



Mrs. Karen Packett Bluvas

August 8, 1953 - October 5, 2017

Karen Kay Packett Bluvas, age 64 of Roswell, GA, passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2017, surrounded by her family. Karen came into this world on August 8, 1953, born to John and Evelyn (Rowland) Packett in Omaha, NE. She was the middle of three children, making her place in between brothers John and Mark.

Early on in life, KK (as she was known by many family and friends in Omaha) loved to learn and to explore. She spent entire Saturday afternoons at the movies during summer visits to her family in Pawnee, NE; wandered the banks of the Platte River near the Packett cabin at Sokol Camp; and played with her friends outside of her childhood home on Sprague Street. She was admired for her innate curiosity and strong determination all of her life.

Karen graduated from Benson High School in 1971 and worked as Assistant Treasurer at First Federal Savings and Loan of Omaha for 10 years. She married Joe Bluvas in 1977 and together they raised three children: Matt, Andy and Sarah. Karen, Joe and the kids lived in many cities, including Overland Park, KS, where they made lifelong friends who they vacationed with at the Lake of the Ozarks; and Brentwood, TN, where Karen started her craft business Prairie Girl.

They settled in Roswell, GA, in 1991, and Karen became an active member of

their community. She volunteered with Habitat for Humanity; was a member of the PTA; and served as leader for Sarah's Girl Scouts troop. Karen was also very engaged with their neighborhood Brookfield West, serving as President of the Homeowners Association. Karen and Joe joined Brookfield Country Club in 1993, and Karen remained a prominent member of the BCC community until her passing. She played tennis on several ALTA and USTA teams and took home the title of ALTA City Champions in 2006. Karen was also the first woman elected to the BCC Board of Governors, where she held the position of Secretary and served for nearly 20 years.

Karen was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1991, but she did not let the disease deter her and instead channeled energy into supporting organizations that searched for a cure. From 2001 to 2008, she collectively raised more than \$50,000 for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, earning the distinction of Highest Fundraising Team in 2006.

Many people knew Karen in many different ways: she was an ace softball pitcher; an avid collector of seashells, cars and other treasures; a ringer in games of horseshoes at Sokol Camp; Cookie Mom for Troop 2209; Aunt Kake to nieces and nephews; an expert bowler; Babi to Katelynn, Jack and Drew; a successful entrepreneur; the Queen of 4th of July; a mother, a wife and a best friend. She is preceded in death by her father John and her brother Mark. She is survived by many, including her mother Evelyn; her brother John (Sue); her husband of 40 years Joe; her children Matt, Andy (Erin) and Sarah; her grandchildren Katelynn, Jack and Drew; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and others who were lucky enough to know, love and be loved by her.

Karen's family will honor her with a memorial service on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 3 pm, at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA, 30075. Joe and family invite everyone to their home afterward for a celebration of Karen's magnificent life. In lieu of flowers, they ask that

donations be made in Karen's name to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Celebration Of Life

OCT 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Karen Packett Bluvas*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Great memories! Great husband and great kids. I will miss her.*
Ronnie Long

Ronnie Long - October 13, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ *Scott & Pam Stephenson purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Mrs. Karen Packett Bluvas.*



Scott & Pam Stephenson - October 11, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Packett Bluvas.*



October 10, 2017 at 05:58 PM

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“ I can remember when we were out at the cabin we celebrated the Fourth of July and getting together to have meals with the family those were good times



Eric Packett - October 10, 2017 at 01:17 AM

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“ KK or Karen a very close cousin when we were growing up. We had fun at the cabin going swimming and sometimes just walking on the Platte. I won't forget the time we, KK, Bob (a boy that we both liked) and I decided to just float down the river. We were having a good time but then we decided we better get back to the cabin, by the time we got back there we were fried. We had a real nice tan but we paid for it. That wasn't all, I remember A. Evelyn (in her kinda stern (haha) voice) telling us that it wasn't safe on the sand beds, that there was quicksand. There might of been somewhere but we didn't find any and the tire tracks we saw made me think they didn' either. But we didn't do it again. But we kind of lost track of each other just like most family. I got married had children, and then she got married and moved away. I was hoping that I would get to see her when she came back for a visit. I don't think I'm going to make it to say goodbye but I want her family to know that they are in my prayers and that I would of liked to have met you all. Just know that I loved her very much and I have and I will miss her.



Connie - October 09, 2017 at 10:12 PM

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“ my husband Brian and i will always remember the great times we had vacationing in aruba and celebrating life and having fun for two weeks every year. I will also remember the Who is alice tape and the tropical MF's we drank every year for Brians Birthday. We also enjoyed all of the parties and dinners and had a blast in each others company. Karen was always an inspiration to me and my husband who has also passed away, because of her constant positive attitude and undying spirit. She was always full of life and a pleasure to be be around. I am glad that i have had the opportunity to be a good friend and to get to know her and her family. She will be missed and I know that my husband Brian welcomed her with open arms in heaven.

Ruth Perry - October 09, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Packett Bluvas.



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Rebecca Berg - October 07, 2017 at 07:49 AM