



Karen J Pyne

March 28, 1943 - August 23, 2021

Karen J Pyne, 78, a longtime Miami resident passed away on Monday, August 23, 2021 at her home. Mrs. Pyne was born on March 28, 1943 in Columbus, Kansas to P. Wayne and Edna Mae (York) Sullivan. Karen grew up in Columbus, where she had wonderful childhood memories and friends that she cherished her entire life. She graduated from Columbus High School and attended Kansas State University, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. On December 30, 1962, Karen married Larry Pyne in Columbus, Kansas. They moved to Kansas City and she completed her degree in social work from UMKC.

Upon Larry's graduation from dental school, they moved to Miami where Karen helped start up and support his dental practice for over 40 years. Karen raised her two beloved daughters and was very involved with their school activities, including school PTA, girl scouts, band trips and loved welcoming all the girls' friends into her home. Karen and Larry loved visiting their girls at OSU and attending football games and sorority events, especially Mom's Day.

After raising her girls, she began to work at Baptist Regional Health Center in marketing/community relations and developed the foundation from the ground up, raising funds in excess of one million dollars. Karen was loved by many in the community and cherished her friendships. She loved to be with friends, always smiling, fun loving, graceful, kind and friendly to all. She truly was our

family's brightest light.

In 2005, she retired to be full-time grandmother to Paige and Mason, whom she adored. She enjoyed many school functions, play dates, stay-overs, tea parties, and trips to Mexico with them. Karen and Larry loved to travel and experienced many wonderful trips over the years with dear friends, especially their yearly trip to Puerto Vallarta. Karen loved the water, enjoying years at the lake, scuba diving and relaxing on the beach.

Karen was very involved in the community, including PEO Chapter EJ, Friday Study Club, bridge club, and numerous committees and volunteer organizations. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, where she was one of the first female members of the church vestry.

Mrs. Pyne was preceded in passing by her parents Wayne and Edna Sullivan, a brother John Sullivan and sister Gwen Emmons.

Those who will share Karen's memories are her husband of fifty-eight years Larry Pyne of the home, her children Sara Clark and her husband Ken of Miami, Susan Pyne of Tulsa, her grandchildren Paige Clark of Overland Park, Kansas and Mason Clark of Miami, brother Jerry Sullivan and wife Pat of Grove, sister Joyce Carr of Garland, Texas, sister-in-law Connie Sullivan of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and sister-in-law Paula Ellis and husband D.G. of Jenks, Oklahoma, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, and her beloved dog Buddy.

There will be a Celebration of Life 11:00 AM on Friday, August 27, 2021 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Miami with Reverend Noel Doherty and Reverend Kay Boman Harvey officiating. The family recommends masks at the service.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Miami Animal

Alliance, Animal Welfare & Adoption Agency, All Saints Memorial Fund or Integris Miami Memorial Foundation, Karen Pyne Memorial in her honor.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. Pyne's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints' Episcopal Church
225 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354

Tribute Wall

JP

“ So very sorry for your loss Pyne family. Mrs. Pyne was such a sweet and positive lady. She loved her dog Buddy and took great care of him. We will miss her.

Jennifer Pugh - August 28, 2021 at 12:30 AM

MM

“ So sorry for your tremendous loss!
Sending love and hugs to all. Karen was was a sweet , gentle, thoughtful person. I cleaned for her and she never wanted to inconvenience me she was so appreciative of everything I did!!!
So excited to move down stairs and thankful for Susan and Sara helping her to get there.
She and Larry enjoyed the coffee on porch and letting Buddy out for his morning routine. The phone ringing continuously while I was there from friends checking on her she was so cute getting over to answer and so puzzled with new technology she had comments on that 😊 I am not on social media and a bit late here she was a super star and a terrific human being so sorry for your families loss!

Melissa MCGINTY - August 28, 2021 at 12:06 AM

RM

“ Dear Larry, Sara and Susan - I'm am so very sorry, my heart goes out to you. I love you all, our families have shared countless wonderful memories. As far as I can remember back, we've been together. Karen is the most cheerful, bubbly and kind lady there ever was, she was the coolest mom (even before I knew what cool was). I remember riding in her silver car and zooming thru Rockdale, it was thrilling! Laughing and having so much fun, Karen was always so much fun!! A million memories flood my mind, Karen is a beautiful person, inside and out. I love you, xoxox, Rachel

Rache Molokin - August 27, 2021 at 03:43 PM

RD

“ Larry, Sara and Susan, I am so saddened to hear of Karen’s passing. She was always a joy to be around. Thinking of her makes me smile. I know my parents enjoyed their many fun trips together. She was a great lady.
Rebecca Mirjanich Davis

rebecca mirjanich davis - August 27, 2021 at 01:59 PM

CD

“ Connie D. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen J Pyne.



Connie D. - August 27, 2021 at 11:44 AM

GR

“ Larry and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Karen was such a good friend. We had some fun times together working at the hospital. She was one of a kind. Loved her dearly. Prayers for all of you.



Ginger Ratliff - August 26, 2021 at 09:36 PM

LS

“ Larry and girls,
Karen had a beautiful soul. She was so nice to this young girl who worked in Larry’s office. She had a wonderful laugh and was always welcoming. Sending love and prayers.
Lisa White Stovall

Lisa Stovall - August 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen J Pyne.*



August 26, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Ragan family, Sheila, Terry and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Karen J Pyne.*



Ragan family, Sheila, Terry and family - August 26, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Sara Beth & Suzie, as you know, I would be sisterless if it were not for your mother. I will never forget that fateful day when she ran at the speed of light and dove into your pool to save my sister, Karen, from drowning when she was just a toddler. I must have been around 4 or 5 at the time, but I remember it as if it were yesterday. Her reaction time was like a wildcat and her focus, laser-sharp. I think she pulled Karen out with one hand too. It was one of the most superheroic things I've ever witnessed. Your mother was an amazing human being. Not to mention her style and wit and contagious laugh. What a loss for everyone. Her legacy lives on through all of you and the many unforgettable moments we shared. Sending you lots of love and e-hugs. xxoo Christy*

Christy Russell - August 25, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen J Pyne.*



August 25, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Mike & Sherrie Hulse, Shelly Weatherford purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Karen J Pyne.*



Mike & Sherrie Hulse, Shelly Weatherford - August 25, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Loveridge and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Karen J Pyne.*



Mary Ellen Loveridge and Family - August 25, 2021 at 11:25 AM

Becky Stover

“ Doc, Sara, and Susan,

I'm so very sorry to hear about Karen. I will always remember her laughter and humor and compassion for others. She always welcomed me and made me feel like I was special. With all the years of working I just want you to know how much I appreciated everything you did for me and giving me the opportunities that you did. I will never forget the smell of her perfume. I would always know she was there or had been there. I'm so sorry for your loss I know it will be a great one. Sending my love and condolences.

Becky Pittman Stover

Becky Stover - August 25, 2021 at 11:01 AM

DF

“ David, Elenore and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Karen J Pyne.



David, Elenore and Family - August 25, 2021 at 11:01 AM

NF

“ Niagara Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen J Pyne.



Niagara Family - August 25, 2021 at 10:47 AM

CS

“ There was a group of girls that were extremely close all through school in Columbus.
Karen was always so much fun! Everyone loved her and looked up to her. We both played the trombone in band side by side. We both were in Crescendos together. We were in numerous committees together. She could play the piano wonderfully. All of the years since school all of us got together as often as we could.
She loved her family so much
Everyone loved Karen. She will always be in our hearts.

Connie Sarwinski - August 25, 2021 at 09:18 AM

MM

The men teachers in Junior High named our group The Mafia. The name stuck all through school. We weren't trouble makers, just a fun bunch of girls.
Karen is the second Mafia member we have lost. Love her so much. Like Connie said...everyone loved Karen.
Rest in peace, sweet girl, we're right behind ya.

Marlene Green Murdock - August 25, 2021 at 09:53 AM

CA

As another member of that group, I can echo what Connie and Marlene said. Karen was my oldest friend, along with Linda. We met in first grade and were friends forever. Karen and I played piano duets and watched the same soap opera. I could write volumes about my memories, but for now, I hope she is dancing in Heaven.

Carole Audley - August 25, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JG

“ I will cherish my memories of working with Karen and loved her social worker soul. She loved her family very much. Until we see each other again, she will most certainly keep heaven on its toes.

Janet Glenn - August 24, 2021 at 08:28 PM

CA

“ I will miss you your family became part of my family just in this little time I will always keep the family in my prayers fly high Karen may you Rest In Peace now sweetheart!

casinda - August 24, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen J Pyne.



August 24, 2021 at 06:19 PM

SK

“ To the Pyne Family and as my boys used to say “the Pyne girls”. I am so sorry to hear about Karen. We had so much fun - some stories i can tell and some I can't. I have very fond memories. RIP KP.

Sandy Kiefner - August 24, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen J Pyne.



August 24, 2021 at 04:23 PM