



## Karen Victoria Lawson

April 25, 1952 - January 28, 2023

Karen Victoria Dunn Lawson, of Lake of the Woods in Orange County, Va., died unexpectedly on January 28, 2023 at the age of 70. Born on April 25, 1952 to the late Joseph (J.K.) Dunn and Jean Keys Dunn, Karen lived most of her life in Manassas, Va. She was predeceased by her husband, Damon Lawson.

She is survived by her son Alexander Lawson; a brother Kenneth Dunn and his wife Sonya; and their three daughters, Rachel (Rob) Mitchell, Stephanie (Chris) Engleright and Emily (Jon) Scites. She is also survived by her beloved aunt and uncle, other nieces and nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Karen graduated from Osbourn High School in Manassas and then from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She spent her 35+ year career teaching elementary school in Prince William County, ending with Yorkshire Elementary School. Karen loved teaching and she loved her students. She also spent several years after retirement teaching at Covenant Christian Academy until her husband's illness required her full time care.

Karen had a passion for teaching, and she and her son Alex volunteered teaching English as a Second Language. She had a lifelong love of books and reading, and had considered changing careers to become a librarian.

Known for her creativity, she not only had incredible taste, but an incredible natural talent for decorating and putting things together. She belonged to several Facebook groups, which had a focus on decorating. She would work on her seasonal tablescapes, with her son Alex tweaking and helping with the final submissions. She was known for her beautiful handmade greeting cards, and she had had a business selling handmade crafts online.

Most of all, she will be remembered for her love of family. She was so full of love, and she was known for her thoughtfulness, her compassion, her generosity, and her diplomacy. She was truly a “family favorite”.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia.

The Memorial Service will follow at 10:30 AM on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Pierce Funeral Home Chapel, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens Cemetery, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Lake of the Woods Fire and Rescue, 104 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA 22508.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Victoria Lawson.*



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February 03, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *My heart is with all of you and I'm keeping you all in my prayers. I have fond memories of holding her as a baby. When she was learning to talk she refused to call me Doris, but instead called me Dorsy. Because she wasn't allowed to come up the steps she would holler Dorsy from the bottom until I came down. A sweet child, who grew into a sweet, kind, and loving woman...she will be missed by many. Aunt Doris Morgan (Dunn).*

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**Doris Morgan** - February 02, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *I worked with Karen at Yorkshire Elementary for several years. We taught 2nd grade together. She was a kind, funny and caring soul. Love, Mrs. Michele Berry.*

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**Michele Berry** - January 31, 2023 at 07:33 AM



*I worked with Karen at Yorkshire she was a very sweet lady and great teacher Rest in peace Karen 🙏 you will be missed 😭*

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**Donna Thompson** - February 01, 2023 at 11:12 PM

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“ *Karen was kind and generous. She loved teaching and celebrating holidays with her students. She made the most beautiful Christmas cards. She was a good friend.* ”

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**Glenna Ohlms** - January 29, 2023 at 10:07 PM