



## Karen Jo Duke

May 30, 1967 - October 19, 2018

After a courageous battle with lung cancer, Karen Jo Duke, of Cordova, MD, passed away October 19, 2018, at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD.

She was born May 30, 1967, the daughter of the late Michael Staley and Pat Morgan of Frederick, D. She married Thomas "Tommy" Duke, on June 3, 1995, in Jefferson, Maryland.

Karen was a homemaker who above all things loved her family, friends, and her home on Bluff Point Farm, near Tuckahoe Creek. Her favorite pastimes were antiquing and helping her friends, Marty and Jeri Huffer, at the Huffer Family Farm in Middletown, MD.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy Duke; her daughter, Lyndsey Duke of Cordova, MD; a brother, Mitchell Staley of Frederick; sisters, Rebecca Travis of Middletown, and Diane Eyler of Woodsboro, MD; and her many aunts and uncles.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time.

Memorial donations can be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Jo Duke*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Karen Jo Duke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Karen Jo Duke*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jennifer Frenkil sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Jo Duke*



**Jennifer Frenkil** - October 23, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ *My condolences to Lynsey and her father. Enjoyed working with Karen. She was filled with a lot of love and a very caring lady.*

**Deborah Thomasson** - October 22, 2018 at 06:46 PM

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“Karen will be deeply, deeply missed. My heart goes out out to the Duke family.



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**Shannon Morgan** - October 22, 2018 at 08:39 AM

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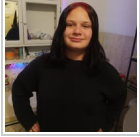
“Dear Lyndsey, Tommy, and family, I am sharing in your sadness as you remember Karen and I am sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss. Goodnight little sister, may you fly high with the angels, may you be at peace forever

*Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.*

*Diane Eyler and family, Woodsboro MD*

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**Diane Eyler** - October 22, 2018 at 08:29 AM



“ Karen you will be surely missed. You used to come to the house and sit with nanny for most of the day. And we were your little cousins and you would play tea or dolls. We always looked forward to seeing you. Your life became so happy once you met Tommy. And not to mention the glow you had when you found out about the baby you were carrying. You gave birth to a beautiful baby girl that grew into a beautiful young lady. And that young lady will carry everything you taught her and all of the love you showed and gave. I love you and tell Nanny hi. Until we meet again my cousin fly high.

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**Kimberly Laughman** - October 22, 2018 at 05:39 AM

FH

“ Tommy & Family

*My deepest sympathy to you all in the passing of your wife, Mom, sister. May she rest in eternal peace.* 🕊️🕊️🕊️

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**Fritzi Hart** - October 22, 2018 at 12:26 AM

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“ Both my wife Pat and I are sorry to hear of 'Karen's passing. We both were acquaintances of her from our days at (Frederick Trading Company) and most recently, My wife (Pat) recent employment at 'PMI'. She was a wonderful person and we're shocked to hear the bad news. It's been quite awhile since either of us have seen her sister but I am certain she'll remember us as well. We're both retired now and moved south to Augusta, Georgia. Karen's friend and former co-worker (Karen Denn) informed Pat the very sad news. Our hearts go out to her family with deep sympathy. I am sure she'll be sadly missed by all. May the Lord be with the entire family and friends in this dire time of need. - May God bless everyone in these dark days. - With deep sympathy always, Pat and Tom Shuffler

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**Thomas & Patricia Shuffler** - October 21, 2018 at 09:26 PM


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“ *There are not enough words to say how much she will be missed !! She was a beautiful person inside and out. The love she had for her family was endless !! Most of all I know how proud she was of he beautiful daughter Lyndsey , the day she was born was one of the happiest days of her life !!! Karen you were a great friend and I will miss you !! I will forever love you !!!*



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**lisa manahan** - October 21, 2018 at 08:53 PM

 Kara Moxley

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Karen. I had the privilege of working with her at Phoenix Mecano. She also came to the hospital when my daughter was born. I will never forget her she was a beautiful person with a big heart!! She will forever be in my heart. May she rest in peace.*

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**Kara Moxley** - October 21, 2018 at 07:59 PM

“ Our hearts are broken at Tuesday Morning. Karen became fast friends with many of us after working on the register for the past year. She left behind some simple lessons for living and some profound lessons for dying:

1. Always pay attention to babies and young children. Tease, say something positive, engage until you get them to smile. This also applies to dogs.
2. Be fiercely protective of your friends and family. If someone is unkind or unfair, become a fiery avenger- confront the villain and right any wrong.
3. If you are a teenager (or God forbid, older) do not wear short shorts!
4. Laugh loudly, laugh often.
5. Call your loved ones embarrassing pet names, such as, “honey bunny, cutie pie, love bug, etc.”
6. Be loyal. Unashamedly proclaim your love for your children, husband, home- even when someone or something is getting on your nerves.
7. When feeling down or sick - stay determined to reach out to others and to keep moving. Withdrawing or retreating is not an option.
8. The only chuck roast worth eating is one from a crock pot.
9. When working, use every bit of energy, strength, and courage you have to do something well. Whiners, slackers, and sissies need not apply.
10. Surround yourself with loved ones, appreciating and spoiling them as much as possible.

A couple weeks ago, Karen lent me an old tea towel when we were running around at work and wiping sweat off our brows. The old, frayed, faded towel had three words:

*Cherish*

*Dream*

*Love*

*Thank you, Karen, many of us are better human beings because of you. Cherished, unafraid to dream, and loved beyond measure.*

*Heart and soul,*

*Stacey Anderson and every coworker from Tuesday Morning.*

**Stacey Anderson** - October 21, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ *Karen Mcdowell lit a candle in memory of Karen Jo Duke*



**Karen Mcdowell** - October 21, 2018 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ *Many thoughts and prayers for the family and friends. Won't ever forget her. She was a good friend and co-worker. She will be greatly missed by many.*



**Jaime Smith** - October 21, 2018 at 05:53 PM

DC

“ *Donna Cawley lit a candle in memory of Karen Jo Duke*



**Donna Cawley** - October 20, 2018 at 06:52 PM

DC

*So, so sorry. Love and prayers to all of the family. I loved her.*

**Donna Cawley** - October 20, 2018 at 06:54 PM

LO

“ Luke And Sandy Outten lit a candle in memory of Karen Jo Duke



Luke and Sandy Outten - October 20, 2018 at 02:35 PM

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*Karen was a good friend and coworker hardest worker and nicest person I've ever known her husband and daughter were lucky to have such a wonderful person in there lives she will be truly missed by all that knew her .*

Luke and Sandy Outten - October 20, 2018 at 01:40 PM

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*Worked with Karen for years and became great friends so glad to have met her prayers for the family*

tammy eyler - October 21, 2018 at 07:37 PM