



Ramona Lynn Young

October 21, 1963 - May 8, 2026

Ramona Lynn Young was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 21, 1963, a daughter of the late Patricia Catherine (Skrapka) Dodd and of the late Raymond Lawrence Dodd. On Friday, May 8, 2026, she met her savior while surrounded by her family in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ramona spent most of her childhood in the Del City area and graduated from Del City High School, where she was proudly crowned Homecoming Queen her senior year. She pursued her calling in education with dedication and joy. She earned her Associate of Arts in Child Development from Rose State College in 1984, then completed her Bachelor of Science in Family Relations and Child Development at Oklahoma State University in 1985. She continued her studies at the University of Tulsa from 1985 to 1986, earning certifications in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education, along with special endorsements. Her passion for serving children led her to Northeastern State University, where she received her master's degree in Elementary School Counseling in 1989 and her Certification in Elementary Administration in 1992. Her lifelong love of learning shaped her career and touched the hearts of countless students, families, and colleagues.

While at OSU, Ramona worked as the lead for the Stillwater Area YMCA After School Program. It was there she met the love of her life, Bryan Young. After a bit of persistence, Bryan convinced her to go on a date, and the two quickly

became inseparable. They married on June 8th, 1985. From 1985 to 2001, they made their home in Tulsa, and then Owasso. After welcoming their three daughters Katy, Gail Lynn, and Remy, they decided to move closer to Bryan's family. In 2001, they built their dream home with a wrap-around porch north of Collinsville where they have lived ever since.

Ramona devoted 30 years to nurturing and guiding students in several Oklahoma school communities. She was at Glenpool Public Schools from 1989 to 1995, where she did her student teaching, was a Physical Education teacher, and later the Middle School Counselor. Ramona continued her counseling work at Oologah Public Schools, serving as an Elementary Counselor from 1995 to 2001. Her love for the classroom eventually brought her back to teaching at Collinsville Public Schools, where she taught 1st grade from 2001 to 2010 and 2nd grade from 2010 until her retirement in 2016. Throughout her career, Ramona touched the lives of students, families, and coworkers with her compassion, patience, and unwavering commitment to children.

Even after retiring, Ramona continued to pour love into others. She became a caretaker for her in laws, the late Fern and Jack Young, serving them with tenderness and devotion. She combined her love of teaching and fitness at the Owasso Area YMCA by becoming an exercise instructor, leading many classes and forming deep friendships along the way. She also led senior adult workout classes at First Baptist Church of Collinsville, where encouraging others became her new ministry. She cherished the people in her classes, celebrating monthly birthdays and creating a warm, welcoming community. Ramona had a rare gift. She could make anyone feel special, cared for, and loved all at once.

Ramona's greatest joy was her family. Her husband, her daughters, her sons in law, and her soon to arrive grandson were her whole heart. She was

constantly sharing about them and their accomplishments, and spending time with them. She loved traveling, planning trips, making memories with the people she held dear, and the joy of Christmas. There was always at least one fully decorated tree in her home with Christmas lights glowing year-round. She was an advocate for those with disabilities. Ramona also really loved dogs and cats. Ramona received many awards and honors during her life and was always an active volunteer in schools, the community and her Church. Ramona also enjoyed running and competed in 5ks, 10ks, and half marathons around Oklahoma. Above all else, she was a woman of deep faith who loved the Lord with all her heart.

Ramona is survived by her husband, Bryan Edward Young; her daughters Kathryn Young, Gail Neal and husband Konner Neal, and Remington Muly and husband Isaac Muly. If you talked to Ramona recently, you also knew the love she held for her future grandson, Bennett Willard Neal, arriving in October 2026. She is also survived by her sisters Karla Lesko and husband George Lesko, and Rhonda Stringer and husband Ed Stringer, brother-in-Law Russell Young and wife Mary Young and brother-in-Law John Coen along with many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family & friends who she loved dearly.

Memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 15 2026, at First Baptist Church in Collinsville. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

www.moweryfs.com

So many people have asked how they can honor Ramona's memory. In lieu of flowers, we would love for friends and family to consider making a donation to a charity of your choice, or joining our family in creating lasting memorials in her honor. We are currently working toward placing a tribute bench at the

Tulsa Zoo and having a commemorative brick engraved at the Owasso YMCA
— two places that held special meaning to her and our family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Collinsville
1301 W. Main St.
Collinsville, OK 74021

Memorial Fund

MAY 15.

Meal Train

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gevnkm>

To help keep everything in one place, please see the link below if you would like to contribute toward the tribute bench at the Tulsa Zoo or the engraved brick at the YMCA. The link is connected to our Meal Train, but it also includes information for donations. <https://mealtrain.com/gevnkm>

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *There are few people like Ramona in this world. I am blessed that our paths crossed at her dental office (I was her hygienist for many years), then at the Y. I will miss her genuine heart of love for others. Prayers continue for the family.*

Bobbye McCay - May 15 at 11:21 AM

AW

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Bryan and all of Ramona's Family.*

Danny always valued growing up with Bryan and thought so highly of his parents.

Veronica also remembers your family fondly from living down the street in Owasso.

May you find comfort in your beautiful memories and may the Lord's peace, comfort, and love surround you all during this sad time.

The Lovell Family

Anita Lovell Walker - May 14 at 01:25 PM



PM

“ I was Ramona’s favorite student in water aerobics class! Kidding! But that is what all of us would say because that’s how she made each of us feel, special and unique. She started us with a question of the day and waited for each to answer. Who knew we would have so much fun in a pool. We didn’t know we were making the best of memories. I don’t think I’ll ever go to the Y and not think of her. My favorite memory was decorating Christmas cookies with Verna and her. Then she conned us into making dozens for our Christmas luncheon. Never did I doubt her Christian love. I made a donation to Remy’s account to use at the family’s discretion. Prayers for all.
Tricia Marlow

Patricia Marlow - May 12 at 10:21 PM

RB

“ I will miss Ramona and her kind and loving spirit. She made exercise classes at the Y beneficial and fun all at the same time. She really made us feel like part of a community. If any of us were absent for more than a few days, she would always welcome us back and ask where we had been if we hadn’t given any advance notice. My heart breaks for you, her family, and I pray that God covers each of you in comfort and peace during this most difficult time.
Renee Butler

Renee Butler - May 12 at 08:54 PM

SV

“ Ramona was a wonderful teacher at the YMCA. I joined in November of 2025 after my husband passed away. Ramona gave me a book from a student in her class that the student wrote following her husband’s passing. I will treasure my time with dear Ramona and the book that she gave me. She will be missed I loved her as a friend. Thank you, Sandy Vice

Sandra Vice - May 12 at 08:49 PM



*Ramona was truly an old soul. She loved us older women & always kept us on track working on our bikini bodies!
Ramona was a very good hearted person & would do anything for you she could!
Ramona gave me purpose & a routine after my husband's death. She will be truly missed!! Gail Cummins*

Gail Cummins - May 13 at 07:35 PM

JF

Ramona was truly a Remarkable Lady. I was in her Chair Yoga class, she made me feel welcome from first day! When I wasn't able to attend class earlier this year she would check in with me often. I am Heartbroken 💔 about her passing. Praying 🙏 for her family, she will be missed by everyone's life's she touched.

Jamie Fuller - May 14 at 11:54 AM

TF

“ The entire Christensen family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Ramona Lynn Young.



The entire Christensen family - May 12 at 05:40 PM

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ramona Lynn Young.*



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