



Karen L. Shipman

August 29, 1944 - April 30, 2024

Longtime Yreka resident Karen Capps Shipman passed away on April 30, 2024 at her home in Yreka. She was 79 years old.

Karen was born on August 29, 1944 in Portland, Oregon to Joel L. and Viola Hoffman Barker. She was the fifth of six children. The family moved to Grants Pass in 1949 where Karen attended school and graduated from Grants Pass High School in 1962. She started working at the age of 16 at Woolworths, then Oregon Technical Products and Champion Products in Grants Pass.

In 1968, Karen met and married Robert Capps. In 1971 Robert, who was a log scaler, was transferred to Yreka, so Robert and Karen moved to Yreka with their two kids, Jeff and Kristi. In Yreka, Karen was active in Welcome Wagon, Yreka PTA, Yreka Co-op Nursery School, Yreka Youth Baseball, Yreka Youth Football, Yreka Swim Team, Yreka Lioness Club, Siskiyou Habitat for Humanity and Beta Sigma Phi.

Karen became a bookkeeper and went back to work in 1978. In 1982 she went to work for Serv and Save Plywood for 14 years and Meek's for a year and a half. In 1998 she went to work for Albert and Michael Newton and worked there until June, 2023.

Karen loved the Lord, her family, friends, rain, Oregon, Siskiyou County, music, dancing, olives and football, especially the Miners, Oregon Ducks and other college football teams as long as they weren't playing the Ducks.

She has now joined her mother and father, husband Robert Capps, husband Dick Shipman, sister Linda Mauldin, brother Phillip Barker, and niece Vicki Jo

Barker. She is survived by children Jeff Capps and Kristi Capps; grandchildren Trevor Capps, Emily Guy, Joshua Guy, Victoria, who was "Gussie" to Karen (Matt) Cook, Sunnie Capps, Bobby Capps, and Olivia Capps; sister Dianne Lorber; brothers Richard (Ginny) Barker and Keith (Ruth) Barker, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please remember St. Jude's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929 or Rescue Ranch, P.O. Box 1192, Yreka, CA 96097.

Tribute Wall

DY

“ Karen had the most beautiful smile ... she always greeted everyone with her smile .. Karen & Bob were the first family we met when we move to Yreka .. Bob was our son, Rick's little league coach ... wonderful people .. God's loving care & peace for the family ...

Dick & Charlene Young - May 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Dick & Charlene Young lit a candle in memory of Karen L. Shipman



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JR

“ Just saw Karen a few weeks ago. She was "Sunshine" to all around her. Sending blessings and condolences to family and friends.

Jackie Roy/Churchill - May 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ God has another angel. She was so sweet and friendly and we will all miss her. Rest in peace Karen 🙏

Marsha Chambers - May 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Prayers and thoughts for family and friends. So sorry for your loss.

Marilyn Vasey - May 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Karen was always smiling, laughing and always very sweet and friendly. She was always a joy to see and it made you happy to see her. Thank you to her family for sharing their wonderful mother with us. My prayers are with all of you. Love Liz

Liz Stewart - May 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ She was a beautiful lady and loved her lovely smile. The last time I saw Karen she was dancing with my brother Joe Suter at the Yreka Fire Department Dinner. She'll be greatly missed by all of use. Sending hugs, prayers, and love to all of her family at this very difficult time.

Ruth Hurd - May 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Karen was a very special lady.

Helen Blackston - May 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ There are people that come into your life that you know from the beginning are very special individuals. Different life cycles happen, & that person is woven in at different times, for different reasons. Each time they become present in your life again you consciously step up your game as a person, because that person's integrity & style have influenced your thinking. You want to be more like them. Karen was one of those people in my life. Her class is unmatched. I'm truly sorry her final chapter brought such hardship for her & for her family. Life can be so unfair. But, her story continues in the hearts of family & friends, and in a glorious place. After the long fight, Karen straitened her crown, put that enviously gorgeous smile on her beautiful face, and she flew away! I pray for peace for Jeff, Kristi, and all of her loved ones. I pray that Karen's presence will someday be, again, woven into my forever life.

Rebecca RB Phillipe - May 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a lovely person and will be missed by so many.

Lyna Black - May 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Always such a nice lady!!!!

Charlene Broce - May 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Karen L. Shipman - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ She was the nicest lady ever! My sympathy to the family and friends! 😊😊😊😊

Charlene Barry Jones - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ This breaks my heart. Karen was such a lovely person. So kind and always had a smile.

Lissa Huffman - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ What a terrible loss to all who knew this amazing woman. I will always honor and cherish memories of you Karen and all you did for my family. My sincerest condolences to you Jeff and Kristi. Loved your mom so very much.

Deana Truttman - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Such a wonderful woman. Always had a smile and pleasant things to say. Prayers to the family.

Carol Mitchell - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Such a sweetheart. I'll miss her smile. 😭💕

Wendy Wingham - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Such a nice lady. Condolences to her family💔

Linda Keno - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Karen was always one of my favorites. Always kind. Sending hugs to the family.
She will be missed. 💙💜

Susie Brown - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Karen was a wonderful lady! Beautiful inside and out❤️ Sending prayers to all of the family ❤️🙏❤️

Janine Ling Kimball - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Oh I'm so sorry to read this. Karen was such a sweet beautiful lady.

Laura Healy - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Oh I so sorry- she was a great lady

Ginger Moyles - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Oh how sad. 😭 Karen was the absolute sweetest person may she rest in peace. My condolences to her family.


Stacy Bloom - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Love you so much you beautiful, wonderful lady. I will forever cherish times we spent at Judy's. You are the most beautiful soul.

Shellee Mittan - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Karen, you will always be one of my Moms. When I think about my childhood you are one of my favorite core memories and am so thankful for that. I will miss your infectious laugh, hearing about the latest adventures/trips with my parents and your big huge hugs. You will be missed. Love you dearly. Until I see you again... 

Jenny Hermant Dunham - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM