



Karen Ann Kraft (Lebanon)

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Karen Ann Kraft, daughter of Edward and Darlene Petrowski Kiefer, was born November 19, 1958, at Fort Collins, Colorado. She departed this life Thursday, May 19, 2011, in her home, near Falcon, Missouri, at the age of fifty-two years, and six months.

On October 19, 1985, she was united in marriage to Thomas R. Kraft, and to this union one daughter was born.

Karen is survived by her husband, Tom, of the home; a daughter, Rebecca Mitschele, and her husband, Wayne, of Richland, Missouri; her parents, Ed and Darlene Kiefer, of Fort Collins, Colorado; a brother, Mike Kiefer, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a sister, Rita Webster, and her husband, Jim, of Salida, Colorado; her maternal grandmother, Ida Petrowski, of Fort Collins, Colorado; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

She was born and raised in Fort Collins, Colorado. Liking to travel, at the age of twenty-one, she decided to make a trip on her 10 speed bicycle from Colorado to Lynchburg, Missouri. She then decided to make her home in that area, and soon after met Tom. Five years later they were married, and made their home in the Competition community. In addition to being a devoted homemaker to her family, Karen also worked for the Missouri Highway Department for a few years, at Shoney's Restaurant, Shepherd Hills Outlet Store, as a cook at the Competition School, and as the manager of Sign Express.

Karen was saved in 1990, at the Competition Baptist Church, and became an active member of First Baptist Church in Lebanon about three years ago. She was involved in Sunday school, Project 25/35, and small groups at First Baptist. She had developed a quest for spiritual things and was always interested in helping others.

She played the banjo and was part of an all girls stringed band for several years. She had an outgoing personality and never met a stranger. She was always very



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determined in everything she did. She enjoyed gardening and caring for her three dogs, which were very important to her. She loved her family dearly and was eagerly anticipating the birth of her first grandchild.

Karen was a loving wife, mother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, and aunt, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate her life and know that her family and friends will treasure the wonderful memories she created for them throughout the years.



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Anonymous posted:

Tom, Becky,& Wayne;I'm so sorry for your loss. I know that Karen will be greatly missed as I already miss her laugh and smile. Know that you are all in our prayers. Love, Susan & Luis (Karen's cousins from CO)##imported-begin##Susan Cardona##imported-end##

June 1 at 9:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Tom, Becky and Wayne,We are so sorry for your loss and know that Karen is with you ever step you make. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and so enjoyed being with you this week. We are only a phone call away. Karen was one of a kind. She will be missed by all and is in Heaven now watching over all.Love,Joanie and Jerry##imported-begin##Joanie and Jerry Graham##imported-end##

May 28 at 4:01 PM



Anonymous posted:

Karen touched so many lives with her smile and free spirit. We are blessed to call her friend. Tom, Becky and Wayne our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kevin and Rita Peters##imported-end##

May 26 at 8:08 PM



Anonymous posted:

May her loving memory help heal and give you strenth in this time of loss. God is with you. Angels are around you.##imported-begin##Mary Kays##imported-end##

May 26 at 9:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

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May 25 at 2:05 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I went to Rocky Mountain High School with Karen. We had recently reconnected on Facebook. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##Kacy Thompson##imported-end##

May 25 at 1:31 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Becca, Tom, and all of Karen's family. It was no great surprise to see the outpouring of guests at Karen's visitation last night. Anyone who ever met Karen wanted to be friends with her. Her beautiful smile and spirit drew people to her. I will miss Karen dearly, miss her sparkling personality and sharing our passion for old time music and the banjo. May God bless you as you begin life without her constant presence. Know that she is with you always..and she will be there as your new baby joins the world. Love, sympathy, and prayers for all of you.##imported-begin##Nancy Ryan##imported-end##

May 25 at 8:48 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Tom and Becky, I know your pain is fresh and intense, but please remember with me all the great times your wife and mother brought to all of us. She was on of a kind, and as she joins her Savior we must rejoice that she was given to us for a time.##imported-begin##marsha prock##imported-end##

May 25 at 7:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

Known Karen since she moved to Competition, always smiling and happy, will miss her, my prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Earcille Hash##imported-end##

May 24 at 2:20 PM



Anonymous posted:

I can't help but think that Heaven must be filled with much more laughter! I can still hear Karen's laugh and feel the joy it always brought! I love you guys and Jason sends his love too. You will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Linda Dickinson##imported-end##

May 24 at 8:39 AM



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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Linda##imported-end##

May 24 at 8:36 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Clayton & Kelli Myers##imported-end##

May 24 at 3:45 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tom and family, you have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Clyde and JoAnn Woody##imported-end##

May 23 at 11:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

May your heart and soul find peace during this difficult time, and may the blessings of God be upon you. We had the pleasure of meeting Karen a few times, but those few times left a big imprint on our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with Karen's loved ones in this time of need.##imported-begin##Jeremy and Jessica Weaver##imported-end##

May 22 at 7:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Stanley Ehnes##imported-end##

May 22 at 6:52 PM



Anonymous posted:

A great musician and we enjoyed listening to her music at different places.##imported-begin##Floyd & Janice Blankenship##imported-end##

May 21 at 3:51 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Karen, she was always a very sweet and caring lady. I don't know that I ever seen her without a smile on her face! Heaven has gained a beautiful angel, and she will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her, but we will all be together again someday! May God hold you close during this difficult time!##imported-begin##Jennifer Perry Tullos##imported-end##

May 21 at 1:59 PM



Anonymous posted:

A good friend and companion. We walked through the woods around her home many times. Elly especially enjoyed Karen's special place at the creek. Becky I'm proud of the way you took care of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Elly and Randy Lee##imported-end##

May 21 at 5:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tom,Becca,and Wayne....We pray for strength and understanding as you cope with the loss of Karen.We are all deeply saddened by Karen's passing,but that sadness turns to overwhelming joy when we picture Karen walking side by side with Jesus!And we know she is wearing that big beautiful smile!We love you guys and treasure our friendship.....##imported-begin##Craig and Rhonda##imported-end##

May 21 at 1:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, Becca and Wayne.....What a blessing to have known Karen. I will never forget her beautiful smile as she greeted me on Sunday mornings with hugs from the heart! Her love of the Lord radiated from the inside out!! My prayers are with your family..##imported-begin##Penny Reesman##imported-end##

May 20 at 8:09 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Praying for you! hope that you are able to reflect upon all the wonderful memories you have made with Karen. Love you! ##imported-begin##Andy & Tracie Peryy##imported-end##

May 20 at 5:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, Becky, Blake & Wayne I recall a conversation with Karen a few months ago. Karen told me "How much she loved her life & would change nothing". With tears in her eyes she spoke of her Love for God and if she didn't meet her grandchild here that she would in heaven. I was in awe of her strength, faith, & Love for her family & God. Karen was a very special miracle that touched many lives. We will miss her. ##imported-begin##Jean & Paul##imported-end##

May 20 at 2:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, Becca, Baby Blake, and Wayne, Please accept our condolences on the loss of Karen. She was a wonderful person and had a BEAUTIFUL SMILE and Free Spirit. I will always remember chatting on the phone and her laugh. May God provide the comfort you will need at this difficult time. ##imported-begin##Rick and Debbie Land (Salem)##imported-end##

May 20 at 11:49 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, Becca, and Wayne, We were privileged to have Karen be a part of our lives. Her peaceful spirit reflected the love of Jesus. She's dancing in His presence singing praise to the Lamb. We love you guys, the Baugher's ##imported-begin##The Baugher's##imported-end##

May 20 at 10:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, Becca, Wayne and Baby Blake, We love you! We are praying for all you. Karen's beautiful spirit will always be remembered. We feel so blessed to have had the chance to meet and get to know Karen. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! ##imported-begin##Jimmy, Deborlee and Nora##imported-end##

May 20 at 10:16 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Tom,Becca, Wayne,You are on our prayer list. We have had lots of fun times and laughs over the years. You guys are great neighbors, remember all our banjo pickin' times? Our lives are a lot richer just knowing Karen and you all, Love in Christ##imported-begin##Barb & Eldon Prock##imported-end##

May 20 at 9:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, Becca, and Wayne,We always had hope that she would receive earthly healing, but so glad she has received complete healing where her pain is gone her smile still continues on in the presence of Jesus. Thanks for letting us be a part of your lives. We value your friendship.Love, The Buckles##imported-begin##June Buckles##imported-end##

May 20 at 9:08 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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