



Karen Lee Vallair

February 16, 1959 - July 14, 2011

Karen Lee Vallair, daughter of the late Charles and Alma (Oaks) Hart, was born on February 16, 1959 in Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania. She passed away Thursday, July 14, 2011 in her home in Waynesville, at the age of 52 years, 4 months and 28 days.

As a young girl, Karen lived in Heston, Pennsylvania and went to school in Huntingdon. She graduated from high school in 1977.

After graduation, Karen enlisted in the United States Army. She was stationed at Ft. McClellan, Alabama for basic training. She then transferred to Ft. Benjamin in Harrison, Indiana and then on to Ft. Leonard Wood. She received her honorable discharge in 1980.

After being discharged from the military, Karen worked for more than 20 years with AAFES on Fort Leonard Wood. After retiring, she was able to own and operate her own business, The Craft Box and enjoyed meeting and serving her customers.

On October 25, 1980, Karen was united in marriage to Maurice "Bear" Vallair at Fort Leonard Wood. They shared over 30 years of marriage together and three children: Adam, Maurita and Ricky.

In her spare time, Karen was very talented in scrapbooking, knitting and sewing. She had a passion for Sunday School and was the Sunday School Superintendent at her church, Church of the Nazarene of Waynesville. She could be found at church every time the doors were open as long as her health permitted her to do so. Karen also loved spending time with her family and friends.

Karen will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Bear Vallair of the home; two children: Adam Vallair (Angela) and Maurita Vallair, all of Waynesville; one step son: Ricky Vallair (Falicia) of Houston, TX; two sisters: Dorothy Foor (Jim) of the state of Pennsylvania and Judy Bollinger (Bob) of Phoenix, AZ; three brothers: Timothy Hart (Barbara) of the state of Pennsylvania, Kevin Hart (Lisa) of Eugene, MO and Wade Hart of Phoenix, AZ; 7 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; several other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2011 in the Church of the Nazarene of Waynesville with Pastor Jason Stevens officiating. Kathy Haymaker sang "I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy" and Richard Wayne Bushey played "How Great Thou Art" on his trumpet. The congregation was led in singing "Revelation Song", "I Love to Tell the Story", "Victory in Jesus" and "Days of Elijah". Serving as escorts were Adam Vallair, Ricky Vallair, Les Pero, Frank Hollingshead, Richard Dennis and Stephen Woolsey.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Ft. Leonard Wood. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Ft. Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Karen Vallair to the American Cancer Society and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **22.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Church of the Nazarene
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Lee Vallair*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Heck of a job there, it aboslutely helps me out.##imported-begin##Lyzbeth##imported-end##*

September 19, 2011 at 01:06 PM



“ *Just found out today about Karen's passing. It had been awhile since we had seen Karen, and we don't get a newspaper, so we didn't know she had passed until today when we saw Adam. We had known Karen since working with her at the Finance office at FLW, while she was in the service. She took care of our children each time another was going to be born, and our children played with each other growing up. We will miss her also. Sorry we didn't know about the cancer' at least we could have visited with her and tried to encourage her.##imported-begin##Bernard and Irene Daniels##imported-end##*

September 09, 2011 at 06:19 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Karen was a sweet person always with a smile on her face.##imported-begin##Minnie Franklin##imported-end##*

July 29, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ I didn't know Karen well, but during the time I did, I found that she was a beautiful person who would help anyone as she helped me when I took over the furniture store with her knowledge. She will be missed by all that knew her. My prayers and thoughts go out to you. Just know that she is at peace now and looking after you just as she has always done.##imported-begin##Marianne McCool##imported-end##

July 23, 2011 at 10:20 PM



“ Adam, I feel for you! Remember all the good times you had though, it helps a bit.##imported-begin##Bettina Klein-Spotts##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 06:53 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Karen was a beautiful lady inside and out. My wish for you is peace and wonderful memories. Keep the good time close at heart and that will help the pain during any rough time.##imported-begin##Lisa Yoder##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 05:39 PM



“ Bear, Maurita & Adam
I was so blessed to have known Karen. She enriched my life and touched so many people. May God comfort you in this time of loss and may you be strengthened by the legacy Karen left you. She will never be more than a thought or whisper away.##imported-begin##Beverly Rasmussen##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 01:07 PM



“ To hear of your lost has sadden us. Our prayers and love are with you. God created humans with a yearning to live forever. The Bible says that he put “ a sense of eternity in their hearts.” Ecclesiastes 3:11. Our first parents, Adam & Eve, were created perfect, with no defect in mind or body. (Deuteronomy 32:4) Imagine-no chronic aches and pain, no morbid fear or anxieties! Why, then do we die? Hope this thought and scriptures bring Comfort to your heart, as they have mine during this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Lee & Irene Keyes##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 07:31 AM



“ I don't know if you remember me but I worked with Chris Oney (Smith) at HQ-1-3, during 1977-1979. I hung around alot with Gary Schindele. I am very sorry for your loss of your wonderful wife. May the wonderful memories give you comfort in this moment of sorrow.

Jane

(770 289 7761)

Stockbridge, GA 30281##imported-begin##Jane
Hoelscher##imported-end##

July 20, 2011 at 11:48 PM



“ Bear, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you and your children are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Chris Smith##imported-end##

July 20, 2011 at 10:23 PM



“ I did not know Karen personally but I am a friend of Karin Brickner's and she always spoke of what a wonderful person Karen was. As a 3 year Cancer survivor myself, I take it personal when someone is taken. I pray that God will comfort each of you during this difficult time and give you peace. I know that Karen is rejoicing with the Lord today and is not suffering anymore.##imported-begin##Barbara Riggins##imported-end##

July 20, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Maurita and family...I am thinking of you all during this terrible time. Much love coming your way.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 11:11 PM



“ My heart goes out to All of you. Karen was a very kind , understanding , caring and forgiving person. She came into my life when I needed a friend. I will miss her a lot. God took her home to stop her suffering, but she will never be forgotten. She touched a lot of people in a very special way. She will always be my friend! God bless you and be with you in your time of sorrow##imported-begin##Karin Brickner##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 10:55 AM



“ Bear, Adam and Maurita,

I am very sorry to hear about Karen leaving us at such a early time. I know you all will miss her very much. She was a very kind and loving friend and mother. I enjoyed the time I worked with and knew her. She was always smiling. She is in a better place now and no more suffering. The Stockton Family###imported-begin##Janet Stockton###imported-end##

July 17, 2011 at 07:50 PM



“ Dear Bear, Adam and Maurita,

I am so very sorry that Karen had to leave us so soon. I hope you will find comfort to know that our hearts reach out to you in sympathy and love....

Karen was always there when I needed her, and her support and guidance through the years are immeasurable. She was always honest and kind. I was fortunate to have met someone as special as she was. Karen has left and everlasting footprint on my heart. With heartfelt sympathy, Gabriele and Dennis Tardiff

*There are no good-byes, where ever you'll be, you'll be in my heart.
~ Ghandi###imported-begin##Gabriele Tardiff###imported-end##*

July 17, 2011 at 05:53 PM



“ Adam, so sorry to hear about Karen. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family. She was such a sweet lady!###imported-begin##Tamara Pich###imported-end##

July 17, 2011 at 12:02 PM



“ Adam, Maurita and Bear, in your time of sorrow just know that your Mom is with God and in a better place. I am so lucky to have known your Mom and her endearing personality. May you rest in peace Karen. You will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Monika Echols##imported-end##

July 16, 2011 at 04:15 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Rendy and Bruce Conant##imported-end##

July 16, 2011 at 08:33 AM



“ Adam, I am so sorry for you loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Gerlinde Schivley##imported-end##

July 16, 2011 at 01:20 AM



“ Maurita, Adam and Bear we are sorry to hear about your mother/wife. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed. Let us know if there is anything we can do. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Shanna Fowler and Family##imported-end##

July 15, 2011 at 10:23 PM



“ *The Vallair Family, we are deeply saddened by the loss of your loved one. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you in these sorrowful times.##imported-begin##Gordon and Marge Scott##imported-end##*

July 15, 2011 at 09:25 PM



“ *KAREN IS IN A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO MORE PAIN. WE WILL TRULY MISS HER. SHE WAS A VERY DEAR FRIEND, A LOVING WIFE AND A GOOD MOTHER. I KNOW YOUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN RIGHT NOW. BUT MAY THE GOD OF PEACE HOLD YOU IN HIS ARMS. WE LOVE YOU ALL. IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO LET US KNOW.##imported-begin##LOIS AND LEROY LOFTON##imported-end##*

July 15, 2011 at 08:41 PM



“ *Bear I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##linda cole##imported-end##*

July 15, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ *Adam, I'm so very sorry to hear about your mom. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##*

July 15, 2011 at 05:49 PM