



Karen Sue Chambers Russell

July 26, 1951 - May 3, 2025

Karen Sue Chambers Russell passed away peacefully on May 3, 2023 at Maury Regional Hospital. She was born on July 26, 1951 and was 73 years old.

Karen was a beloved sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She graduated from Elkton High School, Martin Methodist College, and Tennessee Wesleyan University. She worked for many years as a physical therapist in Giles and Lawrence Counties. She changed careers and worked in Huntsville as a scheduler for the Space Program and Department of Defense.

She loved the history of Elkton and Giles County. She helped the Elkton Historical Society, the Giles County Historical Society, the Giles County Board of Tourism, and served on the board of the Giles County Trail of Tears Interpretive Center.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 from 10:00am until 12:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home

Funeral Service will follow on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 12:00pm in the chapel of Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home with Bro. Brad Smith officiating

Burial will be in the Elkton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to Community Rural Food Delivery c/o P.O. Box 1066, Pulaski, TN or to the Trail of Tears Interpretive Center c/o P.O. Box 16, Pulaski, TN

She was preceded in death by her parents Ben and Mary Dunnavant

Chambers.

Karen is survived by her,

Sister, Wanda Smith of Elkton, TN

Nephew, Bro. Brad (Angie) Smith of Elkton, TN

Several cousins and friends also survive.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Karen Sue Chambers Russell

Cemetery Details

Elkton Cemetery

Elkton, TN

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Ashley Holley lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Chambers Russell



Ashley Holley - May 15, 2025 at 10:14 PM

CW

“ Carl Woody Woodard lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Chambers Russell



Carl Woody Woodard - May 13, 2025 at 05:54 PM

AH

“ I'm very sorry to hear of this happening because Pastor Brad Smith has asked us to keep his Aunt in our prayers 🙏 a while now and about 2 weeks ago she seemed better but then got into hospital and just got worse. .I hate this because she was so young and pretty. His Mama's sister so his Aunt. I'm sorry to hear this and never get to meet or see her or maybe I have met her before. She looks so familiar. God comfort the Family. Love, Ashley and Abel Holley
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Ashley Holley - May 07, 2025 at 03:50 PM

MM

We just heard about Karen's death. She was such a dear soul and we loved and respected her. She worked with my husband for years and he said she was the best scheduler he ever had. She was generous and honest. She cared about her home, her community, her family and her friends. It was our great blessing to have known her and to call her friend. God be with you 'till we meet at Jesus feet, dear Karen.

Mollianne Massey - July 20, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - May 07, 2025 at 10:42 AM

MB

“ Karen and I went to work for TBE in 1989, about one month apart as schedulers on the PMIC (Payload Missions Integration Contract). She taught me scheduling when we I got there in early July. We worked together for about 3 years before she left.

We were good friends, though I was a huge Alabama fan, she was a tried and true Tennessee BOL fan. She likes to give me grief when Tennessee broke a long UA win streak. It was all in honest fun. 😎

About 9-10 years ago I got a call from the HOSC (Space Station Control Center in Huntsville) asking if I knew any schedulers like myself, who might be interested in working for them. Karen immediately came to mind and I put them in touch, via her sister Wanda (Wanda worked with my Mom for many years at TBE). They hired her immediately and we were reunited in a sense, working together again.

Last April (30th) we went out together as we retired on the same day. I was so shocked and saddened to find out she had passed. I had no idea she was sick and regret not being able to say our goodbyes. Only for you Karen, Go Vols!

Wanda, my deepest condolences on your loss and God's speed to Karen.

Mike

Michael Bentley - May 06, 2025 at 04:21 PM

VW



Veda Wright - May 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ 17 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - May 06, 2025 at 11:12 AM

KV

I have worked with Karen for 20+ years in various positions in the government contracting world. She was a joy to know as a co-worker in addition to becoming a personal friend. I was so sorry to hear about her illness and passing. May God give comfort her family in the coming days. She will be greatly missed.

*Kathryn Vernor
Huntsville, AL*

Kathryn Vernor - May 06, 2025 at 01:44 PM

JE

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Karen. I have fond memories of our friendship when we were in middle school and high school. Karen was a lovely person and will be missed by family and friends. Sending prayers to Wanda and her family. Cherish all the memories you shared.*

JoAnn Rudd Epps

Jo Ann Rudd Epps - May 06, 2025 at 10:42 AM