



Karen Sue Kingsley

November 12, 1951 - March 31, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother and cherished member of our family, Karen Sue Kingsley, at her home in Montague, California on March 31, 2025. She was 73 years old.

Karen was born on November 12, 1951 to James and Shirley Thomson in Topeka, Kansas. Growing up in the Bay Area, Karen Graduated from Clayton Valley High School in Concord in 1969. Karen held various jobs before settling down with a family. During this time she was able to attend a concert featuring her idol, Elvis Presley, a memory for which she would always cherish.

Karen then moved to the Yreka area, where she would raise her three sons. Many nieces and nephews were to come and affectionately nicknamed her "Aunt Dee". Aunt Dee's house became the heart of family gatherings. Karen's sense of humor was contagious to adults and children alike, and laughter echoed throughout her home.

While raising a family, Karen opened S-K Thrift Store in Montague with her mother Shirley. After her sons had grown, Karen went to work at the Adult Learning Center in Yreka, where she became manager. She enjoyed working with the clients and taking them on outings. A knee injury forced an early retirement, after which she became an independent caregiver part-time. Karen enjoyed collecting treasures of yesteryear and passing items on to family and friends. Her Elvis Collectibles were of course her favorite and most treasured. Kare is survived by her sons, Adam Kingsley of Chico, Derrick Rubalcava of Montague, and Justin Rubalcava of Montague; granddaughters Michaela

Kingsley of Chico and Kyla Rubalcava of Yreka, and stepsons Brian and Auralius Rubalcava. She also is survived by a sister, Patricia Decker of Montague; brothers Mike Thomson of Hornbrook, James Thomson of Oakley, CA, and Randy Corzine of Red Bluff; and countless nieces and nephews and their children who will forever remember their adored "Aunt Dee" with much love.

The special memories of Karen - our mom, our grandmother, our sister and our beloved "Aunt Dee" - and all she has meant to our family over the years will be forever cherished in our hearts. Our tears of today will someday turn into smiles as we fondly remember her memory, a treasure, who is loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka. All those who knew Karen for the sunshine she brought to our lives are invited to attend.

Tribute Wall



“ 13 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:28 PM

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“ A POEM KAREN LOVED ENTITLED.....TREES... I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE A POEM LOVELY AS A TREE. A TREE WHOSE HUNGRY MOUTH IS PREST AGAINST, THE EARTH'S SWEET FLOWING BREAST. A TREE THAT LOOKS AT GOD ALL DAY; AND LIFTS HER LEAFY ARMS TO PRAY. A TREE THAT MAY IN SUMMER WEAR A NEST OF ROBINS IN HER HAIR. UPON HER BOSOM SNOW HAS LAIN; WHO INTIMATELY LIVES WITH RAIN. POEMS ARE MADE BY FOOLS LIKE ME; BUT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ KAREN WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON. SHE WAS LOVED BY SO MANY PEOPLE. SHE LOVED ALL OF HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS LIKE SHE SAY'S "TO THE MOON AND BACK". SHE CONTINUE'S ON HER JOURNEY AND KNOW'S HOW MUCH SHE IS LOVED. WE WILL MISS HER, BUT SHE HAS LEFT US WITH SO MANY WONDERFUL, FUNNY, LOVING MEMORIES... THANK YOU FOR THOSE PRECIOUS MEMORIES

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ THE MOVIE "THE COLOR PURPLE" REMINDED KAREN OF US,SO AFTER THE MOVIE SHE PRESENTED ME WITH THE SONG, "MS CELIE'S BLUES".... SISTER YOU BEEN ON MY MIND, OH SISTER WERE TWO OF A KIND, SO SISTER I'M KEEPING MY EYES ON YOU; I BET YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW NOTHING, BUT SINGING THE BLUES; OH SISTER HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU, I'M SOMETHING; I HOPE YOU THINK THAT YOUR SOMETHIG TOO! SISTER REMEMBER YOUR NAME, MY SISTER WE SURE AINT GOT ALOT OF TIME.....SO SHAKE YOUR SHIMMY SIS, CUZ HONEY THIS SHUG IS FEELING FINE

patty DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ ALWAYS TOGETHER AS OFTEN AS WE COULD BE

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ CARNIVAL TIME. ALL DRESSED UP WITH OUR COUSIN BONNIE RUTH SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER EVEN THOUGH WE WERE NOT SURE WHAT WAS GOING ON MOM AND DAD WERE LAUGHING AT US WHILE THEY TOOK PICTURES

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ EZ LITE LOG CHRISTMAS TIME

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ FUN IN TIAJUANA WITH MY HUSBAND TO AND HIS SISTER LORELEI AND A COUPLE OF TOMS FRIENDS WHO FARTED ALOT

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ HALLOWEEN PARTIES WHERE WE WORKED FOR 10 YEARS TOGETHER SO MANY MEMORIES WITH THE FOLKS WE WORKED WITH HAPPY, FUNNY TIMES

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ KAREN WITH HER SON ADAM AND OUR WONDERFUL MOM. ALSO KAREN WITH BROTHER MIKE HAVING FUN

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ MY SISTER NEVER LET AN OPPURTUNITY GO BY TO BE FUNNY AND GOOFING OFF

PATTY DECKER - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ Q: *What will you miss most about Karen?*

A: I will miss Karen because of her humor, like the time she was drawing on her brother Mikes face, she bent over to draw on his chin and drooled, it went into Mikes mouth, Karen laughed so hard she pissed her pants. Now that's funny.

Patty Decker - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ *growing up together*

patty decker - May 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *All the stories, laughter, and memories we will cherish in our hearts forever. Heaven has another Angel We love you. With deepest sympathies*



Charlene, Linda and families - April 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ *This tree represents Greenhorn, where all your gold still waits,*

Patty & Tom Deckers - April 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Aunt Dee, We love you to the moon and back. From your loving nieces,



Tammy and Adrian - April 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ With heartfelt condolences, Mike and Irene



Anonymous - April 15, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Karen Sue Kingsley - April 15, 2025 at 12:00 AM