



Karen Sue Hayes

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KAREN SUE BENZ HAYES went to be with the Lord Monday, November 29, 2021. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. Karen was born in Carbondale, Illinois on September 9, 1957 to Homer and Marguerite Benz.

She married the love of her life, Donald Hayes, August 30, 1997. Karen and Don were married 24 years. Karen earned her Bachelor's Degree in Court Reporting Education and Master's in Education from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale. She was Director of Career Services at University of Memphis, Tennessee and began her career in career placement at SIU-C. She worked at SIU-C twenty years. She retired from the state of Illinois.

Karen was very outgoing, warm, and friendly. She loved participating in Bible studies. Her hobbies included gardening, interior decorating, reading, walking for exercise, spending time with family and friends, and travelling. She played bunco and was active in the garden club at Southwind where they lived. She was a member of Business and Professional Women, Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, and Beta Sigma Phi sorority throughout various times in her life. Karen lived by "do to others what you would have them do to you." She was a member of Germantown United Methodist Church in Germantown, Tennessee.

Her husband, Donald; fraternal twin sister, Linda Benz Foskey (Sam); mother-in-law, Bettye Hayes; sister-in-law, Debbie Tinsler (James); two nieces, Sarah Germain (Michael), and Chelsea Jones (Shane), and their families; many cousins and her cat, Bella Mae, survive. Karen's parents, father-in-law, and aunts and uncles preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held at the Germantown United Methodist Church on Monday, December 6th at 10:00 am – 11:30 am, with the service following at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or the Collierville Animal Shelter (603 E South Street, Collierville, TN 38017)



Events

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Visitation

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 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM cst

 **Germantown United Methodist Church**
2331 S. Germantown Rd., Germantown TN 38138



Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Hayes family.



December 8 at 6:20 PM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Hayes family.



December 3 at 7:49 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Hayes family.



December 3 at 6:29 AM



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December 2 at 4:22 PM



Xiaolin Z. sent a sympathy card to the Hayes family.



December 1 at 10:56 AM



Julie Petrowski lit a candle in honor of Karen.



December 1 at 10:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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