



Karen "Tiger" Owens

June 12, 1951 - August 30, 2023

Karen Owens, a resident of Willow Springs, passed away at her home Wednesday, August 30, 2023. She was born June 12, 1951, in West Plains, MO to Virgil Wayne and Lois Lorene (Lovan) Wheeler and was 72 years old.

Karen attended Hutton Valley Elementary before she graduated from Willow Springs High School in 1969. On October 10, 1968, she married the love of her life Dwayne "Duke" Owens at Blue Buck. After school, she briefly found work at Rawlings until it closed. After it closed, she worked as a self-employed painter, putting her artistic talents to work. In her free time, she enjoyed gardening, painting, cooking, sewing, spending time with her beloved grandchildren, and as a devout Christian she attended First Baptist Church and loved to share the word of God with others. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Karen is preceded in death by her husband, Duke; her parents, Virgil and Lois; and her brother, Keith Wheeler.

She is survived by her son, Kurt and wife, Angela; her son, Glen and wife, Shawn; her sister, Becky and husband, Bill Gossard; her grandchildren, Tyler, Brandon, Kimmy, Elizabeth, Andrew, and Piper; she is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Neighborhood Christian Schools, P.O. Box 497, Willow Springs, MO 65793. Donations may also be made online at ClassicalIncs.com.

A visitation and funeral service for Karen will be held at the First Baptist Church in Willow Springs on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, with Pastor Joel Hinds officiating. The visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. with the funeral service immediately following at 11:00 A.M. Interment will be held at Howell Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Howell Memorial Park

5604 US Hwy 63
Pomona, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
402 N Harris Street
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3295
<http://firstbaptistws.org>

Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ We were so sorry to hear about Karen. Prayers for all her family and friends.

Robbie & Shirley Collins - September 06, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen "Tiger" Owens.



September 02, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen "Tiger" Owens.

September 02, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen "Tiger" Owens.



September 01, 2023 at 01:12 PM

MA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Maranda - September 01, 2023 at 07:55 AM

MA

“ Love you Aunt Karen.



Maranda - September 01, 2023 at 07:52 AM

AN

“ 30+ years ago she welcomed me to the road. I will miss her friendly pickup truck waves. And her bear and mountain lion sightings/warnings. Also the delicious asparagus from her garden, super neighbor and person! Thanks Karen, Ann S.

Ann - August 31, 2023 at 02:32 PM

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*Karen and Duke were the salt of the earth kind of people. We stopped and had a good visit with Tiger a while back. So glad we did! Our condolences to the family.
Love you all. Lloyd & Debbie Ebert*

Lloyd and Debbie Ebert - August 31, 2023 at 05:53 PM

LJ

She was in my CBS class last yr. Didn't know her well, but enough to know her Love for the Lord, and had good stories to share. Aug 22 she helped with CBS luncheon, and had nice conversations. My condolences to ya'll. She is home with her heavenly Father.

Linda Jack - September 02, 2023 at 01:22 PM

CP

Great friend and classmate of 1969!

Chuck Phares - September 03, 2023 at 09:59 AM