



Karen Sue Cox

February 27, 1965 - April 15, 2018

Karen Sue (Pierson) Cox, age 53, of Havana, passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois. She was born to Phines and Lacona (Anderson) Pierson on February 27, 1965 in Springfield, Illinois. She married Ricky Gene Cox on March 29, 1980 in Bowling Green, Missouri.

Karen is survived by her husband Ricky of Havana, Illinois; children, Tonya (Ronnie) Lindsey of Bath, Illinois and Jason (Lauren) Cox of Havana, Illinois; grandchildren, Donavon, Ronnie, and Taylor Lindsey, Maycie Love, Nikolai Bowton, and Nerissa Cox; sisters, Patty (Jack) Arterbery of Paragould, Arkansas, and Kathy Colson of Lewistown, Illinois; brothers, Stephen Pierson of Canton, Illinois, Jimmy (Jenna) Pierson of Banner, Illinois, Randy Pierson of Havana, Illinois, Darrell Pierson of Mason City, Illinois, Frankie (Melanie) Pierson of Oakford, Illinois, Kenny (Laura) Fortney of Paragould, Arkansas, and Russell Fortney of Havana, Illinois. Karen is also survived by an abundance of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Linda Boyd, Shirley Miller, and Beverly Hill; and brothers, Danny Pierson, Raymond Fortney, and Charlie Fortney.

Karen was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Chandlerville, Illinois. She earned her chauffeur license and drove limousines and tour buses. One of her favorite things to do was collect antiques and primitive items with her grandchildren, which she loved to display at her antique store Treasure

Buddies located in Havana, Illinois. Her favorite time of year was Christmas and she had a passion for Christmas lights. Her family joked that planes would see them and try to land. Karen adored all of God's Creation and was the definition of an outdoorswoman. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and teaching them about living simply, and wanted nothing more than to be an inspiration to her family.

A funeral service for Karen will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:30 AM at the Church of Christ in Havana, Illinois. Pastor Bill Boyce and Pastor Aaron Blakely will officiate. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the funeral and from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, Illinois. Burial will be held at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana, Illinois.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Karen's husband, Ricky Cox, and will be used to set up a fund for their grandchildren. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Visitation

APR 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Havana Church of Christ
350 S Broadway St
Havana, IL 62644-1420
(309) 543-2854

Service

APR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of Christ
350 S Broadway
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2854

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Sue Cox



Hurley Funeral Home - April 17, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ Karen Sue Cox

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Rose Ford lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox



Rose Ford - April 18, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ Lisa Ginos lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox



Lisa Ginos - April 18, 2018 at 09:52 AM

DW

“ *Donald Williams lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Donald Williams - April 18, 2018 at 07:16 AM

KW

“ *Kimberly Wallace lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Kimberly Wallace - April 17, 2018 at 11:38 PM

TC

“ *Tana Carr lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Tana Carr - April 17, 2018 at 10:23 PM

WG

“ *Wanda Glessner lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Wanda Glessner - April 17, 2018 at 09:10 PM

RP

“ *Rose Phillips lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Rose Phillips - April 17, 2018 at 04:15 PM



Kimberly Bennett

“ *Light a candle to your memory..god bless*



Kimberly Bennett - April 17, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Cox.*



April 17, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ *Robin House lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Robin House - April 17, 2018 at 01:26 PM

AM

“ *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in Green Pastures; He leads me beside the Still Water. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his namesake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of shadow of death I will fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* ”



Amanda Hutchison Miller - April 17, 2018 at 12:18 PM

EL

“ *Ed And Diana (Shoemaker) Lind lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox* ”



Ed and Diana (Shoemaker) Lind - April 17, 2018 at 09:20 AM

EL

Rick, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Kenny called me last night to tell me. He is sending his prayers along with ours. Please take care.

Ed and Diana (Shoemaker) Lind - April 17, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Cox.* ”



April 17, 2018 at 09:07 AM

DF

“ Dianne F. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen Sue Cox.



Dianne F. - April 17, 2018 at 08:17 AM

DF

“ Dianne Farrow lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox



Dianne farrow - April 17, 2018 at 08:11 AM

TH

Karen will be missed by many she was a wonderful lady

Teresa Hughes - April 17, 2018 at 09:10 AM

JS

“ Thinking of you all...



Jennie Stilts - April 17, 2018 at 08:08 AM

LZ

“ *Linda Anderson Zeisler lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Linda Anderson Zeisler - April 17, 2018 at 07:23 AM

AF

“ *Angie Fritz lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Angie Fritz - April 17, 2018 at 06:53 AM

DR

“ *Debbie Pierson Richardson lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



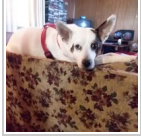
Debbie Pierson Richardson - April 17, 2018 at 06:15 AM

MN

“ *Mary Neely lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Mary Neely - April 17, 2018 at 05:07 AM



“ *Sincerest condolences to Rick and the family.*



Sarah Bohm-Mills - April 17, 2018 at 03:22 AM



“ *Love Always, Jimmy and Jenna and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Karen Sue Cox.*



Love Always, Jimmy and Jenna and Family - April 17, 2018 at 12:03 AM



“ *Kim Russell lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Kim Russell - April 16, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ *Dan And Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Dan and Chris Wilson - April 16, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ *Kristi Tarvin Smith lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Kristi Tarvin Smith - April 16, 2018 at 08:47 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Otto CRAig lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*




Brenda Otto CRAig - April 16, 2018 at 08:35 PM

WS

“ *Wayne & Susan Stone lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Wayne & Susan Stone - April 16, 2018 at 07:54 PM

 April Weaver

“ *April Weaver lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



April Weaver - April 16, 2018 at 06:30 PM

DS

“ *Debi Scaggs lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Debi Scaggs - April 16, 2018 at 06:20 PM

TA

“ *Hugs and prayers!! Tara, Corey and kids*



Tara - April 16, 2018 at 06:19 PM

NF

“ *Nunn Family lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Nunn Family - April 16, 2018 at 06:09 PM

GF

“ *Gitana Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Gitana Fletcher - April 16, 2018 at 05:45 PM

EC

“ *Ella Mae Chambers lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Ella Mae Chambers - April 16, 2018 at 05:42 PM

DS

“ *Thoughts and prayers for these coming difficult times Karen will be missed by all*



Denise Sherwood - April 16, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Cox.*



April 16, 2018 at 05:09 PM

 Lisa Jill
Ulrich
Thompsor

“ *Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - April 16, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sincere sympathies to all of the family...I am personally happy I had the opportunity to know her! Love,Lisa & Roger*

Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompsor - April 16, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Cox.*



April 16, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ *Vicki Stage lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



vicki stage - April 16, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ *Jennifer Reese lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Jennifer Reese - April 16, 2018 at 04:41 PM

KS

“ *Kris Sanders lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Kris Sanders - April 16, 2018 at 04:30 PM

KS

Fly high my Angel! You will be missed by many!

Kris Sanders - April 16, 2018 at 04:31 PM

JC

“ *Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Julitta Carpenter - April 16, 2018 at 04:28 PM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Dan and Chris Wilson - April 16, 2018 at 04:21 PM

JE

“ *Jeff Elam lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Jeff Elam - April 16, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ *Robert Specketer lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Robert Specketer - April 16, 2018 at 04:00 PM

MY

“ *Mindy Youngren lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Mindy youngren - April 16, 2018 at 03:52 PM

RK

“ *Rick Kahn lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Rick Kahn - April 16, 2018 at 03:39 PM

DR

“ *Danny Jr., Travis & Molly Rich purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Karen Sue Cox.*



Danny Jr., Travis & Molly Rich - April 16, 2018 at 02:02 PM


Lanette
Crum

“ *Lanette Crum lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Cox*



Lanette Crum - April 16, 2018 at 01:57 PM