



## Karen Slaven-Reynolds

December 8, 1956 - April 28, 2023

Karen Slaven-Reynolds, 66, of Winfield, Missouri, passed away on Friday, April 28, 2023 at Mercy Hospital Lincoln in Troy, Missouri. She was born on December 8, 1956 in Sparta, Illinois and was the daughter of the late Lester and Marcella (Ebers) Slaven. Karen was united in marriage to David Reynolds and he preceded her in death.

Karen graduated from Sparta High School in 1975 and she continued her education earning a master's in social welfare at Washington University. She worked for Shamrock Club assisting the homeless for many years and at Places for People and Family Care Health Centers in St. Louis, as a Clinical Social Worker. Karen was an avid reader, who enjoyed English mysteries. In her earlier years she liked playing the piano and guitar. She took great pride in taking care of her flower garden and rescuing animals. Karen was sweet, giving and had a great sense of humor.

Karen is survived by her significant other, Barry B. Scroggin of Winfield, MO; two brothers: Kevin Slaven of Sparta, IL and Kent Slaven and wife Cheryl of Columbia, MO; nieces, nephews, aunt, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, David Reynolds, one sister-in-law, Lisa Slaven and one nephew, Jess Alexander Slaven.

Service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at the New Salem

Baptist Church located at 1383 Hwy EE Winfield, MO 63389. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Humane Society of Missouri in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street, Troy, Missouri 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636-528-8221

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Salem Baptist Church  
1383 Hwy EE  
Winfield, MO 63389

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just stumbled upon Karen’s passing, and I’d like to express my condolences to her family and significant other. I’m so sorry, I had no idea.

*Karen and I met each other on the very first day of orientation at Washington University for graduate school. We were fast friends, drawn to each other immediately because it was so obvious that we were the two outliers in the group. lol*

*GWB provided us with a stellar education, but it was very clear our backgrounds did not match those of the majority of the students there.*

*It definitely bonded us. Looking back, I still laugh about it.*

*For the next four or five years, we spent time together any chance we had, and developed a very close friendship. Knowing Karen, as you can imagine, we had many adventures and lots of laughs. I can still hear that giggle of hers. It would always end up erupting into her infectious laughter!*

*Towards our late 20s, life set us on different paths. I had a baby and we moved out of the area. Karen became more and more involved in her tireless work with Places for People and had married David. After a while we lost touch.*

*I have so many wonderful, wonderful memories of my time with Karen. Riding all over St Louis in that little car of hers. (holding our breath that it wouldn’t die)*

*I also remember going to the farm and meeting her parents. In fact I still have a copy of “Mrs Slaven’s Casserole” in my recipe box that her mother happily shared with me.*

*Also one time, along with my husband Alan, we drove down to Carbondale just so I could go to a Jeff Beck concert (I was such a fan). We spent the night on the floor of her brother Kevin’s dorm room. Happy days for sure.*

*Karen was a brilliant, compassionate woman with poignant insights into people and the social welfare of others. She worked tirelessly to help and care for those around her. She was a natural. A nurturer, a true social worker to the core.*

*Our friendship, although fairly short...was so full, had such depth, and was so full of fun...it had more of everything than most friendships experience in a lifetime. It was definitely meant to be.*

*Thanks Karen! You know I'll love you lots always xx*

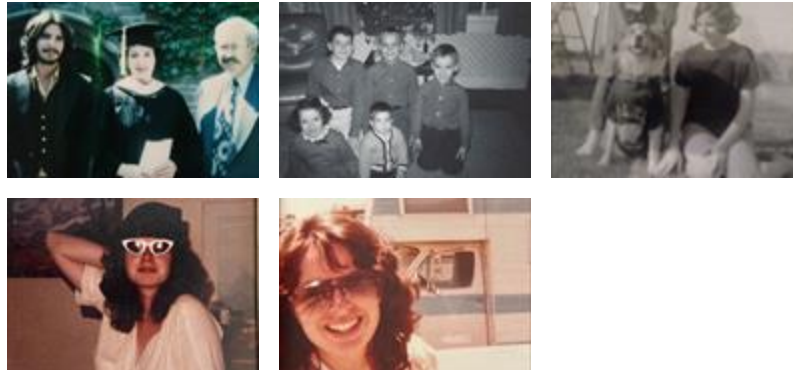
*Diane Fergurson*

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**Diane Fergurson** - October 23, 2024 at 06:45 PM

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**Kent** - May 07, 2023 at 06:14 PM

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“ *I was privileged to work with such a strong and passionate professional. She taught me how to see the perspective of the people that we worked with and for. She will be missed. Scott Bayliff*

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**Scott Bayliff** - May 02, 2023 at 09:19 PM