



## Karen Arnold Broadway

October 24, 1960 - March 7, 2024

Karen Sue Arnold Broadway, 63, departed this world from Lakeland, FL and entered her heavenly home on March 7th, 2024. Karen was born October 24th, 1960 in Lakeland as the last of 5 children to her loving parents William "Bill" and Lillian J. Arnold. She was a lifelong member of West Lakeland Church of God. In addition to her parents and many special family members and friends, Karen was preceded in death by her big brother William (Barbara) Arnold Jr. Karen is survived by her former husband Douglas Broadway of Charlotte, NC and their sons Dougie and Daniel Broadway both of Lakeland, FL. Karen was also very excited by the imminent arrival of her first granddaughter Violet to Daniel and his fiance Stefani. Karen is also survived by brothers Troy (Diane) Arnold of Callahan, FL, John (Claudia) Arnold of Carolina Beach, NC, and David (Linda) Arnold of Lakeland, FL. Karen also loved being "Aunt Karen" to Tasha, Chris, John Lindsey, Davey, their families, and many nieces and nephews on the Broadway side of the family.

Karen grew up in Lakeland and graduated from Kathleen High School. She was active in cheerleading, played the clarinet in the Kathleen Red Devil Marching Band, and made many lifelong friends along the way. Karen spent the next part of her life in Charlotte, North Carolina where she met and married Doug. She enjoyed collecting and shopping for antiques. In early years, she worked in the insurance industry for Equitable. After Dougie and Daniel arrived, Karen shifted her focus to caring for and making a home for

her boys. Karen loved her children fiercely and was very much a mama bear. She enjoyed taking adventures with the boys and her friend Jody, especially their trips to the Carowinds amusement park. Karen had a very special relationship with her mother throughout her life and showed how important family was by caring for and advocating for her mother when her health declined. In later years, Karen and her boys returned to her childhood home of Lakeland, FL. Karen enjoyed reconnecting with many of those lifelong friends including Teresa, Kathy, Susan, and Linda with way too many more to mention but all who she loved dearly. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends, and especially her boys. She enjoyed fellowship and dinners out. She enjoyed learning about her family history, took pride in her southern heritage, and loved being a Lakeland native. While her family and friends will miss her terribly, they take comfort in knowing she is now in a place without pain and how wonderful the reunion must have been for Karen when she was met by the mother, father, and brother whom she had missed for so long.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for the morning of Thursday, March 14th at City on a Hill Church, 1942 W. Memorial Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33815. Visitation will be at 10am with services to follow at 11am, followed by procession and internment at Oak Hill Burial Park, 4620 US Hwy 98 S, Lakeland, FL 33812. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karen's name to SPCA Florida or TLC Petsnip in Lakeland.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S  
Lakeland, FL 33812

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

City on a Hill  
1942 W. Memorial Blvd  
Lakeland, FL 33815

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

City on a Hill  
1942 W. Memorial Blvd  
Lakeland, FL 33815

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Arnold Broadway*



**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - March 13, 2024 at 09:13 AM

NS

*We've been friends sense we was cheerleaders. You will be greatly missed. You always wore your great big heart on the outside. Love an prayers to your family.*

**Neva Spivey** - March 13, 2024 at 09:32 PM

BG

*Rest in peace 🕊️ sending prayers to your family and friends.*

**Brenda Lee George** - March 14, 2024 at 09:27 AM

LS

*A beautiful service today.... you have gone way too soon for us... never to be forgotten! Love, hugs and prayers for your precious family... and all your friends that love you so much! Karen you will be greatly missed!*

**Lisa J Sippel** - March 14, 2024 at 01:39 PM

SF

“ *I will miss my sweet cousin, but I know heaven has gained a beautiful soul.  
Rest in peace Karen until we meet again.*

**Sharon Fuqua** - March 14, 2024 at 12:04 PM

JT

“ I have known Karen all of my life. I can not think of one person who ever had a conflict with her. She was loving, compassionate, and supportive of her family and friends. She will be missed.

JANELLE Thomas - March 13, 2024 at 04:57 PM

LC

“ Our family home was directly behind the Arnold's so we grew up together, we would just climb the fence & hang out in her “very cool” playhouse! She just shared with me recently that my mom had talked her into having her heart surgery by Dr Medina when she was too scared & didn't want to do it, she said my mom gave her extra time here on this earth & that made my heart happy. I know she isn't sick anymore but I still hate that she left so soon! RIP my old friend! Your childhood friend Lynn Anderson Cranor 💔

Lynn Cranor - March 13, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DM

“ Doug and Patty Mosher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen Arnold Broadway.



Doug and Patty Mosher - March 12, 2024 at 11:15 AM

DM

“ Doug and Patty Mosher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Arnold Broadway.

Doug and Patty Mosher - March 12, 2024 at 11:15 AM

ER

“ I had the honor of calling this beautiful woman aunt Karen her and my mother were friends before I was born and I remember seeing pictures of me as a baby eating spaghetti at there house so I was blessed to be able to call there family part of my own you will be missed terribly please give everyone that's there awaiting your arrival our love love you always beautiful ,love Lisa



Elisha Ramos - March 11, 2024 at 11:12 PM

SC

Karen, what can I say that could begin to fill the big hole in my heart that your passing has left? While I realize you're in heaven with your parents & Bill and no longer in pain, it still hurts that I'll never be able to call or text you again. I've got so many great memories of our times together, especially those in the earlier days when your Mom tagged along with us. You'll always be my best bud & sister. As we always said to one another after talking hours on the phone, "I love you." This isn't good bye dear friend, just "see you later." Your sister Susan 🥺💔

Susan Cruz - March 12, 2024 at 06:06 PM

SA

“ Karen was such a sweetheart. She was my sister-in-law and I loved her very much. Tuesday evening she called me and we talked for over an hour on the phone. Just reminiscing and talking about different things. She told me she went to the Strawberry Festival a couple of days before. I'm really glad she got to do that she really loved it. I'm glad I have that memory of our phone call. We enjoyed each other's company and conversation so much. She had the cutest laugh. It was like a little giggle. I will miss her.



Sherri Best Arnold - March 11, 2024 at 09:53 PM