



Mrs. Karen Pearson

December 3, 1946 - March 26, 2020

Karen Gale Elrod Pearson, 73, of Columbia, died Thursday, March 26, 2020. Born December 3, 1946 in Billings, MT, she was a daughter of the late Ira Craig Elrod and J. Patricia Dugan Elrod. Karen studied biology and English at Loyola and English at USC. She was an adventurer at heart, sky diving, scuba diving and traversing the El Camino de Santiago. Karen was a swim instructor and avid Gamecock fan. She retired as a surveyor from the Department of Health and Environment Control and was a former Recreational Therapist at the Midlands Center. She attended Trinity Cathedral and St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, where she wore many hats. Her special loves were mentoring EfM and singing in the choir.

Karen's first husband, Jimmy McLeod died in 2000, but she would find love again when she met and married Timothy Pearson in 2011. The couple was married at Trinity Cathedral and were inseparable since. Karen loved all her friends, "The Village", and many others. She also loved her fur babies, Monkey, Quark and Hiccup.

In addition to her beloved husband, Tim, she is survived by cousins, Kelly Dugan Rittenback and Robin Dugan; her sisters-in-law, Kelly Marjerrison (Gordon) and Sue Kirk (John); a niece, Carrie Kirk Montgomery; great-niece Alice Montgomery; nephews, John Kirk (April) and Clifton Kirk (Becky); great-nephews, Jackson, Jagger, Jett, Chipper and Camden Kirk. In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, John Lee Elrod.

In light of the recent Novel COVID-19 Virus, a memorial service is being planned for a later date. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family and will announce further plans.

The family would especially like to thank Sister Carole Andrew and the Sisters of St. Helena for their loving support of Karen.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Michael and All Angels', C/O Fr. Charles,

6408 Bridgewood Road, Columbia, SC, 29206. His comfort and strength have been immeasurable during this most difficult time.

Comments



“ I wish I had gotten to know Karen better and have felt much sadness for Timmy. Karen was such a nice and cheerful person. It was great that Timmy and she shared a great love of antiquing and such fun ways to scavenger hunt. Both their faces lit up when they talked about and showed me some recent “finds” they had in the back of the SUV. We compared “scavenging stories” and Karen was just delightful. I could have listened to Timmy and her for hours - in fact I wanted to jump in the SUV with them and just go antiquing. I have this image of Karen in Heaven. All the Victorian age folk up there are sitting in a circle around her saying things like “You’re kidding! People actually collect our hat pins and tin type pictures and absinthe bottles?” And Karen, waiting patiently to see Timmy again, is very, very content with old memories and these new friends that fascinate her!

lynn boyd - April 10 at 11:51 AM



“ My heart smiled when I saw the picture my brother Tim had chosen for Karen's obituary, because it is a fond memory for me...myself and other ladies in the family were celebrating Karen's forthcoming wedding, at a local tearoom....it was a fun time, and Karen looked like a queen that day....I cherish each "girls" outing we had and family times that were shared.... we both loved to sing, and once decided to attend each other's choir rehearsals...hers Episcopalian and mine Baptist....different, yet the worship through song was the same...Karen, you were a gift to our family and to Tim, and will be sorely missed and not forgotten... Love, Sue

Sue Pearson Kirk - April 03 at 05:36 PM



“ I enjoyed all the fun times. My sympathies, Tim. God bless you.

Paul Smith - April 01 at 06:52 PM



“ Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rick Felder - April 01 at 04:14 PM



“ For years I prayed my brother Tim would find someone special. My prayers were answered when he met Karen and she became a member of our family. Of course we would like to have had her with us for much longer but we can never complain since we are thankful to God for the time we had with her.

Kelly Marjerrison - April 01 at 02:45 PM



“ Hi Tim, I am so sorry that Karen is not with us any longer. I enjoyed the times we shared at the JCC. You might not even remember me but I remember you and Karen. I missed you when y'all quit coming to the pool.
May God bless you and all of your families.
Jean Hamilton

Jean Hamilton - March 31 at 08:46 PM