



Karen Samples

January 22, 1942 - April 4, 2019

Karen Samples, of Elmo, passed away peacefully April 4, 2019 with her family at her side. She was born Jan. 22, 1942 in Dallas, Texas to Neal and Elizabeth Lyons, both of whom preceded her in death along with her husband, David Samples.

Karen grew up in East Dallas and attended Bryan Adams High School. She moved to Terrell in the late 1970s and was an entrepreneur with her wonderful personality and mind for business. She first owned and opened a t-shirt shop in Terrell in 1978 and then owned and operated a One Hour Photo business. Karen was way ahead of the current craft craze when she also opened and ran a ceramic craft store along with the photo business enabling her to meet and charm many residents and customers. Later, she opened a Trophy Shop in Wills Point where she again immersed herself in serving in many civic organizations such as Chairperson for Wills Point Bluebird Festival (where she was instrumental in making Wills Point known as the Bluebird Capital of Texas), Past President of the Wills Point Chamber of Commerce, Elmo Water Board and Van Zandt County Visions just to name a few. Karen was instrumental in making Wills Point the Bluebird capital of Texas. She was a member of Russell United Methodist Church and she had a soft heart for all animals, especially her own pets and her donkeys. Karen always enjoyed crafting, with embroidery being her favorite, but the time she treasured most was time spent with her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. A fun loving, smart and beautiful woman inside and out, Karen will be missed dearly

by all who knew her.

Karen leaves to cherish her memory her children: John Hall of Dallas, Debi Manson and husband, Don, of Garland, Greg Hall and wife, Roxanne, of Dallas, Nancy Crow and husband, Terry, of Kaufman; seven grandchildren: Marcus Allen, Jennifer Allen, Kristy Hall, Jonathan Hall, Neal Crow, Carl Crow and Teri Lindsey; great grandchildren: Antonio, Kennedy, Theo, Callum, Colby, Raegan, Drake, Legend, and Reese; sister, Nancy Stearns as well as her niece, Laura, and nephews, Don and Billy, extended family and a host of friends.

A family graveside service for Karen Samples will be 11am Saturday April 6, 2019 at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Memorials in her honor may be made to APS Foundation of America, www.apsfa.org to help with research and a cure for this auto-immune disorder.

Cemetery Details

Restland Memorial Park

13005 Restland Road
Dallas, TX 75243

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Samples*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. I just heard of Karen's passing yesterday.
I have know Karen for over 13 years. Karen was at the Wills Point Chamber when I first met her, then I was so glad to meet up again at the monthly meetings for the Council of Van Zandt County Communities. Karen was always helping others.
Praying God's Blessings of Comfort and Peace for all her loved ones,
Mary Ann Fancher
Board Member of Council of VZCC & Wills Point Chamber Board Member*

Mary Ann Fancher - April 11, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *I did not know Karen well but when I was on the Chamber board I could tell the love and passion that she had for Wills Point.*

Steve - April 10, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *I only casually knew Ms. Karen from the Van Zandt County Communities group - VISIONS. She always had a quick smile and a warm greeting whenever I attending the meetings. I am so sorry to learn of her passing and will always remember her fondly. Prayers for her family and the friends she leaves behind.*

Robert H - April 10, 2019 at 11:17 AM

SH

“ *What a beautiful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*
--shanna

Shanna - April 10, 2019 at 09:39 AM

PR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family*
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Penny Ramsey - April 10, 2019 at 09:38 AM

GH

“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



Greg Hall - April 05, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for*
the family of Karen Samples.



April 05, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Samples.* ”



April 05, 2019 at 02:12 PM