



Karen D. Shults-Kupferer

January 16, 1961 - September 15, 2023

Karen D. Shults – Kupferer, 62, of Kankakee, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, September 15, 2023, with her family by her side.

She was born on January 16, 1961, in Peoria the daughter of Icy Donley and Loyd Shults. On April 16, 2016, she married Pastor Teacher, James R. Kupferer. Karen enjoyed football, gardening, and church. Most of all she loved spending time with her family & friends. She last worked as a Store Manager at a local Casey's.

Karen is survived by her husband, Pastor Teacher, James R. Kupferer; two sons, James (Tammy) Plue and David Plue; six grandchildren, Dominick, Tyler, Madison, Jordyn, Gabriel, and Nathaniel Plue; 3 great grandchildren, Kevin, Roscoe, and Oscar.

With her beautiful marriage to James, she also leaves behind three more children, Kendall (Marcus Jensen) Kupferer, Kyle (Amanda) Kupferer, and James Kupferer; grandchildren, Camren, Aubry, Marley, Zoe, and Ryder.

She also leaves behind her siblings, Loyd (Becky) Shults, Brian (Aggie) Shults, Brenda Girard, Troy (Linda) Shults, Dorothy Bundy, and Jeanetta Cooper; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and her two beloved dogs, Max and Sassy.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Kevin, Delbert, and Byron Shults; as well as many others who were dear to her.

She fought cancer for many years and never gave up. We believe God needed her to do more beautiful things for him, with him.

Visitation will be held September 22, 2023, at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee from 1pm until the memorial service at 3pm with Pastor Diane Epting officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Throne of Grace Ministry, P.O. Box 474, Aroma Park, Illinois 60910.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

SEP **22.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karen D. Shults-Kupferer*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen D. Shults-Kupferer.*



September 21, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen D. Shults-Kupferer.

September 21, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen D. Shults-Kupferer.*



September 21, 2023 at 04:51 PM

PE

“ I had the honor of working for Karen, she not only was a amazing boss, but a amazing person, her smile was contagious, along with her kindness, her fight was real but God had other plans, Prayers to her family

Penny - September 21, 2023 at 12:18 AM

LP

“ One of the best managers Casey's ever had. Hard worker and cared about her employees. She may have lost the battle but not the fight. May you sit on the side with our Lord.

Lorie Parish - September 20, 2023 at 10:06 PM

BJ

“ Our Sympathies Jim & Family!! 🙏🙏🙏

Bob & Joyce Jackson - September 19, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen D. Shults-Kupferer.



September 19, 2023 at 01:25 AM

DS

“ Our hearts go out to you Jimmy. May God comfort all your family at this time. Delena & David Smith

Delena Smith - September 18, 2023 at 01:25 PM