



Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey

May 9, 1965 - February 11, 2021

Karen Briggs Bailey, 55, of Blythewood, died on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Born in Columbia, SC, on May 9, 1965, she was the daughter of the late Melvin C. and Emma Ree Childers Briggs.

Karen graduated from Spring Valley High School, class of 1983 and later retired from North Point Community Church. Following her retirement and prior to her recent battle with cancer, she worked as the office manager for Valley Beverage Company. Karen only found one difference in people she met; that being if they were left-handed or right-handed. She had the opportunity to serve on mission trips in Haiti and enjoyed her time with the Women of Joy. In her free time, Karen loved going on cruises, attending baseball games, and was a devoted Carolina fan by default. She was a true homemaker and loving person who considered everyone she met as family.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Bailey; sons, John, Dallas, and Donnie Bailey; granddaughter, Annalyse Bailey; sisters, Roberta Newton (Steve), Debbie Cooper, Sandra Porter (Harold), Linda Torri (Tommy), and Paula Roberts (Dexter); as well as special friends who were family that cared for Karen, Stephanie Meetze, Paulette Drafts, Dawn Loner, Jennifer Bledsoe, Linda Larsen, Angie Bowers, Alexis McLead; as well as so many others and her nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Karen is preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

The service to celebrate Mrs. Bailey's life will be held 3 o'clock, Wednesday, February 17th, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home. For those who wish to attend virtually, you may do so by visiting her tribute page at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](https://www.ShivesFuneralHome.com). Masks and social distancing are required to create a safe environment for all. In lieu of a register book, the family requests that you leave a memory or word of encouragement on her tribute page.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Prisma Health Hospice for their loving care to Karen

during her recent decline.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family at the following link:

<https://bit.ly/3u2UBLY>.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** **03:00PM**
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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - February 17 at 08:38 AM



“ Thank you for the unconditional love of Mrs. KK and Mr. Harry. They are truly family to me and I constantly thank the Lord for introducing them to my late mother Edith Holmes Anderson and myself (Richard). Love the Bailey's! We will truly miss Mrs. KK and her caring heart and beautiful smile.

Richard Anderson - February 20 at 01:36 AM



“ Bonnie Russell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Bonnie Russell - February 17 at 05:25 PM



“ The Celebration of Life was very moving, thank you to the family for sharing this service with those online. It was very nice hearing the special memories. Such a loving, beautiful life well-lived as a Light to many. RIP.

Glenda Barnes Ganther - February 17 at 04:13 PM



“ Karen was a very special friend. She always made you feel welcomed, inquired about each family member, was gracious with her time, love, help. Will miss her immensely!



Ellen Spaulding - February 17 at 11:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey.



February 17 at 11:00 AM



“ 273 files added to the album LifeTributes



Shives Funeral Home - February 17 at 10:38 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey.



February 17 at 08:05 AM



“ Glenda Barnes Ganther lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Glenda Barnes Ganther - February 17 at 12:56 AM



“ Karen was a part of some of my favorite memories from middle school and she always tried to keep everyone in contact even beyond our school years. In our adult years, she was still the same sweet person. There is no way to forget her smile and her warm spirit. She was awesome in so many ways, it's really hard to narrow down to a short note... She was a lovely woman with loving ways that touched so many. Sweet rest in God's arms. Prayers go out to the family.

Glenda Barnes - February 17 at 01:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey.



February 16 at 05:49 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey.



February 16 at 12:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandra Ellison - February 15 at 10:28 PM



“ Denita Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Denita Brown - February 15 at 10:26 PM



“ Beautiful lady inside and out, loved by everyone who knew her.

Denita Brown - February 15 at 10:32 PM



“ Sandra Ellison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Sandra Ellison - February 15 at 10:25 PM



“ She was an angel on earth. She will be missing by all love you until we meet again.
Sweet sleep .

Sandra Ellison - February 15 at 10:22 PM



“ Harry, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful wife Karen. Please accept my sincere condolences to you and your family. You all are in my prayers.

Lois Mack - February 15 at 07:04 PM



“ Harry, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. My condolences to you and your family. Let me know if there's anything I can do.
Your friend, Roger Edwards

Roger Edwards - February 15 at 10:42 AM



“ The Side Deck Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey.



The Side Deck Family - February 14 at 02:13 PM



“ Karen was truly one of a kind. Always a smile on her face and she had such a positive attitude! Heaven has gained an angel! Praying for you and your family Harry Bailey.



Terri Nance - February 14 at 10:09 AM



“ KK was a lovely woman of God that I am thankful to have known. I loved her sweet smile. She always had a kind word to share.

Debbie Grubb - February 14 at 09:18 AM



“ Karen was one half of one of my favorite couples in the world. Harry, I pray God comforts you and your family. She exuded the Love of Christ and shared it with joy. And she fought bravely. I have no doubt she has abundant treasures stored up in heaven.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson - February 13 at 03:55 PM



“ KK was the arms of Jesus. Her heart infinitely big. Hey girlie! How are you, with a smile that could melt a glacier. Talented and freely giving all of her gifts, sharing and caring. She wrote with two hands at the same time the same text in mirror image. She always had a word of encouragement to serve and uplift. She was all heart, compassion and love. I cherish the moments and memories we had in my heart forever. Love you KK til we see each other again.

Marion Keller - February 13 at 10:41 AM



“ When I think of Karen, the words that come immediately to mind are True, Pure, Kind, Love and Beauty. Karen IS a true child of God and all that is good in this world. While she will be missed here we know she is home now and joyfully awaiting Harry and the rest of her family and friends, when the time comes for each of us.

Cathy Burr Alf - February 12 at 11:40 PM



“ Robert & Connie Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Robert & Connie Miller - February 12 at 10:00 PM



“ What a true southern lady. We've known her since childhood. She always had a smile and a word of encouragement. A true child of God with a heart of gold. We should all live our lives as she did. I pray for you, family, but know that she loved y'all with all her heart. With love from Connie and Henry Robertson and the Hollis family

Connie Robertson - February 12 at 07:32 PM



“ Jerry and Lisa Clark



Jerry and Lisa Clark - February 12 at 07:07 PM



“ Heaven definitely gained an angel. Karen was beautiful inside and out, always happy and always made everyone feel loved. I am blessed to have met her and enjoyed so many things with her from a mission trip to Haiti, to a fun filled carnival cruise!!! She was a joy to be around and will be loved and missed by many forever. Rest In Peace sweet KK!!!
Love you bunches!!!! Tina Pasvanis

Tina Pasvanis - February 12 at 06:54 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Karen. She was one of the kindest souls I've ever known.



Chris Bledsoe - February 12 at 06:47 PM



“ Karen was such a special lady and could bring a smile to anyone she came across. She had such a pure and genuine heart and our family will greatly miss her. My favorite times with Karen were when we did Nick At Night at the church when we finally had a church property . For many years we had so much fun and it was pure joy teaching kids about God and his love. Our kids were young then and loved being apart of Nick at Night and loved Karen so much. Our family is heartbroken to hear of her passing and will never forget her.

Amber Tribbey - February 12 at 06:22 PM



“ Chester And Gail Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Chester and Gail Crowley - February 12 at 06:18 PM



“ Karen was such a beautiful person inside and out. Made me feel so welcome when I became a member of North Point. Never ever will be forgotten. An angel now with her Heavenly Father. I will miss her. And to the family, I wanted to say again what an amazingly beautiful person she was. My prayers are with you all. My condolences.

With Love
Joanna McCray

Joanna McCray - February 12 at 06:11 PM



“ Karen was such a sweet person! Her spirit would embrace you and you truly could feel the love! I will hold the memories I have close to my heart and will always be thankful that I was able to meet someone so special

Ashley Boyd - February 12 at 05:37 PM



“ Nancy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Nancy Wilson - February 12 at 05:25 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey.



February 12 at 04:31 PM



“ Vickie Greene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



Vickie Greene - February 12 at 04:18 PM



“ Karen was the first person to invite my mom and me to come to North point. She was beautiful inside and out. What a blessing she has been to us. She truly loved everyone. We love you KK. We will see you again.

Jeannie yuris - February 12 at 04:17 PM



“ I met Karen when my son became friends with Donny and Dallas. She was so kind and a pleasure to talk to. She and Harry were so good to Josh and he loved going to their house. I thought the world of Karen. She was one of a kind. From knowing her such a short time I could tell how much she loved her family and how devoted to was to her boys. She will be missed for sure. I will keep her family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherry Cannella - February 12 at 04:16 PM



“ It was an honor to know someone like Karen. She had such a sweet and tender heart. I enjoyed looking for her church group each year at the Women of Joy. Great memories of us worshiping together. I know she was greeted with open arms when she enter Heaven with no more pain.



Cara Kaiser - February 12 at 04:15 PM



“ Lisa Boyd And Alyson Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Briggs Bailey



lisa boyd and alyson boyd - February 12 at 04:13 PM



“ Karen Bailey was one of the most precious Christian ladies that i have ever had the pleasure to become part of her extended family, Karen always had a smile and a kind word for me and if it was a bad day she had a scripture to quote to me and make it better, I will miss this precious lady , Karen, we will try and keep Junior straight, you just walk those streets of gold and talk with Jesus

Treasha Ellington - February 12 at 11:02 AM



“ Karen is one special lady who is going to be dearly missed by many. I love you sweet friend! Junior, I continue to pray for all of you. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you and hold you close.



Jenny and John Koumas - February 12 at 10:36 AM