



Karen Faye Williams

May 17, 1947 - April 1, 2026

Karen Faye Williams of Richmond entered into eternal rest on April 1, 2026. A native of West Point, Virginia, she was born on May 17, 1947. Karen was preceded in death by her parents Joseph Isaac Williams and Grace Cooke Williams, and sisters Nan Williams and Dawne Williams Estis. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Gerald and Avril Williams; nephews Glen Williams (Shelley) and Kinnon Williams (Jessie); nieces Jill Dunn (Christopher), Kimberly Talley (Barry) and Veronica Bratton (Tim). Karen is also survived by great nieces and nephews Cassie (David), Lindsay (Matthew), Joey, Ashley, Alex, Marissa, Noah, Whitney, Austin, Melody, Chance, Jacob and Shepard; one great-great nephew Rowan Torres; longtime friend Tony Worthington; and chosen grandchild Amelie Wykes; many close friends and neighbors in the Wellesley and Short Pump communities; as well as her beloved fur babies Nigel and Callie Louise.

Karen was a member of the West Point High School class of 1965. After graduating from Johnston Willis School of Nursing, she spent the first part of her career in a clinical setting at Johnston Willis Hospital. Her interest in the business side of nursing led her to Blue Cross Blue Shield where she spent most of her career. During her long employment there, she was instrumental in developing new programs to support subscribers of the health plan. She also continued her education and received her Bachelors in Business at Mary Baldwin University during her time at BCBS. Never one to pass up a new

opportunity, she ended her remarkable and unique nursing career at Johnson & Johnson as a drug representative.

Karen was classy, sassy, sporty and spicy in the best ways possible. As a devoted shopper of Nordstrom, Saks and many other fine stores, she enjoyed spoiling those that she loved. She was a marathon runner, tennis player, lover of all animals and rescued many over her lifetime. She was also an avid sports fan, especially of the UNC Chapel Hill Tarheels basketball and the Washington Redskins.

She was a charter member of the Westwood Club, and an avid fan, supporter and volunteer extraordinaire of the Wellesley Whitecaps swim team. Karen also served as a board member for the Foxfield at Wellesley Townhomes Homeowners Association, as well as being the unofficial mayor of the community.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 11 at Wellesley Community Center, 3605 Lauderdale Rd, Henrico, VA 23233.

in lieu of donations memorials may be made to the Wellesley Whitecaps, c/o Tracey Jameson, 3609 Whispering Wood Ct., Henrico, VA 23233 or Richmond SPCA, www.richmondspca.org.

Tribute Wall

AV

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Avie - April 09 at 02:19 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - April 08 at 06:47 AM

AM

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Amélie - April 08 at 02:19 AM



“Karen was the best neighbor, mentor, and friend. I loved her—and over the past 16 years so did my pets (as we all know, she was a huge animal lover), and my kids, who she always showed up for day or night. There’s a huge hole left without her. She was just... awesome, and that’s exactly how I’ll always remember her.



Ginny Fink - April 07 at 09:43 PM



...her laugh, gorgeous hair, our chats, I miss everything about Karen. Rest in peace my dear and thank you for being our neighbor and friend. Love ❤️

Ginny Fink - April 07 at 09:48 PM

AL

“Alyssa lit a candle in memory of Karen Faye Williams



Alyssa - April 07 at 07:18 PM

DJ

“ Jill and Kimberly, I'm so sorry to learn about Karen's passing. I remember how you two always looked forward to visits from her and from Nan when we lived on Sunnyside. Sending love and comforting prayers❤️🙏

Deborah Johnson - April 07 at 04:01 PM

VB

“ Our condolences and heartfelt sympathies go out to Gerald, Avie and the entire family. I was in the band with Karen back in high school and remember her well. She was indeed a nice and caring person. We know all who knew her will miss her greatly. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

VIC and SHARON BRITTON

Vic and Sharon Britton - April 07 at 01:13 PM

DB

“ Williams Family, Condolences sent to you at this sad time. I did not know Karen, but I've known the family from my early years with my parents , Graydon & Louise Willis. Prayers for you all🙏 Dolores Willis Beeler

Dolores Willis Beeler - April 07 at 12:41 PM

TG

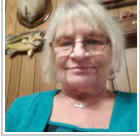
“ I LOVED Karen! Such a fun and wonderful woman. I could always count on her to be at every Whitecaps meet as the lead table volunteer for scoring and ribbons. She went above and beyond to always be there for the team and Amelie. She will be deeply missed by all of us who loved her. So grateful to have known her. ❤️❤️

Trish Gibbs - April 06 at 06:40 PM

PN

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Karen was a great classmate and a wonderful person.

Page Neale - April 06 at 04:29 PM



“ Beverly Edwards lit a candle in memory of Karen Faye Williams



Beverly Edwards - April 06 at 04:15 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about Karen. Even though I haven't seen her for a long time I remember her sweet smile and personality. Glenn and I send our love and sympathy to her family.

Judy Palmer - April 06 at 01:06 PM