



## Karen Sue Brandenburg

April 4, 1963 - May 13, 2025

Karen Brandenburg, 62, of Greensboro, MD passed away on May 13, 2025, surrounded by family and friends.

Karen was born on April 4, 1963, the daughter of Harper and Helen Lane. Karen was a lifelong resident of Caroline County. On June 19, 1993, she married the love of her life, Fred Brandenburg in Ridgely, MD.

Karen's life was filled with joy. An avid reader, concert goer, and animal lover, however her favorite activity was to spend time with those she loved. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Fred; daughters Samantha Gallion and Rachel Brandenburg; grandchildren, Christian and Rylie Gallion; brother, Tommy Lane; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday June 7, from 12-1PM with a celebration of life to begin at 1PM, at Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, 106 West Sunset Ave. Greensboro, MD, for friends and family to come and remember a beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Karen to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

JUN 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Barry Williams lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Barry Williams** - June 07, 2025 at 11:13 AM

DV

“ *Dale And Cathy VanSchaik lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Dale and Cathy VanSchaik** - June 06, 2025 at 07:50 PM

TL

“ Like many siblings, Karen and I didn’t spend much time together growing up. I was always hunting, fishing, or playing sports, while she preferred studying, listening to music, or being with friends. I had a knack for finding trouble, while Karen was the “good one” who never gave our parents cause to worry. In my heart, I like to think she secretly thanked me for making her look so good by comparison.

After high school, I enlisted in the Air Force and spent the next 25 years stationed overseas or on the West Coast. I didn’t get back to Ridgely often, but when I did, Karen was always there to catch me up on all the gossip, making it feel as though I had never left. When I retired in 2009, I was able to spend several months in Ridgely before moving to Virginia for work. That time was precious—it allowed me to truly reconnect with Karen.

Years later, after our father passed, our mother’s health began to decline. Karen, without hesitation, stepped up, handling everything that needed to be done. She made sure I was informed of every change, every treatment plan.

Living so far from home hasn’t been easy, but I always took comfort in knowing Karen was there. She was steady, selfless, and always looking out for the people she loved. Then, last November, Karen called to tell me she had been diagnosed with kidney cancer. I broke down immediately. Over the next five months, we stayed in constant contact—texting, emailing, talking on the phone—and as always, Karen kept me up to date on everything. She remained positive, optimistic, and strong. But her cancer progressed too quickly.

Losing her is painful beyond words, but I will always carry her love, her devotion to family, and her unwavering strength in my heart.

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Tom Lane - June 05, 2025 at 05:15 PM

JT

“ Justin and Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Brandenburg.

Justin and Taylor - June 04, 2025 at 08:54 AM

JT

“ Justin and Taylor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Sue Brandenburg.



Justin and Taylor - June 04, 2025 at 08:54 AM

KW

“ Kathleen Wasson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Brandenburg.

Kathleen Wasson - June 03, 2025 at 12:50 PM

KW

“ Kathleen Wasson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen Sue Brandenburg.



Kathleen Wasson - June 03, 2025 at 12:50 PM

LW

“ Louise Lyons, Amy, David, Bunny & Will purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen Sue Brandenburg.



Louise Lyons, Amy, David, Bunny & Will - May 29, 2025 at 04:32 PM

LW

“ Louise Lyons, Amy, David, Bunny & Will planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Brandenburg.

Louise Lyons, Amy, David, Bunny & Will - May 29, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Sue Brandenburg.

May 20, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ "Arms of an Angel" Picture Perfect 27" Chime was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Brandenburg.



May 20, 2025 at 01:36 PM

FF

“ *From Your Clarks family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen Sue Brandenburg.*



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**From Your Clarks family** - May 18, 2025 at 09:35 PM

MS

“ *Mary Lee Sard lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Mary Lee Sard** - May 18, 2025 at 06:49 PM

DL

“ *Doris Lee lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Doris Lee** - May 17, 2025 at 07:40 PM

JC

“ *Jacqueline Cheezum lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Jacqueline Cheezum** - May 16, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SN

“ Karen was my niece and we became close when she came over every Friday night after she got her license. Lots of laughs and lots of conversations. She was always such a bubbly, positiver little lady. She will be missed.

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**Sandi Neal** - May 16, 2025 at 12:53 PM

JR

“ Karen was a fellow co worker of mine, who became a dear friend. We had so many good conversations and laughs and I looked up to her in so many way. No matter how tired or how much pain she was in, she did not let it stop her. She had a very optimistic attitude towards life and she always lit up when talking about her family.

*I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'll cherish the time I had with her always.*

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**Justina Riley** - May 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM

SH

“ Sandy Hurd lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg



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**sandy hurd** - May 16, 2025 at 11:16 AM

HP

“ Heidi Sharp Potter lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg



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**Heidi Sharp Potter** - May 16, 2025 at 11:12 AM

EG

“ *Emily Bowen Gray lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Emily Bowen Gray** - May 16, 2025 at 11:03 AM

EM

“ *Eveylon. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Eveylon. Mitchell** - May 16, 2025 at 08:24 AM

DB

“ *Donna Barnes lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Donna Barnes** - May 16, 2025 at 08:05 AM

BW

“Karen Sue is my cousin. We grew up spending a lot of time together. The Blunt Family was large and there were many cousins and we were like best friends. My favorite (and painful) memory of us is: I was spending the night at her house and we were maybe 11 or 12 years old. It was bath time and we were in the bathroom listening to music and she was in the tub shaving her legs. I was dumbstruck...I had no idea that was something we needed to learn to do! 😞 When it was time for me to hit the tub, she asked me if I wanted her to teach me how to do it. I was feeling so grown up and told her I wanted to learn. She leaned over the side of that big tub and showed me how to maneuver that little round razor thingy...it was called a Flicker! She was very gentle showing me how to go up my lower leg while that little shaver collected the fine leg hairs it was removing...well when she passed that dang thing off to me, I pressed down way too hard and ripped a line of skin all the way up my shin bone!! It took a few seconds for the blood to start flowing and the extreme pain to set in. I thought I was gonna bleed to death. We were both scared shitless that we'd get in trouble. Lol! I have that scar to this day. Rest in peace, Karen Sue. Love you! ❤️❤️



Brenda Blunt Walls - May 15, 2025 at 07:03 PM

BB

“Fred and girls, so sorry to hear about Karen, she was a lovely person who cared about everyone and always was friendly. She will be missed by all. Love, hugs, and prayers to you all., Brenda and Kenny Breeding



Brenda Breeding - May 15, 2025 at 06:50 PM

DT

“ *Dan Towers lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue Brandenburg*



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**Dan Towers** - May 15, 2025 at 05:56 PM

SS

“ *Karen was such an amazing woman. We will always remember her as someone full of life, love and laughter. She lived with purpose, gave without expecting, and loved with her whole heart. The world feels a little less bright without her in it, but her legacy continues in the heart of all who were lucky enough to know her. So sorry for your loss Freddie, Rachel and Samantha!!*

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**Stephanie Shirkey** - May 15, 2025 at 05:44 PM

BD

“ *I have know Karen since she was one my students in sixth grade at Ridgely ES. We always loved seeing her at the office in Denton and catching up on news of friends and family. Our sincere condolences to the family.*

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**Bennett and Patty Downes** - May 15, 2025 at 04:36 PM

SH

“ *Susan Harrison purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Sue Brandenburg.*



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**Susan Harrison** - May 15, 2025 at 03:15 PM

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“ Susan Harrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Brandenburg.

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**Susan Harrison** - May 15, 2025 at 03:15 PM