



Mrs. Karen Owen Downs

October 5, 1960 - September 4, 2020

Karen Marie Owen Downs, age 59, passed away peacefully at her home in Grant, Alabama on September 4, 2020. Karen was a loving wife to Kenneth Downs, a devoted mother to Kandi (Jason) Morrison and Kenny (Ashley) Downs, both of Grant, and an adoring Granna to five granddaughters, Ella, Rowyn, and Edyn Morrison and Brantlie and Harper Downs.

Karen was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 5, 1960 to Philip and Ruth Owen. Not long after Karen was born, they moved to Huntsville, Alabama and then to Guntersville Lake in 1974. After graduation from DAR High School in 1979, she continued her education at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, completing a degree in electrical engineering in 1983. She later completed two Master's Degrees, one in Mathematics and one in Engineering Management. After 30 years of distinguished service with the Department of Defense, Karen retired in 2016.

Karen's generosity and heart for others were apparent to everyone that knew her. Every task she accomplished was done in a huge way, with love and perfection. Karen was an avid scrapbooker, and she loved to document family gatherings, trips, and her children and granddaughters' sporting events with hundreds of photos. Family vacations to Disney World, first with her children and then with her granddaughters, were her absolute favorite.

In addition to her husband, children, and grandchildren, Karen is survived by her parents and her sister, Kathy (Philip) Swofford. She was preceded in death by her brother, Phil (Jan) Owen. Karen also leaves behind her two sisters-in-law, Brenda Kuykendall and Jean (Jim) Hyatt, as well as special friend, Lula Bearden, who provided tender care for her in recent years.

Grant Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements. A graveside service, led by Bro. Anthony Barnes, will be held at Troup Cemetery in Grant on Monday, September 7 at 10am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the "Karen Owen Downs and Phil Owen Memorial Scholarship Fund" at KDS DAR School, 6077 Main Street, Grant, AL 35747 or to a charity of their choice.

Cemetery Details

Troup Cemetery

Grant, AL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Troup Cemetery
Grant, AL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kim Downs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Owen Downs*



kim downs - October 28, 2020 at 04:55 PM

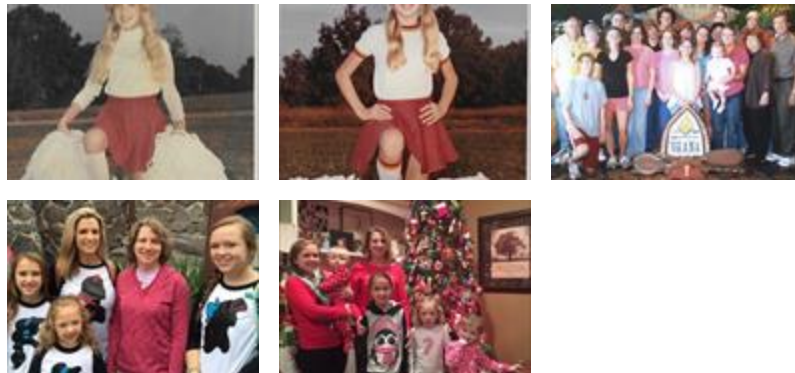
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“ *Karen was an outstanding student at KDS, DAR School when I served there as Principal. Her classroom performance made it obvious that she would be a successful and influential person in her adult life---as she surely was. My condolences to her family. Bonnie and I are praying for God's love, care, and peace beyond understanding will be upon you in the days ahead.*

Joe Teal - September 08, 2020 at 06:54 PM

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Kathy - September 07, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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“ I love Karen, the best woman anyone could ask for and would go out of her way to help anyone!!! Rip in peace sweet lady you will be missed!!! Kim downs



marshall treadway - September 06, 2020 at 09:46 AM

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“ Marshall Treadway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Owen Downs



marshall treadway - September 06, 2020 at 09:43 AM

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“ Karen was one of my dearest friends. Before Karen retired we would frequently meet for lunch and go for walks. Everywhere that we would go she would always meet a friend and talk about the good ol days.



Sharon H - September 06, 2020 at 01:24 AM