



Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen

March 18, 1950 - March 21, 2015

Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen died in Kaysville, UT, at her home, Saturday, March 21, 2015 after fighting a lengthy illness. Her tenacity in defying her prognosis, while amazing medical professionals, came as no surprise to her family and enabled her and her loved ones extra time.

Karen was born, March 18, 1950 in Salt Lake City, UT to Lee and Jean Edwards, the 4th of 5 children. She spent her childhood in and around Salt Lake City and southern California.

Karen met and married Tom Hansen in 1967, and they raised 4 children together.

Karen was known for her compassionate service and love of charity. Both things were given freely and sincerely. However, besides her family, her first loves were the Gospel of Jesus Christ and her membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, fulfilling multiple callings, and encouraging faithful church involvement in her children and grandchildren - not to mention siblings, nieces, nephews, friends, friend's kids, kid's friends, and one very stubborn yet fiercely devoted husband. She was an avid missionary and promoter of missionary work among the previously listed group.

Karen also had an intense love of music, especially Church Hymns and the

Golden Age of musical theater. Her children grew up to the sounds of her beautiful soprano voice singing “Love One Another” and “Gonna Wash that Man Right Outta My Hair” among many others. For a time she and Tom lived with their children in Southern California where she was involved with a local LDS women’s choir. They were privileged to perform at a Mosque in San Diego, CA. for President Spencer W. Kimball. The evening also included a chance meeting on an elevator with the Prophet and his wife Camilla, where an intimate conversation took place, and she was assured of her self worth from Sister Kimball. This was a defining moment of Karen’s life, and one she shared with her family.

Though a mother and wife first she contributed to the support of her family by working many years at Anser-Fone, an answering service in Salt Lake City. In 1988 she and her husband relocated to Atlanta, GA. where they both accepted employment with the LDS Church’s Physical Facilities. She retired from that in 2003.

Karen is survived by her husband of 48 years Tom Hansen currently of Kaysville, UT. Lisa Hansen-Taylor (Jerry Drozdiel), Lawrenceville, GA. Chad Hansen (Missy), American Fork, UT. Danny Hansen (Kendra), Kaysville, UT. Melissa Murrell (Roger), Las Vegas NV., as well as 16 Grand-Children and 2 Great-Grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings; Robert, Sandra, Richard and Mike, and a large extended family.

Karen was preceded in death by her infant son David and her parents Lee and Jean Edwards.

A Memorial Service in Karen’s honor will be held Thursday March 26th, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the Kaysville Central Stake Center (LDS Chapel) at: 555 N 100 E (Fairfield RD) Kaysville, Utah, 84037

There will also be a viewing Wednesday March 25, 2015 from 6:00- 8:00 P.M. and again at 9:30 A.M. the morning of the memorial service. Both viewings will take place in the Relief Society Room of the LDS Chapel where the memorial service is being held.

Flowers will be received at 555n 100 e, Kaysville Utah from 4:30 – 5:30 PM March 25, 2015 or they can be sent directly to Serenity Funeral Home 12278 Lone Peak pkwy, Draper, Utah, 84020

Friends and family are encouraged to post memories and thoughts at www.serenityfhs.com

Cemetery Details

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams

17111 S. Camp Williams Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Kaysville Central Stake Center
555 N Fairfield RD
Kaysville, UT

Viewing

MAR **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Kaysville Central Stake Center
555 N Fairfield RD
Kaysville, UT

Funeral Service

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Kaysville Central Stake Center
555 N Fairfield RD
Kaysville, UT

Tribute Wall



“ Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ I have fond memories of Karen and Tom from when they were newly married and then had their first children. It was fun to reconnect with them a few years ago when I made a business trip to Atlanta, Georgia. Karen, one of her daughters (in-law), and granddaughter picked me up at the airport. They took me out to the home of other family on beautiful property in the woods, with a stream. All the family that lived in that area were there. It was like a mini-family reunion. I can't express what that day meant to me and how much fun it was. Thanks, Karen, for making that day possible. You will be missed!

Danette (Munk) McGilvray (cousin to Tom)

Danette (Munk) McGilvray - March 25, 2015 at 10:37 PM

SB

“ Karen is going to be missed greatly by me. She is truly the most wonderful sister that anyone has ever had. I am so grateful to my Heavenly Father for sending her to me. I am grateful to Tom for sharing her with me in the last ten years. We had so much fun going to Hawaii and spending time at the cabin, and going on a cruise. Most of all, thirty days traveling from California in my new car with Tom's credit card, to visit thirteenth temples and ending at the Georgia temple. I know that Heavenly Father knows Karen and that Karen knows him. I love her family and will always be there for them. I will miss my sister, but I know that I can go to the temple and will feel her there. We will be an eternal family eventually.
Aunt Sandie

Sandira Jean Bartschi - March 24, 2015 at 08:39 PM

AK

“ Aunt Nancy, Aunt Dianne, and Aunt Kathy purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen.



Aunt Nancy, Aunt Dianne, and Aunt Kathy - March 24, 2015 at 02:44 PM

CC

“ Chris C. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen.



Chris C. - March 24, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen.*



March 24, 2015 at 09:02 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen.*



March 24, 2015 at 08:55 AM



“ *I remember meeting Grandma Hansen for the first time. She welcomed me into her family and into her heart right with no question. I remember the first meal she ever made for me- she made me my first ever "taco salad". Boy was it yummy and I will never forget the time spent in her home- surrounded by such a wonderful family and by loved ones. I remember the first time she ever met her first great-granddaughter Alyssa and how thrilled she was to have such a large family who loved her and was blessed to be a part of such wonderful blessings. She opened her home to me and helped me create some wonderful memories. May Grandma Hansen rest and pure bliss and peace with the Lord. She is our guardian angel always. My thoughts and prayers go out to Grandpa Hansen and the rest of the Hansen family during this difficult time. Grandma is among the angels and is reunited with her son and parents until she is with us all again in time. With Love Always, Natalie Taylor (Kelley)*

Natalie Taylor - March 24, 2015 at 08:17 AM

MA

“ I am sorry I never had the pleasure of meeting Karen, but am so grateful to know and admire her daughter, Lisa. Lisa spoke of her mother so often and with such love. I know the upcoming months will be difficult as she deals with her grief and loss. My heartfelt sympathies are with Lisa and the entire family.

Mimi Amatruda

Mimi Amatruda - March 24, 2015 at 07:14 AM

RF

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I have such fond memories of my sweet friend. She loved her family with all her heart. My prayers and thoughts are with ya'll. Lovingly, Raelle Frailey

Raelle Frailey - March 23, 2015 at 11:14 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Karen Ann (Edwards) Hansen.



March 23, 2015 at 11:05 PM

JE

“ Rip Aunt Karen. I love you. Give Grandma and Grandpa Edwards my love

Jeff Edwards - March 23, 2015 at 09:29 PM

DM

“ Karen was a warm caring Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Niece. she will be terribly missed but she has a lot of loved ones waiting for her on the other side. my thoughts and prayers are with her family.
Love Aunt Dianne

Dianne Morgan - March 23, 2015 at 07:59 PM

S

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Serenity Funeral Home - March 23, 2015 at 07:41 PM

BA

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Bart Roberts

Bart - March 24, 2015 at 08:26 AM

KI

I have wonderful memories of Karen and I growing up together and having a great time. I thank Karen for introducing me to my husband of 46 years. Karen is a very special lady and niece and I treasure her. Sending prayers and love to Tom and her family. Hugs, Aunt Kathy

Kathy Inman - March 24, 2015 at 11:12 AM

KH

The first time I met Mom was on a Sunday in March of 1997. Danny took me to the house to go to church with them and to meet his family. Karen was sitting at the table reading the Ensign. When I joined the Hansen family, I already had one son, Eric. Without the slightest hesitation or reservation, Karen welcomed me into her home and into the family regardless of my past. What a wonderful thing not to be judged for who people think you are but for who you are choosing to become. Karen, I love you. I think we must have been BFF's in the preexistence. I consider it an honor to have served you. I love you.

Kendra Hansen - March 25, 2015 at 09:04 AM