



Karla Wigley

August 5, 1959 - August 14, 2021

Karla Kathleen Wigley passed away August 14, 2021, at the age of 62. In February of this year, she received a devastating diagnosis of a rare and aggressive cancer. She battled beyond measure, persisting in her faith as long as possible. Her greatest accomplishment and biggest leap of faith was adopting her daughter Larkin Faith MengFen Wigley in 2007 from Hubei Province, The People's Republic of China.

Karla was born in Dallas, TX on August 5, 1959. She graduated as valedictorian in 1977 from the first graduating class of Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas. She later received her BFA from SMU Theatre Dept. and an MA from Smith College in Theatre History and Criticism. Karla found herself pursuing a successful career in fundraising and developmental work at the Dallas Museum of Arts, Austin College, Episcopal School of Dallas and then finally at St. Johns Episcopal School in Dallas.

Karla enjoyed researching her family's history and discovering all that that encompassed. This led to her involvement with the Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy in order to understand the complexity of her ancestors' history and to hold position of Regent and Vice Regent for the Greater Dallas Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Those of us who were fortunate enough to receive the fruits of her other hobby, knitting, saw her talent there as well. She was and will forever be loved and remembered as a strong and determined woman, daughter, sister and friend.

Karla was preceded in death by her mother Faye Wigley. She is survived by her father Don Wigley of Terrell; her daughter Larkin; Steven Wigley and wife, Vickie, of Kansas City, Laurie Wigley of Rowlett, Paula Akers and husband, Greg, of Heath, Zachary Wigley and wife, Karina, of Ft. Worth; nephews and nieces Michael, Steven Jr., Erin, Jason, Andrew, Sam, Ryan, Taylor, Jordan, Presleigh, Madison, Knox and Harper.

Graveside service will be held 2:00 pm Saturday August 21, 2021 at Campground Cemetery (CR-326 northeast of Poetry at FM-986, CR-2326 Poetry, TX 75160) with Father Oliver Butler and Reverend Lora Brandis officiating. For those wishing, memorials in honor of Karla may be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Campground Cemetery

County Road 326
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karla Wigley*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *We just moved across the street. Karla, at 9, knocked on our door to ask if the little girl was home(me)& introduced herself! She was personable & cheerfully visited with my mom. We took walks or rode bikes in the neighborhood, to the park or pool - twice scared by a guy following us from afar! (told our parents) We walked to Dairy Queen where she'd always get a banana shake. She had started knitting, fast! I sewed, as her mother did so well. Amazingly, she read multiple books at the same time, & fast! Whenever I stayed over, Karla would be up early, reading! Karla was a gem who would lift you up. Lots of fun memories! A sad loss.*

Marlis Toulouse - October 23, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Karla Wigley.*



August 20, 2021 at 11:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karla Wigley.*



August 20, 2021 at 04:39 PM



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Lora Brandis - August 20, 2021 at 03:53 PM

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Sending prayers of love and comfort. I have so many wonderful memories of Larkin and Karla at St. John's. Treasured times.

Donna Sands - August 22, 2021 at 09:59 PM

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Karla was a dedicated, kind and very capable woman. She was always willing to help out a colleague in need and was willing to go the extra mile to serve our school. Most of all, Karla loved her daughter. Larkin was the cornerstone of her existence. Larkin, during the difficult times, please know that your mother loved you beyond measure and had full confidence that you could do anything. My prayers for love and support for Larkin and all of her family. Lynn Granello

Lynn Granello - August 25, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Karla Wigley.*



August 20, 2021 at 01:22 PM



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Lora Brandis - August 20, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Larkin, I always enjoyed seeing you and your mom each day. She is a wonderful lady, but most of all, she loves you. There was never any doubt about that. You are the apple of her eye.*

Steve Herod

Steve Herod - August 19, 2021 at 12:37 AM