



Karen Keylon Thacker

August 11, 1950 - November 4, 2022

Karen Keylon Thacker went to be with her Lord on November 4th, 2022, at Park West Medical Center in Knoxville. She was preceded in death by brothers Mike and Dickey, parents Marie and Frank, and grandson Judah. Karen is survived by husband Mike, daughter Rita Curran and her husband Jim and their son Mikey, son Matthew and his wife Wendi and their children Camilla Kate and Emmett, brothers Gary and David. Karen worked the majority of her adult life as the Head Secretary at the Robotics Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. She was a life-long member of Young's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian church in Kingston. Karen looked forward to spending time with her "Lunch Bunch" friends and enjoyed playing dominoes, working crossword puzzles and playing solitaire. Her roast was out of this world, and she loved feeding her family. Affectionately named "Mimi" by her first grandchild, Judah, Karen doted on her grandchildren every day. Her lap was a coveted spot and she made sure all her grand babies got a turn. She was always patient and found ways to engage and play with each of them; from watching shows about video games, trying to learn about Pokémon, listening to all their stories, going for rides around the neighborhood on the side-by-side scooter, and making sure she had the perfect selection of snacks and treats. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who will be greatly missed. Karen supported St. Jude Children's Hospital in remembrance of Judah. In lieu of flowers, please donate in her honor. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Thacker Family.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Karen was a beautiful person inside and out. I am grateful that I had the chance to work with her and be part of the "lunch bunch". Prayers for the family. She will be missed.

Lora Wolfe - November 14, 2022 at 02:13 PM

AH

“ My sincerest sympathy to the family. I was so blessed to be friends with Karen. She will be deeply missed.
Anne Holder

Anne C Holder - November 14, 2022 at 12:15 PM

CF

“ Matthew, Rita, and Mike, So sorry about your mom's passing. It's one of the saddest things ever to lose a parent/mom/wife. The only way to get through it is to lean on God and his mighty strength. Your mom was the sweetest soul ever. I could tell her spirit was soooo sweet by her Facebook posts in the last year or two. Our family sends our deepest sympathy and love! We are so very sorry! With much love and many prayers and hugs! Cindy Fielden and Family

cindy fielden - November 09, 2022 at 07:32 PM

DD

“ You are missed.

Dorris Dale - November 09, 2022 at 05:38 AM

JC

“ Karen was a sweet, kind lady who it was a pleasure to know at ORNL. With sympathy, Joy Castleberry

Joy Castleberry - November 08, 2022 at 02:36 PM

GJ

“ *Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time.*

Gary & Cindy Johnston - November 07, 2022 at 09:05 PM

PW

“ *A sweet , kind and wonderful lady. I will miss my friend.*
Pam Walters

Pamela Walters - November 07, 2022 at 07:37 PM

SA

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss.*

Sherri Anderson - November 07, 2022 at 07:33 PM

LR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all.*

Lisa and Rickey Russell - November 07, 2022 at 07:28 PM

HM

“ *So sorry for your loss*

Harry & Lavanna Miles - November 07, 2022 at 04:37 PM