



## Karen Madison

May 9, 1961 - November 16, 2023

Karen Lynn Butterfield Madison, 61, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Karen was born May 9, 1961, in Topeka, to Karolyn Sharp and Max Butterfield. She was a 1979 graduate of Shawnee Heights High School and earned her paralegal associate degree from Washburn University.

On September 20, 1991, Karen and her beloved Darrell Madison were united in marriage enjoying 30 years together prior to his death July 18, 2021.

Karen was an auditor for the State of Kansas in the Dept. of Children and Families and a member of Grace Cathedral. She was amazingly intelligent, cherished her family, had a wicked sense of humor, and loved deeply. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her mother, Karolyn Sharp; her father, Max Butterfield; son, Andrew Madison; cousins and niece who blessed her with their loving care, Donna Hoeschele, Jamma Logan and Katheryn Long; and her sister, Annette Long.

Karen was also preceded in death by her precious Papa, Oren Sharp.

Karen's funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 2, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Inurnment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ascend Hospice sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Madison



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 28, 2023 at 02:11 PM

JB

“ Karen was my mentor. She taught me a lot and also became a really close friend of mine. I think she considered me a "work child" as I'm around the age of her son. She was always supportive and helpful whenever there was something I wasn't sure on. I will always remember her and will miss her terribly.

Jessica Bulls - December 08, 2023 at 12:18 PM

MR

“ Karen was a valued colleague. I am deeply saddened to learn of her passing. Karen was always there to support teammates and identify not just problems but help with real and meaningful solutions which were inevitably delivered with her signature wry wit and observations. Karen will be deeply missed by those of us who had the pleasure to know and work with her.

Maia Ruby-Clemmons - December 05, 2023 at 02:13 PM

JP

“ I met Karen and Darrell 17 years ago and they quickly became family. It was a great ride and i will miss them daily. Rest well my friend.

Jack Pruitt - December 01, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karen Madison.



December 01, 2023 at 09:45 AM

LH

“ I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to be your friend and un-biological sister. Keep watch over me Princess! Until we meet again.

Lela Haswell - November 30, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Madison.



November 30, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Madison.



November 30, 2023 at 02:52 PM

LS

“ Rest in peace my friend I will miss you. Thanks for all the great memories. Until we meet again!

Lisa Scott - November 29, 2023 at 09:20 PM

DM

“ Karen and I have been best friends since we were 10 years old. I have so many memories and laughs that are only shared with her. How lucky I have been to have had such an amazing friend for so many years. I wish we had many more. A part of me has gone with her.

Deborah Joann Meinholdt - November 26, 2023 at 03:31 PM

RS

“ I love you sis

Robert Sharp - November 25, 2023 at 01:12 AM