



## Karen Sue Rogers

September 16, 1946 - March 18, 2025

Karen Sue Rogers, daughter of the late Larry Kendall Rogers and Natalee (Goodwin) Rogers, was born September 16, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois.

At the age of seven, Karen and her family moved to Waynesville, Missouri where she grew up, attended school and graduated from the Waynesville R-VI School District with the Class of 1964.

Karen furthered her education at Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri, earning a double major in English and Spanish, and spent two summers studying Spanish at Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. She then earned her master's degree from University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) in Counseling.

Karen began her career teaching in Jefferson City, Missouri, where she taught for two years before moving to Kansas City to teach in the Hickman Mills School District where she spent the remainder of her career.

Karen was an adventurous person and enjoyed traveling to many countries with various friends to experience the cultures at each stop. She had a love for anything Spanish and enjoyed communicating with others that could speak the language. She loved the arts and theater and was a wonderful cook. Karen was a member of many organizations including the Nelson Atkins

Museum of Art - Friends of Art.

Family was very important to Karen, and she treasured the times that they could spend together.

Karen passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in The Village at Mission in Prairie Village, Kansas having attained the age of 78 years. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her partner: Enrique Gutierrez of Kansas City, MO; two sisters: Sharon Wright (Bob) of Buda, TX, and Sydra Rogers (Keyvan) of Plano, TX; four nieces and nephews: Kendra Saldivar (Jason), Adam Wright (Laurie), Lindsey King (Gordon) and Kendall Ranjbaran (Chia-Ying); eight great nieces and nephews: Shawn Mirr, Samuel and Avery Wright, William and James King, Eloise, Katharine, and Augie Ranjbaran; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Karen was preceded in death by one sister: Sheila Tronsdal; and one brother-in-law: Thomas Tronsdal.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Karen's love for her family and adventurous spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. Burial will follow in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville, MO.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Charitable contributions may be made in memory of Karen Rogers to the charity of your choice.



## Cemetery Details

### Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

## Previous Events

### Service

MAR 26. 1:30 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ *Veronica Hruby lit a candle in memory of Karen Rogers*



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**Veronica Hruby** - November 09, 2025 at 12:39 PM

PD

“ *I met Karen when I started teaching at age 22. We taught English next door to each other at Smith-Hale Junior High for close to 25 years. She was always there to help mentor me as a newcomer. We become close friends and throughout the years shared so many wonderful times together. Karen was a gifted listener and observer of people. She loved socializing, traveling, and making new friends. I have missed her dearly and my condolences go out to Enrique and her sisters.*

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**Pam DePalma** - April 19, 2025 at 11:20 AM

AW

“ *My Aunt Karen was one of the world's greatest aunts! I have very fond memories of Karen. Perhaps the most important is that I always felt loved by her. She loved spending time with me, was always interested in what I was up to, and her eyes would light up when she saw me. Aunt Karen, I will miss you greatly. Thank you for loving me and being kind. I will miss your sweet smile and contagious laugh!! Love you with all of my heart!!! Love, Adam*



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**Adam Wright** - March 27, 2025 at 04:19 PM

BE

“ Karen was a dear friend. I taught with her at Smith-Hale Junior High for 13 years. When I moved back to Illinois, Karen and I remained friends over the miles. She has been in my thoughts and prayers for many years. My condolences to her family. Remember the good times you spent with her. I know I do. Bettylou Worth Miller

Bettylou - March 26, 2025 at 05:23 PM

CD

“ Carol Ducak lit a candle in memory of Karen Rogers



Carol Ducak - March 25, 2025 at 09:52 PM

DT

“ Karen was such an important part of my life when I started, young and foolish, to teach with her at Smith-Hale Junior High School in Hickman Mills School District, and she became a long-time friend in the process. I am so sorry to hear that she has passed, and my heart goes out to Enrique and her family.

Diane Taveggia - March 25, 2025 at 06:10 PM

PS

“ Karen & all her sisters & parents were a second family to me. They watched me grow up. When I moved to KC 40 some odd years ago, Karen & I stayed in touch & saw movies & theater together. I have so many wonderful memories!



Pam Siemiatkowski - March 25, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DM

“ *Debby (Johnson) Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Rogers*



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**Debby (Johnson) Myers** - March 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM

CD

“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Karen Rogers*



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**Cornelia & Robert Dodds** - March 24, 2025 at 05:08 PM

DA

“ *Debra Adkins lit a candle in memory of Karen Rogers*



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**Debra Adkins** - March 24, 2025 at 05:05 PM