



Karen Kelley

July 6, 1941 - February 28, 2024

Karen S. Kelley, 82, Topeka, Kansas, died February 28, 2024.

She was born July 6, 1941, in Emporia Kansas, the daughter of Ernest T. and Rowena Owens. She graduated from Hartford High School, where she was a member of the cheerleading squad and class valedictorian. Karen married Kenneth Kelley her high school sweetheart; they were married over 51 years, until his passing in 2010.

She is survived by daughter, Valerie, two sons, Vance and Jason; six grandchildren, Grant, Courtney, Hunter, Ford, Nicole and Adam; and four great-grandchildren, Parker, Owen, Lyndi, and Chase; also one brother, Larry; and two sisters, Judy and Laurel. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Karen worked for Farmers Insurance for nearly 30 years. She lived much of her life in Wabaunsee County, first on a farm in the Maple Hill area and after retirement to Lake Wabaunsee, Alma area. She was a member of the Elmont United Methodist Church. Friends and neighbors will remember her outgoing nature, her ability to strike up a conversation with anyone, her love of animals and her pets, her passion for travel and antiques, her weekly shopping trips to her favorite store, and the never-ending love she felt for her family.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, at Elmont United

Methodist Church, 6635 NW Church Lane, Topeka KS, and will be livestreamed on the funeral home Facebook page. Burial will follow at the Old Swedish Cemetery in Wabaunsee County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elmont United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Old Swedish Cemetery

Wabaunsee County, KS

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Elmont United Methodist Church
6635 NW Church Lane
Topeka , KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ *Victory Motor Sales Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Kelley.*

Victory Motor Sales Family - March 07, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Kelley.*



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“ *Rita Louk lit a candle in memory of Karen Kelley*



Rita Louk - March 06, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Susan Henry lit a candle in memory of Karen Kelley*



Susan Henry - March 06, 2024 at 01:54 AM