



## Karen Sue Sisco

August 29, 1949 - September 20, 2021

Karen Sue Sisco, 72, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma passed away on Monday, September 20, 2021, after a lengthy battle with heart issues. She was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on August 29, 1949 to Kenneth & Charline Gibson. Karen was a member of the Dewey High School Class of 1967.

After High School, Karen went to work at Phillips Petroleum Company, serving both in the mailroom and the research and development library. It was at this time that she met and started Dating Terry Sisco. On March 22, 1969, Karen married, Terry, and they've made Bartlesville their home ever since. After her time at Phillips, Karen transitioned to the 66 Federal Credit Union where she eventually was named head teller.

In 1978, Karen transitioned into her new, and most treasured role, as a mom. Karen stayed at home for many years raising their two boys. She eventually stepped back into the work force serving as an aide at Central Middle School. It was at this time that she received the nick name "Maw" from her nephew's friends, because of the way she made them all feel like part of the family. After Central, Karen moved to Kane Elementary where she served as a reading specialist and met some of her dearest, life-long friends, who would later be called the "Zin Sisters." Karen also worked at Wayside School, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, and Quality Vision, where she served faithfully and continued to bless others through her strong work ethic and love for people.

Karen was a woman of many talents. She loved to sing, and for many years, while a member at First Wesleyan Church, she sang in the choir, even performing as a soloist for special music on Sunday mornings. She loved to bake and was a true artist when it came to her cake decorating skills. Karen also enjoyed crafting and ceramics, which gave her another outlet to utilize her gifts.

Karen had a personal relationship with Jesus, having trusted in him as her Lord and Savior. Outside of her faith, Karen's greatest delight was her family. She loved to make memories with them and celebrate their talents and accomplishments. You could always

find her at school events and sports fields cheering on and encouraging her kids, family, and friends. There wasn't a better storyteller and story creator than Karen Sisco. She made a lasting impact on people's lives, serving as friend, neighbor, chef, coach, baker, teacher, and motherly figure. She will be missed by her family and friends, who she cared for and loved deeply.

Karen is survived by her husband, Terry Sisco, Bartlesville, OK; son, Kent Sisco and wife Hannah, Canadian, TX; son, Lance Sisco and wife Mandy, Richardson, TX; sister, Gail Garland and husband Greg, Houston, TX, sister-in-law, Susan Julian and husband Darrell, Bartlesville, OK, sister-in-law, Lisa Sisco, Tyler, TX; six grandchildren, Mason Drager, Kiptyn Sisco, Allie Sisco, Caleb Sisco, Riley Sisco, and Griffin Sisco, six nieces and nephews, Jason Whitson and wife Siobhan, Jared Coppedge and wife Kim, Stacey Dawson and husband Justin, Tim Garland and wife Genevieve, Jon Garland and wife Serena, Justin Sisco and wife Alicia, eleven great nephews and nieces, Austin Coppedge and wife Lauren, Logan Dawson, Mackenzie Dawson, Kamdyn Dawson, Avery Garland, Noah Garland, Abby Whitson, Jack Whitson, Ronan McDonnell, Bailee Miller, & Addison Sisco. She is also survived by a host of other cherished family, friends, and former students that she considered her own. Karen was preceded in death by her infant twin sister, Kathryn Lou Gibson, parents, Kenneth & Charline Gibson, brother-in-law Wayne Sisco, brother-in-law Johnny Whitson, and nephew Jeff Whitson.

A Celebration of life will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at First Wesleyan Church, 1776 Silver Lake Road, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, Karen wanted donations sent to Oklahoma Heart Institute, 1120 S. Utica Ave., Tulsa, OK, 74104. This place and team became very special to her in this past year.

# Comments

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“ Thankful to have known and worked with Karen in my time living in Bartlesville. She was an encourager and was a person filled with joy. She was always ready to share a funny story or thing that had happened to her and was willing to laugh with you at your stories. Blessed to know her.

My thoughts are with her family in this time of sorrow.

Karen, look forward to seeing you again, in the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed.

**Lee Kanakis** - September 27 at 10:23 AM

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“ Karen you were such a kind person and funny. We met when we were so young. Good times at Susan's house. We were a little family. God's mercies to your family. Terry and Susan I know you will be there for each other, as you always have been. We will see each other again. God bless. I love you family.

**connie Brooks** - September 25 at 08:35 PM

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“ This breaks my heart. We always talked when we saw each other anywhere. I love her and Terry so much. You will be missed sweetie. Prayers from our family to yours.



**Kimberly Dyer** - September 25 at 08:09 PM

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“ I met Karen through our husbands who are brothers. Living in Florida made ours a long distance relationship. Karen was always so kind and giving. Beyond nice. She was that way with everyone. How she had time to do it all is a mystery, but she did. Lovingly and with a smile. I could hear her laughter in the background as our husband's talked on the phone. We took our turn last. By then everything was shared so we straightened out the men's memory of events, ect. I will always miss her jovial laughter. Jesus received a faithful angel when he took Karen home. Rest In Peace.

**Lisa Sisco** - September 24 at 01:23 PM

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“ Lisa Sisco lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Sisco



**Lisa Sisco** - September 24 at 01:12 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences to you Terry and all of Karen's family. I have such fond memories of Karen when we all "suited up" in costumes for a parade or to entertain folks at Kiddie Park. I can picture her smiling face as a constant at every event I attended with the rest of the characters. May God's strength be your strength as you go through the difficult days and months ahead.

**Mary Rohleder** - September 24 at 11:01 AM

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“ I loved going down to her house from my babysitters home. My heart is breaking. I'm so sorry Kent.

**Teal Betts** - September 24 at 01:22 AM

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“ Our prayers are with Karen's family. Karen and Gail were my wonderful next door neighbors in Dewey. Regret that I lost touch with them. Very sad to know Karen had had health problems. I remember for one of my birthday's, Karen and Gail shampooed, curled and styled my hair for me for my birthday party. My hair looked beautiful and I was afraid to move my head fearing I would mess up my hair. Will always remember their friendship and kindness. So sorry about Karen's passing but sounds like she enjoyed a very good life. Will remember the good times and good fortune to have known Karen.

**mary mason van zant** - September 24 at 12:55 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Loved working with her at (BWC) now Oklahoma Wesleyan University and singing with her in Choir. My favorite song memory was when she sang "Thank you for giving to the Lord". She is now being thanked for all that she did to share Christ's love to us all.

**Barbara** - September 23 at 07:49 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Sisco.



September 23 at 07:03 PM

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“ Terry, Susan and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss of Karen. It has been many years since I have seen Karen, but will always remember her happy face. God bless you all. Joyce Flanigan

**Joyce Flanigan** - September 23 at 06:13 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Sisco.



September 23 at 04:48 PM

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“ Jeanne Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Sisco



**Jeanne Shepherd** - September 23 at 12:31 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Sisco.



September 23 at 10:44 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Sisco.



September 23 at 10:32 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Sisco.



September 23 at 10:01 AM