



## Karen K. McCrorey

June 8, 1944 - December 1, 2023

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Born in Kansas, resided in Centreville Virginia. Karen was preceded in death by her parents Glenn and Olive Davis, brothers Lanny and Gary Davis, granddaughter Renee Sliger. Karen is survived by her husband Donald Dommer, daughter Christina Wilson and husband Clint, son Troy Hering and wife Tamara, four grandchildren: Brooke Hering, Tyler Hering, Audrey Sliger, Kayla Hering.

Family will receive friends Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 2:00-3:00pm. Memorial service will follow at 3:00pm at Pierce Funeral Home 9609 Center St. Manassas, VA 20110

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or the Northern VA Sheltie Rescue [nvsr.org](http://nvsr.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Karen K. McCrorey*



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**Pierce Funeral Home** - December 14, 2023 at 10:06 AM

DA

“ *Karen and I are first cousins.  
Our mothers were sisters.  
I lived in Washington State so traveling to  
Kansas where they lived was difficult.  
My father , bless his heart took us to Kansas  
about every 3-4 years .  
Karen and I had a good time playing, swimming and movies.  
Always lots of cousins but we were close on age so we were  
together for the 4 days or that my family was there to visit.  
Good memories.  
Deanna Aichele*



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**Deanna Aichele** - December 16, 2023 at 02:58 PM

CW

*Love this* ❤️

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**Christina Wilson** - December 16, 2023 at 04:40 PM

FR

“ Who knew when we met at Shapes Spa that we would end up being such good friends. From the first time I massaged you, we were like peanut butter and jelly. We had all the same neck surgeries with the same wrong doctor. We had all the same doctors. I will always remember our drives to the doctors, making sure we avoided Hwy66. I'll remember our last moments with Shadow on your living room floor. I'll remember all the meals we had together just laughing till we almost cried. You brought so much to my life and you will be so missed my sweet sis. Rest easy with your pink wings and give Shadow a kiss for me til I see you both again. I love you. Farrah

Farrah Richo - December 16, 2023 at 01:34 PM

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“ -Utilities Unlimited Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen K. McCrorey.

-Utilities Unlimited Team - December 15, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Karen K. McCrorey.



December 15, 2023 at 10:28 AM

MD

“ Matt and Carmen Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen K. McCrorey.

Matt and Carmen Davis - December 14, 2023 at 06:09 AM

“ An Addition to Alan and Nancy Steward's Tribute

*We're sending a quote, "Safely Home" from one of Nancy's mother, Doretha (Dot) Rebecca Kreidler's sympathy cards; Dot passed away in August 2012, when Karen, Donnie, Nancy, and Alan were at the NASCAR race in Bristol.*

*SAFELY HOME*

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief are over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still:  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;*

*Do it now, while life remaineth  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

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**Nancy and Alan Steward** - December 10, 2023 at 06:28 PM



*That is beautiful*

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**Christina Wilson** - December 12, 2023 at 06:12 AM

NS

“ From Alan and Nancy Steward, at Lake Monticello, VA.

*Karen was one of the dearest friends we've had the pleasure of knowing and we grieve her loss deeply, but we are comforted knowing she is at peace, relieved of her earthy struggles and pain with her recent ill health.*

*Our friendship with Karen and Donnie began with our mutual love of Shetland Sheepdogs when we lived in Fairfax, VA and dog sat their Sheltie, Sabrina, whenever they traveled. Eventually, we began socializing together and on our first "double date" we exclaimed "why did we wait so long to start going out together!" We loved taking care of Sabrina and after she passed over the Rainbow Bridge, we took care of their next Sheltie, Shadow, when they went away until he, too, bounded over the Rainbow Bridge.*

*Throughout our friendship, we took many enjoyable trips together. Among them all, the ones we best remember are our Royal Caribbean cruise in May 2006, from San Diego to Hawaii and back, when, among other exciting activities, Karen and Nancy got a bit tipsy during an on-board martini seminar, sampling different concoctions at the Martini Bar; our exciting trip to Las Vegas in April 2009, when we stayed at The Flamingo because its theme was pink and Karen simply loved the color pink, and where we had loads of fun doing "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas"; our venture August 2012, to a NASCAR race in Bristol where, if our memory serves us correctly, Tony Stewart got mad about something and threw his helmet down on the track; and then our NASCAR adventure in Charlotte where we visited the NASCAR Hall of Fame {photo attached} and attended a NASCAR race, that again, if our memory serves us well, was a dull, rare race when there weren't any significant wrecks.*

*In addition, we have many fond memories of Karen and Donnie's visits to our house here at the lake where we enjoyed dining out at numerous restaurants in the area and beyond; playing card games,*

*especially Five Crowns; watching movies on TV; and just relaxing either out on the screened in porch or in the living room, sometimes sipping on Cosmos. In addition, Karen, Donnie, Alan and Nancy were invited to John and Mary Rueckert's Sheltie Spa when they lived in Palmyra, VA followed by invites to their retirement home in Callaway, VA, the Sheltie Spa South; during the summertime, we loved the pool parties and Bar-B-Qs, and one year Mary and John grilled bison burgers that Karen wouldn't eat, turning her nose up, so the next year we pulled the proverbial wool over Karen's eyes by telling her John was grilling hamburgers when in fact he had bison burgers on the grill; Karen devoured hers and never found out about the little white lie. The six of us also spent a couple Thanksgivings together, and we fondly remember Karen's delectable recipe for decadent sweet potatoes; plus during the holidays, we will always recall the camaraderie exhibited at our annual Christmas parties and gift exchanges.*

*The last time we saw Karen was at our son and daughter-in-law's Thanksgiving dinner at Scott and Sarah Kell's house on November 23, 2023, and we'll be forever grateful for the opportunity to hug her one last time, not knowing it would be the last time we touched each other in this lifetime.*



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**Nancy and Alan Steward** - December 10, 2023 at 06:15 PM

BH

*Such a beautiful tribute to Grandma Karen. Thank you, Nancy.*

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**Brooke Hering** - December 11, 2023 at 09:16 AM

LS

“ Love, Nancy and Alan Steward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen K. McCrorey.

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Love, Nancy and Alan Steward - December 10, 2023 at 01:30 PM

LS

“ Love, Nancy and Alan Steward purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Karen K. McCrorey.



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Love, Nancy and Alan Steward - December 10, 2023 at 01:30 PM

JR

“ From Mary and John Rueckert / Franklin County, Virginia - we are deeply saddened by the news of Karen's passing. For a number of years, we shared Christmas with Karen and Donny and Nancy and Alan Steward. It was rather a tradition with gifts, movies, games and dinner out together. These are the things we will remember about Karen (and Donny) every time Christmas rolls around in the future.

Another thing we will always remember is Karen's love of watching the news. She was very passionate about the state of the country and stayed well informed on things. She not only liked to watch the news when she visited us, but every time we called her, we could hear it on the TV in the background.

We have read the comments from others about the chronic pain that Karen suffered. Mary also has back pain issues, and they had a lot of discussions about that. At least we know now that Karen's pain is a thing of the past. and her suffering has ended.

For everyone that finds peace in the concept of an afterlife, here is a YouTube link to a song that may help bring you peace...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gl2sqdfD2Q0> (It appears you will need to copy and paste this link into your browser to view it. It is titled 'I will see you again' - by Westlife. There are other versions. This is the one you need to watch.)

I bought my first Sheltie in 1970 and have owned dozens since then. So, we appreciated Karen (and Donny's) love of Shelties - especially Sabrina and Shadow. Shelties are very sensitive. I understand from Donny that Noir is aware that something has changed and is missing Karen. Because of our history with Shelties, in lieu of flowers, we will be sending a donation to the Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue in memory of Karen. The Rainbow Bridge is something that we are very tuned into.

We recently came across a little verse that I had never heard before

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*Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
and missed beyond measure*

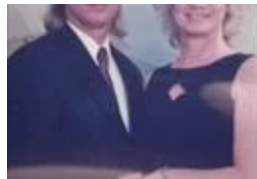
*The reason so many are leaving such heartfelt tributes is that Karen earned them by the life she led.*

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**John and Mary Rueckert** - December 09, 2023 at 07:15 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Donald Dommer** - December 09, 2023 at 06:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen K. McCrorey.



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December 08, 2023 at 11:26 AM

TH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Troy Hering** - December 08, 2023 at 09:43 AM

TH

“ Dear Mom,

*God bless you. I know you are with your mom, dad, brothers and granddaughter rejoicing in heaven. I hope you have Sabrina and Shadow in your lap fighting for your attention. I miss you so much already and find myself about to call you on my phone just to say I love you and to check on you. You were a wonderful mother and friend. I will miss our conversations and your advice. I will miss hugging you and helping you solve all your technology problems - phone, tv, computer...haha. Thank you always showing up no matter what to support me and my family. You were always so proud of me and you loved my children and my wife Tamara. Your loss is more than I can bare and I am not sure what to do. Please watch over me and our family. You will never be forgotten and will be cherished forever. My heart aches and is broken. I know I have the best guardian angel ever looking out for me and our family. I love you mom, rest in peace, pain free, healthy, happy in heaven. Love, your proud son - Troy*

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**Troy Hering** - December 08, 2023 at 09:23 AM

KG

*Troy - I'll keep my mouth shut on your comments. I talked to her everyday, and you're spreading manure!*

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**K grimes** - November 02, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KH

“ Grandma Karen, I'll never forget the mornings watching old cartoons on your couch eating all your animal crackers you always had stocked up in your pantry. The times you stuck up for me when no one else would. You took me in when everyone else rejected me. I still am in shock you are now gone and I will never be able to stop by and grab Popeyes, Chick-fil-A or Fridays with you or go see a movie. The photo is from my graduation from high school in 2017. I took so much time for granted and I will use the lesson you have left me with to cherish the moments we do have with the people close to us that love us dearly as tomorrow is never promised. “fly high, free bird”

~Your Granddaughter Kayla H.



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**Kayla Hering** - December 06, 2023 at 01:04 PM

CW

“ I love you mom you have been my rock my entire life of trials I couldn't be here today without your strength and support. I miss you so much but knowing you are now with your family and with your granddaughter Renee makes me smile plus so many musicians have died recently ans I know you are right there dancing



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**Christina Wilson** - December 05, 2023 at 06:44 PM

KG

“ Karen and I were both born in Kansas but raised elsewhere. We weren't biological sisters, but we were sisters! I knew her about 35 years - in work and out of work. We both spoke the truth - most liked it and few didnt.

She told the grandkids to call her Karen, because Karen always looked young and beautiful. They started calling her Grandma Karen!

We always celebrated each other's birthdays by eating at Taco Bell. Of course, way back then, we had to collect all the talking chihuahuas. I think Karen was the first person to get a furby. She was always so young at heart. Even in her pain, she continued going to concerts, etc., not letting the pain beat her. She was my heroine .. I gave up years to my pain.

She was an answered prayer for Sabrina .. she and Donnie turned her life around. Karen gave Sabrina CPR on the way to the vet. Shadow was her and Donnie's answered prayer - he was so smart and so sweet. Shadow and Donnie did all the trials. They lost Shadow too young also. I think when you have a big heart and suffer traumas, it's proven that your heart can be broken - a muscle right down the middle of the heart. Karen had such a big heart. After my divorce, she would invite me to join in their activities - we bowled alot! She came shooting with us but only liked the 38. We played wallyball, and she would wear a PINK bike helmet to protect her eyes.

She was one of the most graceful women I knew and 5" taller than I! She never knew how beautiful she was. I remember happy hour, and everyone there watched her .. she had a great walk too! I loved hearing her laugh - it was so easy, and she would even cry! I called her phone today just to hear her voice one more time and tell her See Ya Later and So Happy No Pain - I know that you and my Mom really wear those wings with CLASS!

She had few regrets - good example for the rest of us - she wished she had seen my Mom and Jacqui one more time .. she got her wish!

She and I got in-line skates and after work, we went to highest garage level. She put a pillow on her back and looked like an angel.

*We lovingly called her the Amazon woman.*

*On snow days (feet), I would pick her up in 4x4 on my way in. We were the only ones there, and the boss wanted to know why we were in jeans (duh).*

*When you're ill, you find out who your friends are. Most scurry away - not Karen! True Blue as my Grandma used to say and Hallelujah Anyhow!*

*Whenever I got sick at work, Karen would run to CVS for me .. true friendship and love!*

*When we'd all go to lunch on weekends, Karen and I were speaking non-stop while Donnie and my Mom were doing the same.*

*After I lost a furbaby, Karen let me have Shadow over the Holy Days*

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*After Karen had her eye procedures, Mom and I went by to wash, condition, dry and curling iron her hair. Now when Karen did her makeup and hair, she looked like a model. I was thanking The Lord that she couldn't see the curling iron job!*

*If I was ill, she would even go to my boss and tell her I should go home .. didn't work but I felt loved.*

*I'm keeping all of her texts. I talked to her on Tuesday .. she was triple miserable. She had a blackout last year and, as usual, no helps from docs. Her headaches were excruciating.*

*I could go on for days and just might add more later. When my Mom had cancer, Karen would call. When I got ill 18 yrs ago (I don't know why everyone gets 24x7 chronic pain), Karen was there even after I couldn't work. Karen and I went through alot at EDS .. stress!*

*Couldn't sleep and sleep apnea and the horrific pain.*

*Please glean something from Karen's story .. stress can ruin your health .. dont let anyone do that to you. AND please accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior. Karen had Jesus and she's in Heaven with alot of people she loves .. streets and mansion of gold and precious stones .. and angels wings.*

*Donnie - thank you for loving her - she loved you so.*

*The story of who pointed at whom when you first met will be settled in Heaven ;-)*



*She always talked highly of you Kimberly*

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**Christina Wilson** - December 05, 2023 at 10:35 PM



*I loved reading your memories & laughing at the ones I remember personally. And you're right, she was the best thing that could have ever happened to Sabrina. That was the most difficult & easiest decision I ever made. Sabrina was meant to be with Karen. I just brought her from FL to make sure it happened. ❤️ Karen truly was an angel & a blessing.*

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**Kimi Kell** - December 06, 2023 at 12:08 AM

KG

*I just can't finish my memories of Karen. I must give Kim credit for lending Sabrina to Karen while she was healing from surgery. I think the look in Karen's eyes said it all .. Kim let Sabrina stay w Karen. If I remember also, Kim was given that same look by her newborn baby! Life is so ironic!*

*Karen and I would surprise each other w a pink sno-ball! She loved her some PINK!*

*She also stood up to the old men network at EDS and WON!*

*She was a bloodhound. She would warn us when somebody lobbed an air biscuit. She complained about the evil doer .. he was already going to be fired .. but we teased Karen that she got him fired. Did us all a big favor!*

*She was a force to be reckoned with! Once you were in her circle, you knew no other friend would be good enough .. when you've got the best, why spend time w the rest :-)*

*She was a beauty inside and out .. but didn't know it. Karen had a life well lived! She also injected some of that into our lives!*

*I've already had 30 things I wanted to talk to her about!*

*We were at happy hour one night and tossing a little bean bag around.. it ended up hitting someone's family jewels! Karen just said let's go .. she saved me more embarrassment.*

*We were at Tacobell and Karen said that man is staring at me .. how rude! I said repeat what u were doing .. she did that lick when her lips were dry or she was eating .. ha .. I said he's going to kidnap or marry u .. change seats or minimize the tongue movement.*

*When we'd go to happy hour, I walked behind her*

*Crouched into a little ball. Like my sister, she could walk into McDonald's and all the men dropped their French fries! Simply mesmerizing!*

*Since we moved to NM, we had not seen her or Donnie. But whenever I spoke w her, it was like a hug .. we weren't 30 hrs away.*

*Donnie shouldn't cancel her cell for a month, so we can stay goodbye .. so good to hear her voice!*

*Karen.. I misssss u soooooo much. I will see you soon .. that little girl from Kansas stole all our hearts. You gave so much more than you received. You have your wings, Angel Karen!*

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**Kimberle griffiths** - December 15, 2023 at 08:33 PM

KG

*We went to Anita's (Mexican restaurant) close to work. We both ordered Chile rellenos .. no matter what we did, we couldn't cut them. She was laughing til she cried! Then we asked for STEAK knives .. didn't even dent em! We were laughing and crying and we couldn't stop! On a normal day, we would have asked for Replacement meals .. an adjective for her must be jolly .. I've never met another person that can't stop laughing and crying also!*

*Donnie - I'm sure it will feel like you lost an appendage .. a very important one! Do everything slowly til u get your gait back. And know you can call any of Karen's friends just to talk. Your loss is greater .. our loss still exists.*

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**Kimberle griffiths** - December 15, 2023 at 09:57 PM

JC

*Very nice tribute Kim! Loved your stories about Karen as well, and actually remember some of the EDS stories too.*

*Check your LinkedIn account. I wrote you a note.*

*Karen was always so cool, and always super nice to me, and I will miss her too.*

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**Jay Carter** - December 17, 2023 at 10:18 AM

KG

*Can't Jay .. hacked several times .. only cell  
Bw 8968825575*

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**Kimberle griffiths** - November 02, 2024 at 01:25 PM