



## Karen Dale Vaught

November 17, 1957 - February 6, 2018

Karen Dale Vaught, 60, of Fort Smith, Arkansas died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at her home in Fort Smith. She was born November 17, 1957 in Kansas City, Missouri to Kenneth Dale and Pat Joyce Zollicoffer Vaught. She was preceded in death by her mother. Karen is survived by her father, Kenneth Dale Vaught of Fort Smith; two sons, Dustin Williams and Jeremy Beck both of Fort Smith; two daughters, Kelly Tamburo and husband Chas of Russellville and Gretchen Williams of Fort Smith; three sisters, Brenda Patterson and husband David, Sandra Caver, and Janice Vaught-White all of Fort Smith; two grandchildren, Elijah and Lauren Williams; six great nieces and five great nephews.

Karen worked at City National Bank / BancorpSouth of Fort Smith for over twenty years and then was an administrative assistant for Medical Holdings Ltd.

Karen was the baby of four daughters. By the time she came along her parents gave up on having a boy so she got the middle name Dale. Her children, grandchildren, parents, sisters and friends meant the world to her. She had such unconditional love for anyone that was in her life and accepted them for who they were. She was known by her children's friends as the fun-loving, cool mom that let you test her rules. She became a second mom to so many. She was always encouraging, no matter the size of your dream, she would encourage and try to help you achieve it. She loved bargain shopping and if you ever went shopping with her you got tired before she was half way

finished. She had a love for antiques and cherished the unique finds she filled her house with. Her love for shopping also made her the best gift giver; she put so much thought into every gift she gave. She was always sure to sign her cards as your favorite daughter, sister or aunt.

Karen fought the good fight and never let her cancer or diagnosis take away her faith. She loved informing others about the need for Metastatic Breast Cancer Research funding. As an alternative to flowers, you can help us honor Karen's memory by making a contribution to METAvivor at [metavivor.org](http://metavivor.org).

Family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Friday, February 9th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be held 10:00 AM Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ted Darling officiating, burial at Houston Cemetery in Alix under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home and Celebration of Life to follow at Lawrence Hall in Altus.

Serving as pallbearers will be her nephews, Brandon and Bryan Patterson, Nathan, Jett and Caleb Mendenhall, Matthew and Daniel Casanova and Paul Carman Vaught White. Serving as Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Dale Vaught*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.*



February 09, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.*



February 09, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Loved Karen's fun loving personality. Ske will always be "KB" to .me. Prayers for God's Grace.*

**Rita Nickols** - February 09, 2018 at 10:34 AM



“ *Rest In Peace, Sweet Karen. We got to catch up a year or so ago and I am happy that we did. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. What a courageous lady .... praying. Jo Jennings Hall*

**Jo Jennings Hall** - February 08, 2018 at 11:50 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.*



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February 08, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.*



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February 08, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ *Your NW and WC region case management family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.*



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**Your NW and WC region case management family - February 08, 2018 at 01:32 PM**

BB

“ I first met Karen in the 7th grade she was a knobby kneed kid, just like all the rest of us. Karen had a gentle caring spirit about her with a double dose of gritt. She never backed down from anything that life threw at her. She embraced all who she met with a smile. We lost touch with each other, 43 yrs passed and I was fortunate to see her again at a 40th hs reunion. There was that same young girl I had met 46 yrs earlier, only she had grown up into a beautiful woman but yet still embraced me as if it were only yesterday that we last saw each other. Karen will always be in my heart and in my prayers. I am thankful God blessed me with her friendship!

Brooks Berry - February 08, 2018 at 01:10 PM

TB

Karen, was a special person to be able to fight that battle so many time. People you meet in school, or work or just growing up you. It funny how they go in a time causple Then it gets opened for school reunions and other things and on Facebook. Karen made you feel like no time past other than our wonderful children. Mother always bond over them. Her and Janet two peas in a pod. Karen you will be greatly missed I am thankful our path crossed. Prayers for your family. I hope your Children, never forget the mother, and person you were. God new how special you were he needed you for one of his Angeles.

Teresa Wilson Burton - February 11, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.



February 08, 2018 at 12:44 PM

MT

“ Matt McCoy State Farm Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.



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**Matt McCoy State Farm Team** - February 08, 2018 at 10:58 AM

VM

“ I had so hoped that I would make it back to Fort Smith before this happened. I haven't seen Karen since grade school. She was a really good friend, then. I always thought she was so pretty. She was the monkey bar queen. I am so sad she is gone.

*Vicki (Galloway) McLemore*

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**Vicki McLemore** - February 08, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Dale Vaught.



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February 07, 2018 at 09:08 PM