



Mona Rita Poling

July 9, 2025

Bluefield, WV – Mona Rita Poling of Bluefield, WV died Wednesday July 9, 2025 at Mercer Healthcare Center. Mona was born in Logan, OH a daughter of the late Thomas Strawn and Merlyn Harden Strawn.

She served as Principal at Memorial School, and Dean of Women at Concord University. In earlier years she had been active in PTO and other education organizations. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by granddaughters Caroline and Marina Turner.

Mona is survived by her daughters Sherry Desjardins of Bluefield, WV and Tamra Cochet (Anthony) of Williamsburg, VA, and a brother David Poling (Nicole) also of Williamsburg, VA. Also surviving are grandchildren Forrest Desjardins, Christen Poling-Brett, Caitlin Poling, and Mason Poling.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday July 15, 2025 at Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Brent Brown officiating. A private interment will be held at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA. Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to a favorite charity.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the Poling family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mona Poling.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Service

JUL 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VG

“ I remember Mrs. Poling as the Principal at Memorial Elementary when my kids were there. They are the same age as her grandson, Forest. She was a good Principal... highly respected and kept a clean and orderly school. I was glad to have my kids under her leadership during their formative years.

Mrs. Vanessa Godfrey

Vanessa Godfrey - July 16, 2025 at 08:40 AM

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“ Bob Jackson in purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mona Rita Poling.



Bob Jackson in - July 12, 2025 at 02:31 PM

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“ Bob Jackson in planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mona Rita Poling.

Bob Jackson in - July 12, 2025 at 02:31 PM

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“ *Mona was a wonderful friend and neighbor!
My condolences to her daughter and family!
Sincerely, Robert Jackson*

Robert Jackson - July 12, 2025 at 01:31 PM