



Karen Jane Kesling

August 10, 1943 - April 21, 2024

Karen Jane Kesling (George / Anderson) departed this world for her heavenly home on April 21, 2024. She was born August 10, 1943, in Barbour County; the daughter of Sherman Kesling and Hazel Jane (Riffle) Kesling. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harold David Kesling, and Sherman Kesling, Jr; and three sisters, Louise Van Dette, Shirley Jean Tallman, and Barbara Collins.

Karen was a beloved partner of Kyle L. Cochran, until his passing in 2019.

She is survived by one sister, Linda Sue DeBarr and two sons, Mark Aren George and Jason George, all of Buckhannon.

Karen graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1961 and Fairmont State College in 1965. She was a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and the English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta.

She was a teaching assistant at Purdue University, and taught English at Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School and Buckhannon-Upshur High School, from which she retired in 2003. She enjoyed teaching and loved every one of her students, and really cared that they got the best education they could. Karen taught multiple generations of families and could still remember many of her students' names.

Karen was very compassionate, loved helping others, and would do anything she could to assist people. She liked playing Spider Solitaire and Mahjong on her computer and talking and texting on her phone. She enjoyed eating, cooking, and perfecting recipes. Sharing food with others brought her a lot of joy.

Karen's wishes for cremation were honored. A memorial / celebration of life service will be held at the Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tribute Wall

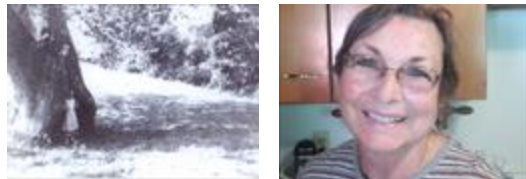
TC

“ *Mark and Jason, You were blessed to have a beautiful, kind, intelligent mother. She was such a wonderful sorority sister to me at Fairmont State College. May you have comfort from her shared memories together. How you both took care of her is a blessing. Sincere condolences to you and your family. Love and prayers, Sincerely, Tensil Tennant Clayton*

Tensil Clayton - May 11, 2024 at 11:21 AM

MA

“ *2 files added to the album Mom*



Mark - May 10, 2024 at 10:29 AM

CA

“ *Jason and Mark - My deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved mother. She will be missed by all who knew her. May your precious memories bring you both peace and comfort.*
- Cheryl Anderegg

Cheryl Anderegg - May 09, 2024 at 07:58 PM

DH

“ I met Karen through my cousin, Kyle Lee Cochran, when they were together. She was very nice to me and we shared many thoughtful memories. Karen invited me over to visit several times after his death and gave me several of his mementos and pictures. I enjoyed and appreciated our visits and Karen's kindness toward me and my family.



Dwanda (McAtee) Hewitt - May 09, 2024 at 04:19 PM

RP

“ Mark and Jason-Our deepest sympathy to you. Karen was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We miss her and look forward to seeing her again someday. You were so compassionate to her. May you continue to feel the love she had for you.

Rob and Lisa Phillips - May 08, 2024 at 06:21 PM

BB

“ To Karen's entire family,
So sorry for your loss. She was my eighth-grade homeroom teacher in 1968. She was a very caring person. Our deepest condolences.
Prayers,
Bruce and Jackie Bennett

Bruce and Jacqueline Bennett - May 07, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JB

“ Deepest condolences. First met Karen when she was my long-term sub. She was a fantastic teacher/person who did an amazing job with her students. RIP my friend.

Jane Brady - May 07, 2024 at 10:07 AM

LJ

“ My Aunt Karen was such a Special Lady!! I was honored to have her sharing advice and life lessons with me for my 59 years. I loved her very much.

Laura DeBarr Johnson - May 06, 2024 at 01:10 PM

JR

“ Mark, Jason, and Linda and families, So sorry to hear of Karen's passing.

Jean and Martin Rohr - May 06, 2024 at 12:36 PM

SK

“ Sarah & Kaylee purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen Jane Kesling.



Sarah & Kaylee - May 04, 2024 at 01:51 PM

CS

“ Karen was a very dear friend. We met at Fairmont State and were able to reconnect several years ago. Though we lived far apart, we were able to stay in touch. I loved her and will miss her sweet voice.

Cindy Slator - April 29, 2024 at 01:20 PM

RS

“ So very sorry to about Karen passing away. She was a teacher to both of my daughters. We really loved her a lot. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Rhonda Harlow Suder - April 29, 2024 at 12:06 PM