



Karen Jean Furey

June 18, 1962 - March 21, 2026

Karen Jean Furey, 63, was welcomed into Heaven on March 21, 2026 where she was greeted by her parents Bob and Lorraine Furey as well as her brothers Robert and Ken Furey. She is survived by her younger sisters: Laura Kincaid and Ellen Whittington (Scott) as well as her nieces Caroline Kincaid, Bree Whittington, Holly Whittington and her nephew Christopher Kincaid. Born June 18, 1962, in Poughkeepsie, NY, Karen grew up in Raleigh, NC, where she attended Sanderson High School and played trumpet in the marching band. In 1987 Karen graduated from Western Carolina University's School of Nursing and Health Sciences. She was proud to serve as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy at Camp LeJeune Naval Hospital from 1988-1991. After her military service, Karen was an Environmental Health Specialist for Onslow County, NC until she retired in 2021.

Karen chose a quiet life, and she was known for her love of Hallmark movies, puzzles, cross stitch, God and cats and not necessarily in that order. She had a beautiful soul, and we were all better for having her in our lives. She will be missed and remembered by her family and friends including her college roommate and best friend, Reverend Jill King. Special thanks to Trellis Hospice and the VA Liberty Lane Hospice House for the kindness and compassion they showed Karen during her journey.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 11th at 3 PM in Summersett Memorial Chapel, the family will speak to friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Faithful Friends Animal

Sanctuary, 220 Grace Church Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Furey family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Laura and David Compton purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Karen Jean Furey.*



Laura and David Compton - April 10 at 04:47 PM

AU

“ *I knew Karen when she worked as an Environmental Health Specialist at OCHD. I didn't interact with her very often but when I did, she was always kind. My condolences to her family & friends. I hope they find some measure of comfort knowing that her soul has been set free.*



Anna Underwood - April 09 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Trudy Knopp and the Johnson Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Jean Furey.*



Trudy Knopp and the Johnson Family. - April 08 at 05:00 PM

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“ *Trudy Knopp and the Johnson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Jean Furey.*

Trudy Knopp and the Johnson Family. - April 08 at 05:00 PM

YF

“ *Your Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Karen Jean Furey.*



Your Family - April 05 at 05:09 AM

YF

“ *Your Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Jean Furey.*

Your Family - April 05 at 05:09 AM

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“ *The family. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Karen Jean Furey.*



The family. - March 31 at 08:44 PM

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“ *The family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Jean Furey.*

The family. - March 31 at 08:44 PM

JS

“ Sorry to hear of Karen's passing. I worked with Karen in the 90's as a REHS at the Onslow County Health Dept. We also attended Word of Faith church. I will always be grateful that Karen introduced me to the Industrial Hygiene Dept on Camp Lejeune. That was the start of a 30 year career for me. She was a good and kind person. May she rest in peace.

Jennifer Stone - March 25 at 09:13 PM

JK

“ Jill King sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Furey



Jill King - March 23 at 03:20 PM