



## Karen Elizabeth Riley

March 27, 1969 - December 23, 2019

Karen Elizabeth Riley died unexpectedly at her home on December 23, 2019 in Tampa, Florida at the young age of 50.

Karen is survived by her Father John C. Riley of Chattanooga, Tennessee, her Sister Kathy L. Riley of Durham, North Carolina, her Aunt Patsy Hartline Lynch of Wildwood, Georgia and her Uncle Buford Hartline of Trenton, Georgia. She is preceded in death by her Mother Carolyn Hartline Riley of Wildwood, Georgia, her maternal Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Sidney James Hartline of Wildwood, Georgia, her paternal Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. John Raymond Riley of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and her loving pets Madigan and Shadow.

Karen was born on March 27, 1969 in Pinehurst, North Carolina to John and Carolyn Riley. She graduated from Countryside High School in Clearwater, Florida in 1989. She graduated University of South Florida in 1993 with a BS in biology then completed her training as a Medical Laboratory Technologist in Tallahassee, Florida in 1995. After moving back to Tampa, Karen worked for Tampa General Hospital for 25 years as Medical Laboratory Technologist specializing in Flow Cytometry. She was a wonderful teacher to her students and dependable coworker to her workmates.

Karen was accomplished at drawing and was often urged by her friends to

become a medical illustrator. Karen was a generous and dedicated individual who loved supporting those in need. Karen's letter of membership was at Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater, Florida however she enjoyed attending several churches in her area. In her younger decades, Karen was known to run and bike in marathons.

A graveside service is scheduled for January 10, 2020 at 1pm at Lake Hills Memorial Gardens in Trenton, Georgia. Timothy Lynch (cousin and friend) will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Karen's life.

Arrangements are by Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Hills Memorial Gardens

206 Lake Hills Drive  
Trenton, GA 30752  
(706) 657-4242

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Elizabeth Riley*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *UNC Pediatric Pharmacy Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen Elizabeth Riley.*



**UNC Pediatric Pharmacy Family** - January 09, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Losing a loved one can be such a heartbreaking thing. Praying that God will comfort you all now and in days ahead.*

*Love,  
Don and Dorothy Ann Patterson Hicks*

**Dorothy Hicks** - January 08, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Riley.*



January 07, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Riley.*



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January 07, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *I knew Karen through her sister, Kathy. I remember vividly the first time I met Karen. It was after Kathy and I had both graduated from pharmacy school and we traveled to Clearwater Florida to visit and vacation with the Riley family. Karen was this blast of energy, full of fun-loving humor, splashing around in the family pool. It's been 30 years since that time. I know Karen had a number of health issues over the years. These are all behind her now as I am sure she is in heaven pain free, laughing and holding her mother's hand. Karen will be greatly missed and leaves a void that only our memories and love for her can for fill.*

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**Penny Shelton** - January 07, 2020 at 05:43 PM