



Karen Kay Otey

March 22, 1954 - April 20, 2023

Karen K. Otey, 69, of St. Albans entered into the Gates of Heaven on Thursday, April 20, 2023, with her husband of 29 years by her side at CAMC General Division, Charleston following a short battle with cancer.

Karen was retired from West Virginia Rehabilitation services after 38 years of service. Karen read her Bible every night before bed. Karen was a strong believer in the word of God. She was an avid sports watcher. Karen loved her favorite baseball team The Cincinnati Reds even when they lost, she never waver from being one of their biggest fans. She loved to travel the great State of West Virginia, one of her favorite places was going to the Greenbrier County and spending time at Paradise Campground and she also had a love for flowers and animals of the forest.

Surviving include her loving husband George Otey; sister, Lu Ann Phillips, (Mike) of St. Albans; step-daughter, Jennifer Pickens; step-son, John Otey; nephews, Sean Rose and Brett Rose; longtime friends Dorita Faulkner and Barbara Smith.

Per Karen's request, she wanted to be cremated and her ashes spread at her favorite places. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

The family wishes to express their appreciation for the nursing staff at CAMC

MICU Unit and also to Chad Smarr for helping the family in their time of need.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Kanawha County Animal Shelter in her name to help those that cannot help themselves.

You may visit Karen's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Otey family.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Karen was a great co-worker. We shared many stories and laughs. My sincere condolences to George and Family.

Rebecca Donahue - May 21, 2023 at 09:18 PM

CS

“ To Karen's family and friends--I was saddened deeply when I was told by a close friend of mine and Karen's during our employment years at the Division of Rehabilitation Services, that she had passed away. To George: I am so sorry I was not aware of Karen's death...so much more I would like to say, but just know she was in my thoughts more than you can realize..getting older, length of miles between us with travel now being difficult for me. To the remainder of Karen's family and friends-she was a wonderful person and I will have sweet thoughts and wonderful memories. Carmon

Carmon Summers - May 09, 2023 at 10:06 AM

LP

“ A Celebration of Life for Karen (Burgess) Otey will be held May 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Shelter 3 at St. Albans City Park

Lu Phillips - April 27, 2023 at 12:03 PM

TC

“ George,
I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Karen was so dedicated and meticulous in her work. But she also knew how to make things fun and how to make people laugh. I appreciate the time that we worked together. I send my deepest sympathy to you and the family.

Tracy Carr - April 26, 2023 at 03:16 PM

LP

“ I will miss my sister immensely. To add to the obituary information, her parents were the late Luther Burgess and Marie (Crantz) Burgess.

Lu Ann (Burgess) Phillips - April 24, 2023 at 10:27 PM

DH

“ George, so sorry to lose Karen. We will miss her laugh and smiles.

Durwood and Bobbie Jo Harrison - April 23, 2023 at 10:46 AM

CP

“ George. I'm so sorry to hear of Karen's death. I always loved working w/her through all of our Rehab years.

connie Pitman - April 22, 2023 at 08:26 PM

VR

“ So sorry to hear of Karen's passing. I attended junior high and high school with her. She was always a kind, funny loving and intelligent woman. This world was a better place because her being. My thoughts and prayers go out to her husband and family.
Sincerely,
Virginia Tissue Reinkopfs Class of '72.

Virginia Tissue Reinkopfs - April 22, 2023 at 02:18 PM

MG

“ George, I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. I have thought about both of you in the last few years and hoped you were doing well. I have fond memories of Karen when we worked across the hall from each other....we would often exchange thoughts of the day and she never failed to share a smile and a kind word. My heartfelt condolences to you and your families and wishes for peace and comfort during this time. (My sister, Mary Jane, was so saddened to hear of Karen's passing. Her exact words were "she was always one of my favorite people.")

Mickey Given - April 22, 2023 at 11:08 AM

PS

“ Luann, George and family we are heartbroken to hear of Karen's passing. Hope all the fun memories of camping and family reunions will help in the healing process. Please let us know what we can do at any time now or later.

We love you all so very much!

*Love,
Chuck, Pam and family*

Pam Shepard - April 22, 2023 at 11:05 AM

AH

“ LuAnn, George and family. We were so sorry to learn of Karen's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences. Arvyl, Jo Hypes and family.

Arvyl and Jo Hypes - April 22, 2023 at 10:53 AM

BK

“ George.....Steve and I are truly sorry to learn of Karen’s death. She was (as were you!) a part of our Rehab family forever and was always great to work with. We liked running into you both around town, catching up with things and recalling good times. Cherish the many memories you both created over the years. Our deepest sympathy.

Barbara King - April 21, 2023 at 08:44 PM

DL

George and family: I was so sorry and shocked to hear that Karen had passed away. I have so many fond memories of the many years we worked and hung out together. My deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your family.

Debbie Lovely - April 21, 2023 at 09:50 PM



George - Needless to say, I was so shocked to see that Karen had passed away. She was always so full of life, fun, and just a joy to be around. Throughout my years with DRS, the two of you were just a few of the people I looked up to. The majority of my interactions with Karen were through the Mountaineer Association of Rehabilitation Secretaries (MARS/MARSS) at our level. However, she was so much more involved in all organizational levels of the Agency. Everyone knew Karen Burgess Otey! She made an impact on a great number of people, one of them being me. Prayers for the family.

Brenda Beard - April 22, 2023 at 09:55 AM

KB

I grew up across the street from Karen Kay. We often played together or discussed books we had read. In the evenings, the Burgess House was sort of a gathering place for the neighbors and we frequently played with our friends while the adults chatted. So many childhood memories included Karen Kay. As often happens, once both sets of our parents passed we sort of lost touch. I have no doubt that if we would have gotten together during that time, the talking and laughter would just pick back up. So sorry for your loss LuAnn and for the loss to Karen Kay’s husband and family! Happy she knew the Lord and is resting in His love!

Karen Ann Boyd - April 22, 2023 at 07:00 PM