



Karen Suzanne Simon

July 1, 1945 - August 18, 2016

Karen Suzanne Simon was born on July 1, 2016 to Paul Eldon and Eunice Letitia (Jackson) Lawrence in Monmouth Illinois, however she was lovingly raised by her maternal Grandmother Edith Jackson with her brother Steve and a sister Cheryl.

She worked hard all her life, doing anything she could to make ends meet. She dressed and posed as a boy at 10 so that the neighbors would allow her to shovel snow and earn more money. Karen also would babysit. She was a taxi dispatcher, car hop on roller skates, grocery clerk, conversational English teacher in South Korea, home health worker. She retired from over-the-road truck driving at the age of 65.

Her greatest joy throughout her life was being a mother and grandmother. Her children Michelle, Chris and Carrie learned unconditional love and tireless devotion to children through her example. Although she longed for a granddaughter, she adored her grandsons AJ, Cale, Dereck, Lane and Seth. She played ball with them, attended their important events, read to them, and when needed corrected them.

She loved to paint and craft. Her love of cooking and feeding a crowd brought people together.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Swedeborg.

Karen leaves to cherish her memory two daughters: Michelle Johns (Tony) of Phoenix, AZ and Claire "Carrie" (Mark) Karr of Richland, MO; five grandchildren: Dereck Johns, Cale Karr, A.J. Johns, Lane Karr and Seth Johns; two brothers: Steve Lawrence (Kay) of the state of California, Phil Lawrence (Diane) state of Washington, one sister Mary Taylor of the state of Illinois; her loving step-mother: Jean (Shaw) Lawrence of the state of Washington; several nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Karen is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Paul, her precious son, Christopher Simon, her parents and one sister Cheryl Cunningham.

Once in a life time "if" we are fortunate, God allows us to meet someone who leaves an unforgettable impression upon the heart; Karen was that special someone. She touched the lives of many and will forever live in the hearts of all those who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2016 in the First Baptist Church of Swedeborg, Missouri with Pastor Mark Tallant officiating. Speakers included Michelle Johns, Carrie and Cale Karr. Soloist, Carrie Poynter sang, "I Can Only Imagine." Music leader, Merrell Breyer was accompanied by pianist, Amanda Starnes as he led the congregation in singing, "Amazing Grace" and "I'll Fly Away." Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Bethlehem Cemetery, Richland, Missouri.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in memory of Karen Simon or may be made to the First Baptist Church of Swedeborg Mission Fund and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences can be sent at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 24, 2016 at 11:57 AM



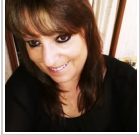
“ *Karen Suzanne Simon*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Michelle, Carrie, and families,
There are never enough words to say in times like this. I can say, that I seen first hand the love your mother had for her children and the love they gave back to her. Momma Si, was the most loving and compassionate person that one could ever come in contact with. Her laugh was contagious. Momma Si will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved her. Momma Si, you have left such an imprint on so many peoples lives and for that you will never be forgotten. Our family is overjoyed to have been able to be a part of your life and the memories we will cherish forever. You are at peace. Our family loves each and everyone of you.
Kenneth, Dalene, Kristie, Amanda, Tiffannie and their families
Sue, Marie, Jimmie, Richard and their families*

Tiffannie - August 22, 2016 at 10:38 AM



“ *My Aunt was kind , loving wonderful person. She loved shopping and had a lead foot. She will be dearly missed by family and friends.* ”

Gina Cunningham-Duncan - August 21, 2016 at 05:18 AM



“ *Jackie Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon* ”



Jackie Daugherty - August 20, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ *Jackie Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon* ”



Jackie Daugherty - August 20, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon* ”



Karen Davis - August 19, 2016 at 06:28 PM

KD

“ Every time I saw Karen she always had a smile on her face and we always gave each other a hug. I am so sorry and I will be praying for your family. She is a beautiful lady. She will be missed. Karen Davis

Karen Davis - August 19, 2016 at 06:27 PM

MB

“ Millie Howlett Brotherton lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon



Millie Howlett Brotherton - August 19, 2016 at 03:28 PM

TE

“ Tanya Ellwood lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon



Tanya Ellwood - August 18, 2016 at 08:39 PM

RD

“ Carrie and family, So sorry to hear of Momma Simon's passing. She was such a sweet lady. Praying for you and Michelle and your families.

Regina Decker - August 18, 2016 at 07:36 PM

LL

“ I REMEMBER WHEN PAUL AND KAREN HAD THE PIZZA PLACE IN TOWN..I LOVE THEM BOTH ...SHE WAS SO SWEET..SO SORRY TO HEAR OF HER PASSING



Lisa Lewis - August 18, 2016 at 07:25 PM

RD

“ Carrie and Michelle, I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Momma Simon was such a sweet lady. Praying for you both as well as your families.

Regina Decker - August 18, 2016 at 07:25 PM

BW

“ Brenda Wood lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon



Brenda Wood - August 18, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ Carrie when I saw your Mom when came by RCC to see you always had a smile on her face .She was a very nice lady. Just know I'm that Roy and I are thinking of you .

Janice Alexander - August 18, 2016 at 05:48 PM

RM

“ Michelle & Carrie I am just so deeply sorry I just found out .My sweet friend of many years will always treasure those memories.we had many talks of our lives,our beautiful children were always in our conversation .My heart is full and all I can say ,I will miss my friend and you guys will always be in my heart . Love you an prayers are with U and you children . Will keep in touch . Rest in peace my friend U and Paul together again !!!🥺💕Rose Michel. Paulina ,Louisiana

Rose Michel - August 18, 2016 at 05:44 PM

JH

“ John And Shannon Huff lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon



John and Shannon Huff - August 18, 2016 at 05:28 PM

JH

This woman was one of the brightest and most beautiful soul I have ever known. I became a better person for having known her. This world just got a bit darker for her having left. She will be remembered.

John and Shannon Huff - August 18, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ Carrie I am so sorry to hear about your Mother, your family is in my prayers.

Laura Hull - August 18, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 18, 2016 at 02:09 PM

MS

“ PRAYERS GO OUT TO HER FAMILY AND LOVED ONES.

MARLIN STEVENS



MARLIN STEVENS - August 18, 2016 at 12:22 PM

LJ

“ Praying for you and your family.
Lisa and Shane Jennings

Lisa/Shane Jennings - August 18, 2016 at 11:27 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa/Shane Jennings lit a candle in memory of Karen Suzanne Simon*



Lisa/Shane Jennings - August 18, 2016 at 11:27 AM

BO

“ *What a privilege to know Karen and her family.
May you find comfort in knowing your mother is
at rest now in the arms of our loving Lord.
God bless you all during this sad and
heartbreaking time of your life.*



Barry & Cheryl Oursbourn - August 18, 2016 at 10:16 AM