



## Karen Lynn Stanley

July 31, 1964 - September 6, 2016

Karen Lynn Stanley, age 52, of Midland, VA passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

She was born on July 31, 1964. She loved working with and supporting Special Olympics, the ARC programs. Helping others is what she did, it made her happy. A kind, gentle and loving person who greeted everyone with a smile and hug. Putting others needs before hers was her life. She was a lover of all living creatures. Her smile, her tenderness and her loving heart will forever be missed. She was preceded in death by her mother, Myrtle (Hawkins) Stanley and one sister Anna Sue La'phair.

Survivors include her life partner of 34 years, Raymond S. Gilbert; one son, Christopher Gilbert; three step-sons, Beau Puckett Gilbert,, Aaron Gilbert, Steven Gilbert; four sisters, Kay Richardson, Sandra Gray, Deloris Powers, Pamela Domicca and a special friend Tina Gaskins. She is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held 2:00 PM Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA with Rev. Paul Kirk officiating. A reception will follow at the Pierce Funeral Home Reception facility.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Karen,  
*I love you. I miss you. I wanted to thank you for being in my life the past 23 years. You was and always will be my favorite aunt. I'm gonna miss ur smile, your laugh and the random visits you'd do when we wasn't expecting it lol I'm glad that I could call you family. I'm gonna miss all the hugs and kisses you'd give me when I was younger. Thank you for all the advice you gave me when mom wasn't around, thank you for being a second mom in my life. I'm glad you aren't in pain anymore. I love you. Fly high. Tell grandma and everyone else we know I said hi. xoxoxo*



Love,

*Your rotten nephew Brandon*

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**Brandon Grey** - September 10, 2016 at 08:17 PM

DM

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Karen. Karen was sweet, kind and always had a warm and welcoming smile. Ray and family we are so sorry for your loss, but know that she will always be in your hearts and by your sides forever. With love Dan and Sherry.*

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**Dan and Sherry McCarthy** - September 10, 2016 at 01:51 PM



“ *My aunt Karen was the most sweetest, soft spoken person I know. Her heart was always in everything she did and everyone she loved and took care of. She was my confidant, my courage when i had none, my cheerleader, my aunt. When ever I needed an ear, she listened, When ever I needed a shoulder, there she was with open arms. We shared alot of heartache together, but mostly we shared good times and lots of love. She accepted me for me, and how I chose to live life, who was in my life, and loved my babies more than I can even express. She always told me how beautiful they were, how I was and how much she loved us. I cant thank God enough for blessing me with such a beautiful person to share life with and be able to call my aunt. Although im angry and sad that she was taken from us way too soon, I am happy that I got the time with her that I did. I love you and miss you so much aunt Karen.*

Tricia D'Arcangelo - September 10, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lynn Stanley.*



September 09, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lynn Stanley.*



September 09, 2016 at 06:10 PM

BR

“ *Delores I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. My heart breaks for you and your family. I know it is a very difficult time and so very sad.*

**Brenda** - September 09, 2016 at 05:14 PM

NH

“ *Karen you will be greatly missed! Your love for others, animals and the Lord brightened everyones day.*

*Love Nettie, Dustin and Camille Hawkins*



**Nettie Hawkins** - September 09, 2016 at 04:52 PM

  
Delores  
Athey

“ *Ray and Chris I know this is hard for you. Thank you for taking care of her arrangements. It's a very sad time.*

**Delores Athey** - September 09, 2016 at 03:51 PM

BC

“ *I still remember when Ray brought you to the our reunion and it was your first time meeting all us crazy people here in PA. You were a little nervous at first but we took care of that right away. We all loved meeting you and we wish we could have spent more time with you through the years. May the Lord find a special place for you and may he help comfort your family here on earth. God bless you Ray. You hang in there and you know we love you brother. Love Bud and Patty Clark*

**Bud Clark** - September 09, 2016 at 11:53 AM

GS

*I am so sadden by the news of Karen. Over the past 7 years that I have know Karen, she was such a beautiful woman with a soul to match. She would do anything to help people she met. She became such a great friend and I loved it when she would come by my Chick-fil-A just to say Hi and chat for a while. It breaks my heart to know that I will no longer be able to see her smiling face walking into the store and knowing she was there to encourage me, no matter what was going on in my life or hers. In the years I have known her, she was always trying to help someone.*

*Karen, you maybe gone from us but the impact you had on our lives with live forever and one day we will meet you again in Heaven*

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**George Snyder** - September 09, 2016 at 10:33 PM

GC

*Ray, Chris I am so sorry.*

*Gail Cisler*

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**Gail Cisler** - September 11, 2016 at 11:29 AM