



## Karen Janice Duncan

December 3, 1951 - November 23, 2023

Karen Janice (Banes) Duncan, 71, died on Thursday, November 23, 2023, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Mrs. Duncan was born on December 3, 1951, to Samuel Clifford Banes, Sr., and Viola Grace (Lewis) Banes in Borger, Texas. Karen attended school through the seventh grade in Phillips, Texas. After her seventh-grade year, Karen and her family moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where Karen completed her high school education at College High. Karen spent most of her adult life working for and eventually retiring from Phillips Petroleum Company in 2012.

On September 23, 1994, Karen married Kenneth Duncan of Dewey, Oklahoma. They made their home in the Bartlesville area for the duration of their 29-year marriage. Karen and Ken are members of the First Baptist Church of Bartlesville, where Karen was a member of the choir, worship team, and the women's Bible study. She was a great cook and enjoyed playing board games. Karen was an avid quilter and especially enjoyed quilting with her sister, Sue. Karen had immense love for her family.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Viola Banes, and three stepsons, Kenny Duncan, Joshua Duncan, and Tyler Duncan.

Karen is survived by her husband, Kenneth Duncan of the home; daughters Stephanie and husband Jason Cameron of Killeen, Texas, and Julie and

husband Mac Swaner of Vinita, Oklahoma; stepson Adam and wife Michelle Duncan of Katy, Texas; brothers Fred and wife Judith Banes of Dallas, Texas; Bob and wife Gayla Banes of Wichita, Kansas; and Sam Banes, Jr. of Collinsville, Oklahoma; sisters Kay and husband Kevin Van Duser of Possum Kingdom Lake, Texas; and Sue Gan of Abilene, Texas; sister-in-law Connie (Duncan) Mason and husband Clyde of Miami, Oklahoma and brother-in-law Lewis Duncan and wife Janet of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Grandchildren Brittny, Cassandra, Alex, Melissa, Lauren, Kayla, Justin, James, Brandi, and Dakota; Great-grandchildren McKenzie, Aurora, Mileena, Noel, Olivia, and Adele. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends will miss her dearly.

A Family Celebration of Life Ceremony will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving a donation or supplies to "The Journey Home."

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *My sweet sister in law has been gone one year. I miss her as o much. What joy she brought to our lives. Love you Seester. ☐*

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**Connie Duncan Mason** - November 27, 2024 at 07:15 PM

RF

“ *I was so saddened to read of Karen's passing. Working in IT at Phillips, I worked many long, hard hours with Karen supporting Employee Benefits, especially during annual enrollment. Karen was such a wonderful woman. My absolute favorite client. She went on a business trip to Las Vegas one year and brought me back an M&M dispenser from the M&M store there! I have used that dispenser every day since and still am! My grandchildren love pulling his arm to get a handful of candy when they visit. I will remember Karen every day when I look at my red M&M man! You have my deepest condolences.*

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**Robin (Miller) Fruits** - December 08, 2023 at 09:28 PM

KS

“ I first met Karen when I went to Tulsa, OK to spend the weekend with Sue, Karen's sister. Sue had attended NSU and we were both active in the BSU. Karen and I hit it off right away. It was as if I had known her forever. Sue and I talked about how much fun we had at the BSU and Karen decided she was missing out. I told her she should move to Tahlequah, live with me and go to NSU. She did! I just brought her home with me and my parents welcomed her with open arms. She lived with my family until she found an apartment of her own. Years later, I lived in Owasso and worked with her brother, Bob, at First Bank of Owasso. Small world! I had not seen Karen in many years, but made contact with her through her husband Ken on FB. Karen will be greatly missed, but I am comforted by the fact that she knew and love The Lord, and one day I will see her again! Thank you Jesus for our wondrous Hope in You!

Kay Kilpatrick Skaggs - November 30, 2023 at 01:40 PM

MM

“ Karen was a wonderful Christian lady. She always had a smile on her face. Karen's quiet demeanor was calming to those around her. I praise God that our paths crossed and will in the next.

Martha Mcwhorter - November 26, 2023 at 05:44 PM

RB

“ My memories of Karen from Eastern Htgs Baptist church have played through my mind for several days. Karen enjoyed singing and we always enjoyed our class get together. Year's later she and Ken lived across from our grandchildren...one could not ask for a better influence than Ken and Karen in thier lives. Karen will always be remember and loved. I will miss you



Rosy Nikkel Beck - November 24, 2023 at 10:29 PM