



## Karen Ferguson

December 31, 1941 - April 4, 2011

Graveside services for Karen Ferguson will be held Thursday, April 7, 2011, at 1:00 PM at the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery with Reverend Phil Fair officiating. Services are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka, LLC.

Karen Kaye (Clemence) Ferguson was born on December 31, 1941, on the family farm Northwest of Waynoka, Oklahoma, and peacefully went to be with the Lord on April 4, 2011, while at her home in Waynoka at the age of 69 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

Karen attended Liberty School, Centerview School, and Waynoka High School. On January 25, 1958, she was united in Marriage to James (Jim) Francis Ferguson at the First Church of God in Waynoka, Oklahoma. Karen began a life of work in the cafeteria at Waukomis Public School before she and Jim moved back to Waynoka in 1973. Karen held jobs ranging from being a sales clerk at Frank&s Department Store, to working at the local grocery store, to managing the Jiffy Trip convenient store. There was also a very entrepreneurial side to this small town girl. Karen owned and operated three separate businesses before she and Jim retired to ranch cattle. In Karen&s later years she became the coordinator of Waynoka Mobile Meals, a non-profit food delivery service for the elderly. Throughout Karen&s life she was a very active member of the First Church of God of Waynoka.

Spending time with family and taking care of others were very important parts of Karen&s life. Her devotion and prayers helped keep those that were closest

to her comforted until the day of her passing. Karen had a passion for sewing, arranging flowers, and doing crafts with her grandchildren.

Preceding Karen in death were her parents, Paul and Hazel Clemence, and her husband Jim Ferguson.

She is survived by two daughters, Sch&ree Ward and her husband, Tom, of Edmond, Oklahoma; and Kama Kruckenberg and her husband, Wesley, of Waynoka, Oklahoma; six grandchildren, Trent Ward and his wife Kim, of Edmond, Oklahoma; LaChez& English and her husband Calvin, of Ponca City, Oklahoma; Romi Price and her husband Kirby, of Edmond, Oklahoma; James Ward and girlfriend Lauren Wright of Moore, Oklahoma; Bryndal Ballard and her husband Brandon of Waynoka, Oklahoma; and Frank Alberson and his wife Tatum of Edmond, Oklahoma, nine great-grandchildren, one brother, Merle Clemence and his wife Dixie, of Waynoka, Oklahoma; a niece, Merla Sims, and one nephew, Mark Clemence and his wife Debbie.

The family would like to give special recognition to friends that helped care for Karen over the past few years: Hollie Cunningham, Brenda Farmer, Debbie Milledge, Autumn Gulliford, Dorothy Ross, Tracy Lyons, Tamara Bolar, Tomeka Cunningham, Sascha Gulliford, and Kaylee Devon.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer&s Association Oklahoma through Marshall Funeral Home at P. O. Box 804, Alva, OK 73717.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Ferguson*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Hello Sch&ree and Tom, I just wanted to let you know I saw in the paper where your beautiful mother passed away. My heart breaks for you. She was your mother - so special. I remember how thoughtful you two were to attend the funeral of my father over 14 years ago. We will miss these important and dear people in our lives. Your mother sounds like she was full of life and energy and was a sweet Christian influence throughout her life. You were blessed to have her as your mother. Your whole family was, I&m sure. I pray you all are comforted by the wonderful memories and even her characteristics that you also possess. God bless you and your family at this difficult time - Love, Chuck and Shari Darr*

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**Shari Darr** - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ As a young single Navy Sailor, traveling across the country from San Francisco to Washington D.C. by Greyhound bus at Christmas time in 1958, I stopped in Waynoka, OK for a few days to visit with my 1st cousin Jim Ferguson & family. Jim & Karen were newly married at that time. Since Jim was working through the day, and then was driving an ambulance that evening for the rodeo (in Enid or Alva, I believe), Karen & I talked & visited for quite a few hours during that day and while traveling to and from, and enjoying, the rodeo. It was the only opportunity I ever had to meet and visit with Karen, but I have remembered her kindness and sweetness for over 50 years. Karen left a lasting impression on me that "she is the kind of girl I hope to meet and marry one day". From such a short visit, I can't say that I knew her well, of course - but I feel I was blessed with a short glimpse of a truly sweet and wonderful lady; a glimpse which left me with a nice memory over these many years, and a feeling that my special cousin, Jim, was truly blessed with a wonderful wife. My sympathy, prayers, and best wishes to Karen&s family and many loved ones. Kenneth W. Passwaters

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**Kenneth W Passwaters** - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Schree and family, and Kama and family. What a wonderful lady whom had alot of spunk, laugh and smile that brightened a room. I love Sissy Song and when I hear this verse- It&s hard to say goodbye, her picture in my mind will always be of times I&ll cherish. and I wont cry &cause, She flew up to Heaven on the wings of angels by the couds and stars and passed where no one sees, and she walks with Jesus and her loved ones waiting and I know she&s smiling saying Don&t worry &bout me!! Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while then leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same. This is how we feel about Karen and all of you! And Dad still loves telling the bandaid story from prom. Enough said. May God Bless all of you.

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**Brad & Brenda Beck** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ When I think of Karen I will smile. She was a beautiful person inside and out. My thoughts and prayers for all of you. Patsy Johnson Bouse

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**Patsy Bouse** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ To all the family, we are so very sorry about Karen&s passing. Everytime we visited, she would tell me what angels you girls were. One of you ended up swinging on a cabinet door and said, "I thinks I kill meself". She dearly loved her family. She has left you with special memories being the kind and loving person that she was. We are thinking of you.

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**Chris and Marilynn Olson** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Kama and Schree, I want you to know how sorry I am at your loss. Karen was such a special person to me. We have had lots of talks about my loss of Steph as she was in the flower shop back then. We cried together that day and have had a wonderful friendship ever since. She was one of the most wonderful classy ladies that I have ever known and yes that laugh will be in my mind forever. She helped me when I needed to hear comforting words on that April 4th, and I will never forget her. She will be missed. We have had a barrel of laughs and I am sure she is doing just that now. God Bless each of you. Rita Inman

Rita - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ It was very evident that Karen was so well loved and cared for by her family. May God&s love and peace of mind fill the emptiness you all feel in her loss. Take comfort in knowing that she was a child of God and is singing with the angels now.

Jim & Sherry Beagley - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My deepest sympathy&s go out to your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Shelly Lewis Collins - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ KAMA AND FAMILY, I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT KAREN. SHE ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART. DID WE NOT HAVE ALOT OF FUN AT JENNY B&S! WONDERFUL MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST FOR OUR LIFE TIME. ALWAYS REMEMBER ALL THE GOOD AND FUN TIMES YOU HAD WITH YOUR MOTHER AND SHE WILL BE THERE WITH YOU IN SPIRT

APRIL - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *May your memories always remain there. We love our loved ones so much. Memories stay with us and are like a planted seed.*

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Schree & Kama, we were so sorry to hear about the recent loss of your mother. We pray that our loving God grants you comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time.*

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**Russ & Sue Ann Hogue** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *To Schree, Kama, and family. Karen was a great friend to me. We had some wonderful times together. Laughing was something we did a lot. Her laugh was wonderful as was her sense of humor. We could laugh about anything or nothing. Haloween was a event for us for several years when we would take you kids out for egg fights. We were always pulling pranks on each other trying to outdo the last one. There would be times we didn't see one another for long periods of time but when we did it was like just like old times and it was wonderful. Karen was a loving, caring, funny lady. I will cherish the many memories that I had with her.*

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**Paula Miller** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *We were saddened to hear of Karen&s passing. She is now resting and at peace. Our thoughts & prayers are with her family.*

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**Dudley & Jeanne Winn** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We were very sorry to hear of your mom&s passing. She was a very special lady. I had a lot of fun and good visits with her in the past. She will sure be missed.

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**Rex and Carolyn Baird** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Karen & I grew up in the same community N.W. of Waynoka & attended the same grade school. She was a wonderful friend through the years. I spent a lot of fun times with her at the Clemence home. Our lives took different paths but we later worked together at Frank&s. She & Jim were so very proud of their family & she was always telling me about the girls & the grandkids, and asking me about ours. Heaven is even more beautiful with Karen there. I love you all!! Lois Nutter

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**Lois Nutter** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Karen, but the way someone is remembered is never a loss. I will always remember Karen! I had so much fun with her, for a number of years. Even 4 years ago, when she was having health issues, Mother was in the hospital in Enid, Karen visited us and made Mother laugh. She was beautiful in many ways, but what a treasure we have in having known her! You will always miss her but her memory is so precious. Mike and Brenda Marsalis

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**Mike and Brenda Marsalis** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Kama, Schree and their families as well as other family members and friends. Karen was a very dear sweet lady who will be missed by so many. I will always remember her beautiful smile and infectious laugh. May God bless all of you during this difficult time.  
With Much Love, Karen Gamble

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**Karen Gamble** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Kama and Family- Karen was such a joy to know. She was like a second Grandmother to me. I will miss her greatly. Love, Taylor

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**Taylor Waggoner** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I remember Karen and her infectious laugh. What a joy it was to be in her presence. Memories of Karen and Jim&s early years of marriage flood my mind. They were so young and happy. I remember the gas station in Freedom and the many good times spent there. Her dedication as a wife and mother were above and beyond. Her first love was Jesus Christ and all who knew her also knew she was a Christian woman. May God always bless her family

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**Don & Judy Ferguson** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I don&t even know where to begin! Karen was an amazing lady. I can still hear her laugh and see that amazing smile!! I remember how she loved her cheese fries! Kolten still has a box that Nanny gave him when Grammy passed away and he looks inside of it at least once a week. I remember when Kolten was growing up, he got away with murder at Grammy&s house when Nanny was there! She will be missed by a lot of people. I hope she knew how many lives she touched! Nanny, thanks for always loving my kids like they were your own grandkids! I love you! :0)

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**Sherri Childers** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM