



Kay Karen Kennedy

October 22, 1947 - October 1, 2014

Our beloved Kay Karen Kennedy, 66 years of age, of Wynnewood, OK died October 1, 2014 at home from a recent illness. Kay Karen was born October 22, 1947 in Oklahoma City to Geneva Loucille and Gearald Ray Kennedy. Kay Karen grew up on an oil lease outside of Moore, OK. She attended Moore Schools and graduated from high school in 1965. She was married to the love of her life, Frank James on April 19, 1983 at her dearest friend's home, Amy and Dan Hodgins in Edmond, OK. Kay Karen attended the University of Oklahoma where she received a degree in Political Science. Kay Karen began her career of teaching but soon decided she loved the law. She was accepted to Oklahoma City University Law School where she received her Juris Doctorate Degree.

During her legal career, Kay Karen was appointed an assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division in the early 1970's. She went on to be appointed as a Workman's Compensation Judge and ultimately found a passion as Managing Attorney for Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma. Kay Karen had a passion for helping people and loved her many years with Legal Aid. At the time of her death, she was managing attorney for the Ardmore, Ada, and Hugo offices. Kay Karen also along the way received a calling to become a United Methodist Pastor. Both she and Frank helped to build a new home for the Paoli Methodist Church. She loved her parishioners dearly and found great satisfaction in being of service to the Methodist Community.

Kay Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Geneva and Gearald

Kennedy, her maternal Grandparents William Patrick and Jozie Kennedy and paternal Grandparents Hugh Festus and Betty Kennedy and her beloved husband Frank James. She is survived by son Dale James of Hartshorne, OK and daughter and son-in-law Mary and Nathan Sparks, also of Hartshorne, OK and her beloved niece, Karisa Kennedy of Oklahoma City, OK.

Grandchildren - Paige and Brayden Sparks of Hartshorne, OK , Myra Kurz of OKC, OK; Jessica Andrews of Lytle, TX; Marissa James of Hartshorne, OK, two Great Nephews Jordon Kennedy of Amarillo, TX and Jonivan Kennedy of Oklahoma City, OK and her loving sister and brother-in-law Sheila Kennedy-Stewart and Dennis Stewart of Oklahoma City, OK and Sue and Buck Luetscher of Sacramento, CA. Kay Karen also leaves behind a host of dear family, friends and colleagues.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Paoli Methodist Church, 304 Dulin Drive, Paoli, OK. United Methodist Church Regional Director Rev. Larry Bauman and Rev. Roland Barrick of Wynnewood United Methodist Church will be officiating. Visitation with family will be Friday, October 3, 2014, from 5pm – 7 pm at DeArman Funeral Home, 103 East Cherokee, Wynnewood, OK. Interment will be at Elmore City Cemetery. The family wishes to thank each of you for your love of this precious woman who has meant so much to those that were graced to know Kay Karen Kennedy.

DeArman Funeral Home

www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Karen Kennedy*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Ms. Kennedy was a true professional. I tried many cases against her. She was a pleasure to have on the other side of a lawsuit. She was honest, well prepared and diligent in the representation of her clients. We developed a friendship during that time. She also appeared before me once I went on the bench. She was an attorney that a judge appreciates: She was prepared, she presented her case and she sat down. And always did it with a smile on her face. Kay Karen Kennedy - you will be missed.*

*Judge Steve Kessinger
Special District Judge
Pontotoc County District Court*

Judge Steve Kessinger - October 03, 2014 at 02:40 PM



“ *Kay Karen was a loving and caring friend. She was faithful to her calling from God, and I am sure she is enjoying His presence. Dale and Mary, I'm sorry for the pain of separation. May God grant you peace amidst your sorrow.*

I cannot make it to the funeral because I am conducting one in Lindsay during the same time period.

*Grace and Peace,
Ron King
Lindsay UMC*

Ron King - October 03, 2014 at 11:05 AM

AH

“ *What a glorious day it was for me when my Minister, my friend, Kay Karen Kennedy baptized me into the Christian faith. How precious she was to so many who were privileged to know her. Andrea.*

Andrea Hilliard - October 03, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Kay Karen Kennedy.*



October 03, 2014 at 09:26 AM

TL

“ *Kay was a true professional and a joy to work with. We will miss her.*
Tom Landrith

Tom Landrith - October 03, 2014 at 08:34 AM

KK

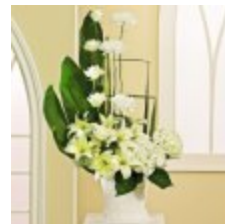
“ *Kathleen Kennedy purchased the Pink Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Kay Karen Kennedy.*



Kathleen Kennedy - October 02, 2014 at 03:58 PM

DA

“ Dan & Amy purchased the *Eternal Grace* for the family of Kay Karen Kennedy.



Dan & Amy - October 02, 2014 at 03:19 PM

LH

“ Larry And Betty Hays lit a candle in memory of Kay Karen Kennedy



larry and betty hays - October 02, 2014 at 02:58 PM

SD

“ Stephen And Sherri Dixon lit a candle in memory of Kay Karen Kennedy



stephen and sherri dixon - October 02, 2014 at 02:46 PM

DP

“ Donald And Ruth Peters lit a candle in memory of Kay Karen Kennedy



Donald and Ruth Peters - October 02, 2014 at 02:28 PM

DP

Kay Karen meant so much to us she prayed us through so many health issues we will miss her dearly

Donald and Ruth Peters - October 02, 2014 at 02:32 PM

GE

My friend

George - October 03, 2014 at 05:36 PM

AH

“ *There is a big hole in our hearts. We R filling it with 44 years of grand & wonderful memories
Everyone loved Karen. She was a wonderful person.
She will be missed & remembered by everyone. She set a high bar for all of us to measure up to & we are all better people for having known her.*

Amy Hodgins - October 02, 2014 at 01:57 PM