



Karen Lynette Ranker

January 2, 1958 - November 9, 2017

Karen Lynette Ranker, 59, Topeka, passed away November 9, 2017, at St. Francis Hospital.

Karen was born January 2, 1958, in Topeka, the daughter of Edward and Fern Thompson Tibbs. She graduated from Topeka West High School in 1976. Karen married Kenneth Ranker, Jr. on June 4, 1977, in Topeka. She was a member of Northern Hills Baptist Church.

Karen was a loving wife and mother. She loved playing with and caring for children. Karen was famous for her cooking and serving others.

Karen is survived by her husband, Ken; daughters, Lisa Ranker and Mindy Johnson (Derek); sister Wilma Bowers (JR); and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings, Kenneth Tabor, Marlene Atwood and Suzy Grape.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday at Northern Hills Baptist Church, 920 NW 62nd Street, Topeka KS 66618. Burial to follow in Silver Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Northern Hills Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Silver Lake Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northern Hills Baptist Church
920 NW 62ndStreet
Topeka, KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Lynette Ranker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Ken and the Ranker, Tibbs family and friends of Karen are in my prayers.*

Isaiah 25:8, Revelations 21:4

<https://vimeo.com/232445509>

Julie,Dothan,Ala - November 21, 2017 at 07:35 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.*



November 16, 2017 at 10:57 AM

JJ

“ Karen Ranker was such an amazing person. She was thoughtful, helpful, and caring; always willing to assist with any help needed. Both Karen and Ken made time to help me with moving into and out of an apartment.

They even helped me with fixing up my soon-to-be home. It will be hard not seeing her at volleyball cheering her family on or having Lucas ask Aunt Karen to follow him for a snack. It's hard to image that not too long before her passing we were all having dinner and laughing/enjoying the conversation at iHop. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Mindy (Johnson), Lisa, and Ken Ranker. I am honored to have known Karen and for having her in our family. We are all thankful for all the Rankers and are here if they need anything. Love you all (Mindy, Lisa, and Ken) and we (The Johnson's) are here for you anytime, any day/night.

God's newest angel will always be watching over us; until we can all meet again.

- Jennifer Johnson



Jennifer Johnson - November 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

MJ

Thank for your kind words, Jenny! ❤️

Mindy Johnson - November 21, 2017 at 11:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.



November 16, 2017 at 09:14 AM

DH

“ Ken, Lisa and Mindy,
We are so sorry for your loss. Mike still remembers the day Ken told him Kaden was "the one". She blessed us so much in being Joel's babysitter when we moved to Topeka. She truly had a loving heart and will be deeply missed.
Mike and Debbie Hortenstine



Deborah Hortenstine - November 16, 2017 at 07:27 AM

MJ

Thank you, Mike and Debbie.

Mindy Johnson - November 16, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.



November 16, 2017 at 07:20 AM

RC

“ Ken and Family, Sorry to hear about Karen's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Karen will be missed. Remember all the good times with Karen and your family, this will get you through this difficult time in life.

Rick and Lesa Cyr - November 15, 2017 at 08:44 PM

MJ

Thank you.

Mindy Johnson - November 16, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.*



November 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.*



November 15, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.*



November 15, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ *Ken, Lisa and Mindy. Ron and I are so very sorry for your great loss. No words we can say will make her loss any easier, but please know that your family will be in our prayers. Karen is "all the way home now".*
Ron and Mary Van Dalsem

Mary Van Dalsem - November 14, 2017 at 10:23 PM

MJ

Thank you so much for your kind words.

Mindy Johnson - November 15, 2017 at 12:13 PM

BR

“ *i am so for your loss from brandon moore*

brandon - November 14, 2017 at 02:19 PM

JJ

Thank you B, this was very sweet of you. - Jenny

Jennifer Johnson - November 16, 2017 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.*



November 13, 2017 at 04:29 PM

AL

“ *Ken, Lisa, and Mindy,
Our hearts are breaking for you, and many prayers being said for all of you. Karen has always, and will always hold a special place in our hearts, and she will be missed by so many! Todd & Alaina*

Alaina Lambotte - November 12, 2017 at 04:14 PM

MJ

Thank you, Alaina!

Mindy Johnson - November 13, 2017 at 02:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Ranker.*



November 12, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy from the Wenger family. We are so sorry for your loss. You're in my prayers. Teresa Wenger*

Teresa Wenger - November 12, 2017 at 01:14 PM



Thank you, Teresa.

Mindy Johnson - November 13, 2017 at 02:07 AM



“ *Karen was always willing to contribute to any event at the church which needed food. She and her family were important to the growth of Rolling Hills for many years and are really missed. So sorry for your loss.*

Arlene Marshall - November 11, 2017 at 02:21 PM



Thank you, Arlene. That's so kind.

Mindy Johnson - November 13, 2017 at 02:07 AM

DA

“ *KEN and Family My Heart and Prayers go out to you and your family I am deeply sorry for your loss.*
Doug Ashcraft

Doig Ashcraft - November 10, 2017 at 10:38 PM

MM

Jack & I r so sorry for your loss

Mr.&Mrs Jack Miller - November 11, 2017 at 09:55 AM

TI

*Ken and family,
We are saddened to hear of your loss.
May God comfort you all in your time of sorrow.*

Debbie, Gerry, Matt, Tara Tinsley

Tinsleys - November 11, 2017 at 10:23 AM

SL

*Kenny, Lisa, and family,
There are no words that are adequate at a time like this, but please
know my heart aches for you.*

Sandy Larsen

Sandy Larsen - November 11, 2017 at 10:51 AM

CN

*Ken, Lisa and Mindy,
We are sorry to hear of your loss of Karen. We always enjoyed visiting
with Karen and family at church and functions. May God grant you
peace and comfort at this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Ron and Connie Gardner-Nordyke and Shane Gardner*

Connie Nordyke - November 12, 2017 at 10:26 AM

ML

*Kenny,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Dan and Marcy Lechner & family*

Marcy Lechner - November 12, 2017 at 04:29 PM

MJ

Thank you all for such kind words.

Mindy Johnson - November 13, 2017 at 02:08 AM

GT

*Ken,
So sorry to hear about Karen. Please know we are praying for you and
your family.
Greg & Debby Taylor*

Greg & Debby Taylor - November 13, 2017 at 02:21 AM