



## Karen Alberta Nelson

April 14, 1943 - April 7, 2022

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Karen Albert Nelson has lived in WA, Berkeley CA, Ft Huachuca AZ, San Diego, NH and in Tullahoma since 2006.

She graduated from UC Irvine and then with a masters from California State College San Diego. When living there she taught college literature and composition classes.

In 1977 she started traveling whenever she could and has been to over 14 countries during more than 21 trips. Also, multiple times to Hawaii, Canada, Mexico City and San Miguel de Allende, MX.

She was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2009 and dealt with it quite successfully until when it took a final toll on her on Thursday (April 7) with Bob, her husband of 58 years, son Steve and daughter Amy at her side.

Karen has three children, Ted (Jenny) (Newburyport MA), Amy Bratty (San Diego) and Steve (Tullahoma), grandchildren Kate Nelson NYC, Carl Nelson NYC, Joey and Danny Nelson (MA) and Brian Bratty (San Diego).

She is a member of FBC Manchester and earlier at First Christian Church in Tullahoma. She was a Bible Study Fellowship and a Community Bible Study group leader. She had a great interest in poetry, was a charter member of the Not Yet Dead Poets Society, wrote three books of poetry and over 1000 poems. She also liked to paint abstract painting

A Celebration of Life is planned at FBC, Manchester on 18 April at 2:00 PM.

Her ashes will later be spread over the California Painted Desert in Anza

Borrego Desert State Park as the final step on her earthly journey in May.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

APR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
Manchester, TN

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Dear Karen, I will never forget your vibrancy and courage to take on anything. I recently started to make espresso coffee regularly, and I remember your teaching me to take the rubber tip off of the steamer. Whenever we visited a coffee shop, you were sure to ask for "lots of foam". I think of you every time I froth my coffee milk and make sure to have lots of foam. love, Kathy

Kathleen Shumate - June 27, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ Karen Alberta Nelson

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM

RR

“ Karen The world has lost a very shiny beacon. Your heart was open to everyone and anyone that knew you felt your love. Your poetry was beautiful. We will always treasure the lovely poem you wrote for our wedding. It still brings tears. I know my parents were happy to meet you as you entered the Pearly Gates. Thank you for sharing your love with me.



Rhonda (Ward) & Timothy Ricohermoso - April 18, 2022 at 01:22 PM

NP

“Karen, you added so much whimsy, artistry, and faith to my life. You were free to be yourself completely. I picture you being hugged by Jesus, then your mother, and others, then singing and dancing in Glory. See you again, my friend.

*"Love ya lots" as you would say,*

*Nancy Peevey xoxo*

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**Nancy Peevey** - April 17, 2022 at 01:44 AM

JP

“Jim & Nancy Peevey purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Karen Alberta Nelson.



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**Jim & Nancy Peevey** - April 17, 2022 at 01:28 AM

TG

“*“Friends are flowers in the garden of life.” This week I've revisited my past, gathering sweet memories of Karen like beautiful flowers. When I first met Karen and Bob in 1965 at San Jose State, it seemed I'd known them forever. When their sons Ted and Steve were little, Tom and I were married at the First Baptist Church of Los Altos (1969), with Karen as matron of honor. We had some unforgettable family times together in our neighborhoods in the "Valley of Heart's Delight", which became Silicon Valley. In 1971, I felt a ray of sunshine when I joined Karen at Bible Study Fellowship, where she was a discussion leader. Little Amy arrived in 1975, just after Tom and I had our first child, David. The little ones brightened our lives, as they played together those first few years.*

*The Nelsons' move to Southern CA was hard for us, but being lifelong friends, we managed visits whenever we could. We couples loved travel, and planned visits and trips in California, New England, Eastern Canada, and England (our place in summer 1977 in Guildford). We saw gorgeous desert flowers and comet Hale-Bopp from their home in Anza-Borrego Desert, CA (spring 1997). Other special destinations included New Hampshire (where they lived) and Quebec in the fall of 2002, and Amish country PA in the fall of 2004.*

*Karen kept busy from the late 90s on with teaching, poetry workshops and readings. After moving to Tullahoma, they became active in the First Baptist Church of Manchester and Bible studies. On her passing, I told Bob I could picture her full of joy as she celebrated her birthday in Heaven.*

*With love and deepest sympathy to all her family,  
Sherry Ginn*

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**Tom & Sherry Ginn** - April 13, 2022 at 04:24 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Ginn photos



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**Tom & Sherry Ginn** - April 13, 2022 at 04:20 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Tom & Sherry Ginn** - April 13, 2022 at 04:08 AM

LB

“ *Linda & Tom Bodensteiner purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Karen Alberta Nelson.*



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**Linda & Tom Bodensteiner** - April 12, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Karen Alberta Nelson.*



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April 11, 2022 at 07:16 PM