—she recorded everything, so she wouldn't miss a moment of her kids' and family's lives. Vickie and Dennis's hearts were bigger than their means; they often gave to those in need, sometimes leaving themselves wanting for life's essentials. Vickie suffered with many medical and dental issues; these struggles sometimes opened a door to escape life's pain. She spent years managing her physical and emotional pain. After Dennis, the love of her life, passed away in April 2020, after 55 years of marriage, she decided to move to Colorado—with her trusty dog by her side—to live with her brother and niece. Vickie's brother, Martin "Gene" Sallenger, and niece, Sharon Sallenger-Honeycutt, graciously opened their home to her. We packed her up and moved her to Colorado, where she lived until the end of her life. Being surrounded by family was when she was happiest. Our family will be eternally grateful to Gene and Sharon; through their love, guidance, and support, Vickie was able to put the past years of addiction to rest, and it was amazing to see the mother we knew from our childhood reappear. Gene and

Sharon provided love and support, and through their efforts, Mom's light returned and she became the happy, easygoing person she was in her youth. Sharon has four grandsons, whom Vickie adored—and they adored her. We, and Mom, are forever thankful for them.

Vickie was a talented artist and photographer. She entered many photos in state and county fairs, earning several blue ribbons and even a page in a published book, showcasing her talent. She played and coached softball—she was quite the shortstop and had the bruises to prove she didn't let a ball pass. Those Fourth of July co-ed softball games were something she looked forward to every year.

The life Vickie and Dennis created can be best described in Matthew 19:21: "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Vickie and Dennis emulated this throughout their lives. Their life began with nothing but hope and dreams, and as they left this earthly world, they left the way they started. Vickie was not perfect, but she was a perfect example of following Christ by her willingness to give all she had, and she will have a great treasure in Heaven.

Vickie is survived by her children: Michael, Richard, Rebecca, EmmaLee, Glenna, and Brandon; her brother, Martin "Gene" Sallenger; Michele Pacheco; Bill McNamara; 22 grandchildren and 12 plus great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Jasper.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Moon; mother, Olive McNamara; father, Glenn Sallenger; and siblings: Glenda Heskett, Candy Ochoa, and Dean Sallenger.

She didn't want anybody around to mourn her death, so there will be no services. The family will hold a celebration of life in Ashton next summer. A great woman once said, "If you can't visit me when I'm alive, don't come visit me when I'm dead!" — Vickie Moon

Vickie's story does not end at death, her life is full of "life lessons" that each

and every person can learn from to make their life better for those around them. Her legacy will be on display through her children and grandchildren, which were her greatest treasure.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jack Selway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vickie Sharon (Sallenger) Moon.

Jack Selway - September 05, 2025 at 10:59 AM

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“ Jack Selway purchased the Grand Meat & Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Vickie Sharon (Sallenger) Moon.



Jack Selway - September 05, 2025 at 10:59 AM

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“ What a beautiful tribute to an amazing woman. I was first friends with Glenda then met Vickie and we all became family. Vickie helped us with getting our Foster Care license and later, our adoption. I love her. I'll miss her posts on Facebook. Give our family that greeted you at the veil a big hug for

Faye Sayre - September 04, 2025 at 07:29 PM



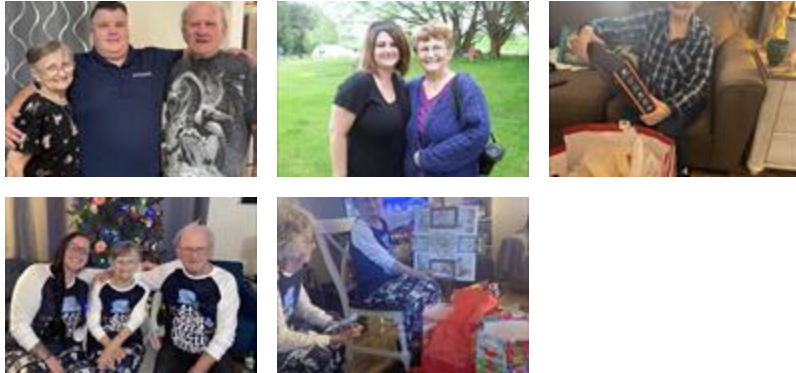
“ Sharon Burnside Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Vickie Sharon (Sallenger) Moon



Sharon Burnside Honeycutt - September 04, 2025 at 06:25 PM



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Sharon Burnside Honeycutt - September 04, 2025 at 04:48 PM

KM

“ Kathy McMullen lit a candle in memory of Vickie Sharon (Sallenger) Moon



Kathy mcmullen - September 04, 2025 at 03:24 PM

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Thank you for your wonderful friendship. I will keep an eye on Gene as you asked me to do for you ..love you Vickie .

Kathy mcmullen - September 04, 2025 at 03:28 PM