



Karen Anderson Cowley

February 8, 1944 - August 28, 2019

Our sweet mother, Karen Anderson Cowley, passed peacefully on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at the age of 75. We all recognize and are grateful for a life well lived with many precious moments. Karen Cowley's legacy is one of service to her husband of almost 50 years, her children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and her dedication as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Karen was born to William K Anderson and Eliza Arthella Mason on February 8, 1944. Karen has four siblings and shares a special bond with her twin sister, Sharon. Karen has been a long-time resident of Orem, Utah. She was born in Santa Clara, Utah where she spent her early years. Her family moved to Whittier, California where she graduated from California High School. Karen moved back to Utah to attend Brigham Young University until she was called and faithfully served in the Billings, Montana Mission.

Bruce and Karen were married December 27, 1969, in the Manti Utah Temple. She was a wonderful mother to their four children; Dustin, Mitsie, Coralice, and Russell.

Karen was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and she loved the gospel and her Savior. She faithfully served in many callings within the Church mainly in primary, scouting, and her most recently was a temple worker at the Provo Utah Temple.

She spent decades working in the lunchroom as a manager for the Provo School District while also working at Aspen Grove and in various other roles. She enjoyed reading, spending time with friends, camping, archery, and especially sewing and quilting. She was a talented seamstress who shared her gifts with many. She made and created beautiful clothing, humanitarian projects, and decor which we have all been blessed with and display throughout our homes.

She courageously fought cancer which unfortunately took her too soon. As her physical body weakened she continued to demonstrate strength and moved forward with grace and

gratitude. She handled all of life's trials with such great faith. She emulated Christ-like love and lived a life full of service.

Karen is having joyous reunions with her son Dustin Reed Cowley, her parents, and her sister Arva Dawn. She is survived by her husband, Bruce Reed Cowley, beautiful daughters Mitsie (Scott) and Cory (Warren), her faithful son Russ (Mindee), her eight grandchildren Makayla, Melanee, Sonya, Bridger, Jeremiah, Dakota, Trevor, Hudson, and her sister Leora, Sharon, and brother Kent.

The family wishes to thank the members of the Cascade 3rd Ward and Relief Society for their love, visits, and support. Also, express gratitude to Canyon Hospice for their care, love and kindness, and Covington Assisted Living for creating a loving and caring home for her.

Family and friends may honor her at an evening Viewing held on Thursday September 5, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Cascade 3rd Ward Building, 1051 E 200 N, Orem, Utah. Funeral services will also be held at the church on Friday, September 6, 2019 beginning at 11:00 am with a Viewing held prior from 9:30-10:30 am. Interment in the Orem Cemetery entrusted to Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

SEP 5 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Cascade 3rd Ward
1051 East 200 North, Orem, UT, US

SEP 6 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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SEP 6 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Cascade 3rd Ward
1051 East 200 North, Orem, UT, US

Comments



“ Trevor lit a candle in memory of Karen Anderson Cowley



Trevor - November 14, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ I always admired Karen’s quiet confidence and hard work and love for her children. She was also such a great seamstress! My kids love the pillowcases she gifted to me over 20 years ago for my wedding. Much love and thoughts and prayers for the Cowley family and most especially Mitzi, my friend.

Tami Kramer Jensen

Tami Jensen - September 08, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ Mitsie, I’m so sorry I missed paying personal tribute to your Mom. I always knew her to be extremely kind and a model of both hard work and devotion to her family. I feel very blessed to have grown up in the same Ward with your family and I’m praying for your peace at this time.

With love and admiration,
Brandee Walker Wilson

Brandee Wilson - September 07, 2019 at 11:30 PM



“ Karen was always a very hard worker. Sometimes she worked 3 jobs at a time to support her family. She always worried about the other people around her more than she did her self. She worked hard at what ever she did right up until she got sick and could not work any more. She was fun and always up for an adventure. We loved her and will miss her.

Charlene

Charlene Butler - September 04, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ Karen was an amazing individual, RIP my friend.

Boyd Tippetts - September 06, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ Truly one of my favorite people

Mark Lund - September 06, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ I worked with Karen at Aspen Grove. She was such a sweet and wonderful person and I enjoyed working with her. More recently I've seen her in Costco where I work. My deepest condolences to her family! I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. You're in my prayers.

mike podzikowski - August 30, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. We worked together in Cub Scouting for sometime. I feel so bad that I can not make the funeral as we leave tomorrow for two weeks. My deepest condolences to her family. Love you., Carole McLaughlin

Carole McLaughlin - August 30, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Karen's fight with cancer and her subsequent passing. We spent many, many years together at Aspen Grove Family Camp, and she was always so kind and wonderful to work with. Karen was a true friend to all and such a lovely person. Our deepest condolences to Bruch and the family.

Bev and Glen Parker - August 30, 2019 at 10:16 PM



“ I am so sorry for Karen's passing. We worked together in Provo school District under Child Nutrition Program. I always admire all her talents, her Faith and testimony of the gospel, ideal mother and a wife, very hard working, and a dear friend to everyone. We always had a good time together with our friends. I love her so much and I will surely missed her. My deepest condolences to her family.

Emelda Blake - August 31, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ Karen had an impact on my life. I will forever be grateful for the kindness and patience she showed to me when I was in scouting. Bruch and Mitzi, may the Lord strengthen you while you endure on with out her.

Joseph Smith - September 02, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ I will always miss and remember Karen. She was a fun and active lady. She taught me how to cook gravy for 300, which is quite different than cooking gravy for a family of 6. We shared many laughs and struggles together through the years. She was thoughtful and loving, and I'm sure had a special place in everyone's heart. How special she was to those whose lives she touched.

Belinda K Robinson - September 04, 2019 at 06:22 AM