



Karen Sue Simpson

October 28, 1960 - November 19, 2025

Karen Sue Simpson, a beloved retired JCPS teacher passed away on Nov. 19, 2025. She was a proud lifelong resident of Pleasure Ridge Park where she graduated from in 1978, she received her Masters degree from the University of Louisville. She was passionately committed to her students at Crums Lane, Sanders and Medora Elementaries. Karen was determined and devoted in her life to make everyone she met smile and feel better about themselves. A couple people who brought her joy were her bestfriend Jan Simpson and her goddaughter Morgan Kroeplin. She lived her life in the pursuit of making the world a better place and believed love, laughter and education were the means to which that could happen. She has left behind many heartbroken people. Her loving parents, Thomas and Peggy Simpson, a sister Cathy Ramsey (Scott Lyons) a brother Thomas "Tommy" (Lisa). Beloved nephews; Joshua Thomas Whitaker and Christian Thomas Ramsey, cherished nieces; Jennifer Rockwern, Sarah Elizabeth Wellman and Christina Simspon as well as great nieces and nephews. Karen will be greeted in heaven by her brother Ronnie Simpson and niece and nephew Christopher Simpson and Caitlin Ramsey. Karen's life will be celebrated on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill UCC, preceded by a memorial visitation from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Loved much and was much loved.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the ALS Association at www.als.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chapel Hill United Church-Christ
2307 Embassy Ln
Shively, KY 40216-2935
(502) 447-3411

Memorial Service

DEC 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Chapel Hill United Church of Christ
2307 Embassy Lane
Louisville , KY

Tribute Wall

PQ

“ Patrick Quire purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Sue Simpson.



Patrick Quire - December 06, 2025 at 09:24 AM

CF

“ Chris & Kaycee Adams and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Sue Simpson.



Chris & Kaycee Adams and family - December 05, 2025 at 10:54 AM

CF

“ Chris & Kaycee Adams and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Simpson.

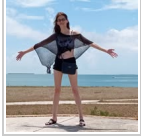
Chris & Kaycee Adams and family - December 05, 2025 at 10:54 AM

DM

“ I worked @ Sanders with Karen. She always had a smile and was funny the students loved her. R.I.P. Debby .



Debby Mikesell - December 05, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *She was an incredible teacher. She made learning fun on a level no other teacher of mine was ever able to match. I know she touched the lives of so many students.*

Laura Loftis - December 04, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ *I appreciate you letting me vent and always making me laugh. You will be truly missed*

Sandy Mayes - December 04, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *Miss Simpson, I still cant find it in my heart to call you Karen. You were the true definition of, love , laughter, And kindness. I will never forget the way you would make each one of your students (Baby's) feel so special. You made school worth attending and everyone could not wait till story time, everyone wanted to be in your class. I will miss you, and I will never forget you or the Bear necessities of life (only you would know this). 1989 - 1991 Crums Lane baby. Angela (Bates) Smith*

Angela Bates Smith - December 04, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ *Josh, Jessica, Kaitlyn and Kinley Ramsey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Sue Simpson.*



Josh, Jessica, Kaitlyn and Kinley Ramsey - December 03, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JB

“ Julianna, Nate, Oliver, & Barrett purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karen Sue Simpson.



Julianna, Nate, Oliver, & Barrett - November 25, 2025 at 07:13 AM

DJ

“ Karen was a brilliant light in this world. We graduated from PRP together, where we were also in choir together. She was always smiling and laughing, and bringing joy to all in her presence. I understand how and why she touched the lives of so many students and friends.

David Johnson - November 24, 2025 at 10:02 AM

JF

“ Karen taught for me for several years. Her students adored her and she was loved by all. Her teaching skills were outstanding and her camaraderie with everyone always kept laughter and professionalism present in her educational endeavors each and every day. She will be truly missed. She left her mark for many to remember. □

Judy Finn - November 22, 2025 at 08:25 PM

JC

“ I'll never forgot my time with Ms Simpson, in her trailer classroom at Crums Lane. She is by far one of the best teachers in my life, and was lucky enough to have communicated in my adult life. I lost my grandfather in the 4th grade, she helped me through that time, and I shall forever be grateful. I wish more humans were like her, she made the world a better place.

Jason Cox - November 22, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ I worked with her at Kroger. She was always so sweet and kind. I loved seeing her smiling face. The 292 Pickup team will miss her

Kaley Redmond - November 22, 2025 at 04:17 PM

MD

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.

marsha dennis - November 21, 2025 at 04:08 PM

RE

“ Repliclassics purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Karen Sue Simpson.



Repliclassics - November 21, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Simpson.*



November 20, 2025 at 11:11 PM



“ *Sheila Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Simpson.*

Sheila Robinson - November 20, 2025 at 11:11 PM



“ *Ms Simpson will be forever in my heart she was the best thing that happen to me many years ago I will always cherish the memories that we do have over the last 25 years I will forever love u and miss that special woman
Your crazy little Rosie*

Jennifer Farris - November 20, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ *Karen made me laugh a lot; her joyful spirit could brighten any space. Karen was also a truth teller; she was direct and clear. Karen's devotion to her family really stands out. Those in her inner circle were valued, nurtured and loved. I will miss her. I trust that one day we will meet again.*

Diane Vego - November 20, 2025 at 07:49 PM

AT

“ *She will be missed by so many people. She was my children's teacher when they were at medora. She had 2 of them but knew all 3. She was the teacher that would bend over backwards for her family and her students. You helped us through a lot and will be so deeply missed. We love you so muchThe Torusio family Alma... Lauren... Evan.... Devlyn..*

Alma Torusio - November 20, 2025 at 05:54 PM

PM

A beautiful tribute for a beautiful soul. I'll never forget her laughter and her smiles. Prayers for her family. Keith and Penny McCracken

Penny McCracken - November 20, 2025 at 07:52 PM