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Karen S. Ayres
Nee: Wade

Formerly of San Diego, CA
Of Racine, WI

Karen S. Ayres, age 78, passed away peacefully at her residence, Tuesday, June 18, 2024. She was born in Monrovia, CA, October 5, 1945, daughter of the late, Hershel and Pansy (Nee: Harrison) Wade.

On July 6, 1963, Karen was united in marriage to Dr. Loren Ayres. Last summer they were surrounded by family and friends in celebration of their 60th anniversary. Karen was a member of La Mesa and Bostonia Churches of Christ. As a young mom, Karen loved being involved with her two girls, including leading Brownie and two Girl Scout troops. Karen loved to travel, visited all 50 states, and took numerous family cruises across the globe. Close to home, she enjoyed attending local theater and musical productions. Karen's second career was becoming an elementary school teacher in Los Angeles, Temple City, and Glendora. Karen had an artistic flair, who enjoyed painting landscapes and free-lancing in watercolors. Her love of flowers was evident with fresh bouquets especially roses, adorning her home. Above all, it was time spent with her family that she cherished most.

Karen was a devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother (lovingly known as PopMom) and will be sadly missed by her husband, Loren; daughters, Tamee (John) Weerts, Chantil (Christopher) Ruud; grandchildren, Andrew and B Weerts, Jacob, Zach and Caitlyn Ruud; sister, Cindy (John) Slatinsky; in-laws, Dennis (Donna) Ayres, Lana Willingham, Joyce Ayres; nieces, nephews other relatives as well as many dear friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers-in-law, Larry Ayres and Doug Willingham.



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Memorials for Karen can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to one's favorite charity.



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Darlene Duffield posted:

I went to high school with your mom and she was always such a life of sunshine. I was always on the reunion committee so I was always one of the ones begging her to come to reunion. She went to Theo reunion I believe and it was so good to see her. Everybody was happy to see her. She and I had one thing in common, especially family, I think we both took delight in our family our kids, grandkids, accomplishments. She was so proud of all of you. When I heard about your mom, I was devastated. My thoughts immediately went out to you, your dad Your siblings and all the grandchildren I know she was so adored. I think I tried to contact you through Facebook. It was such a shock, she was so full Joy in life. I'm glad her Journey to our father in heaven was peaceful. I'm sorry I just read this this today. I would've been there in the services in San Diego.

July 13 at 6:17 AM



Cindy Slatinsky July 14 at 1:58 PM

Thank you so much Darlene for your kind words. She will be dearly missed. Cindy Wade Slatinsky, Karen's sister



From Chiana & Doughty Families sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Ayres family.

July 8 at 10:50 AM



Minas And Sonia Maljian & Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ayres family.

July 8 at 7:14 AM



, Phil & Nancy Harrison sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Ayres family.

July 8 at 5:02 AM





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Love, The Ribeiro & Dyer Families sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Ayres family.

July 5 at 3:19 PM



Ruth & Howard Younger posted:

So sorry for your loss. We met Karen & Loren while they were in SF med school and at church. We became instant friends along with 2 other couples. We didn't see much of each other after school and moving around. Our last meeting was while we lived in France and met up with them in Paris. Karen loved to travel. Loren and family, you are in our prayers and may God comfort you at this time.

July 3 at 9:00 AM



Cindy Slatinsky July 14 at 2:02 PM

Thank you Ruth and Howard. She always spoke of you with fondness and the time in San Francisco. She is dearly Missed. Cindy Wade Slatinsky, sister



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Ayres family.

June 28 at 4:27 AM



Your Crowdstrike Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Karen.

June 28 at 4:27 AM



Cindy Slatinsky sent a virtual gift in honor of Karen.

June 26 at 5:25 PM



Cindy Slatinsky June 26 at 5:27 PM

Karen loved angels. This reminds me of her.



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Cindy And John Slatinsky posted:

We miss you so much. All the fun and laughter. Always in our hearts. ❤️ ❤️ Cindy and John

June 25 at 3:40 AM



Greenwood Memorial Park & Mortuary shared 7 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



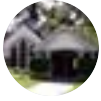
June 24 at 12:50 PM



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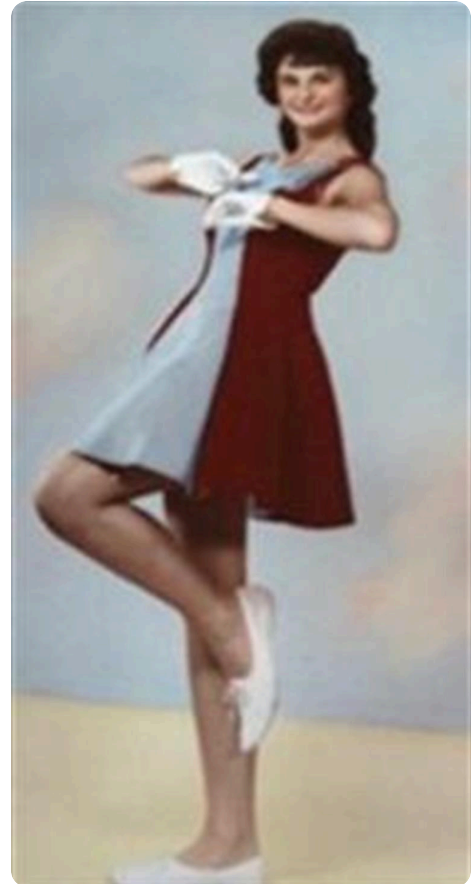
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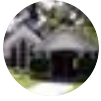
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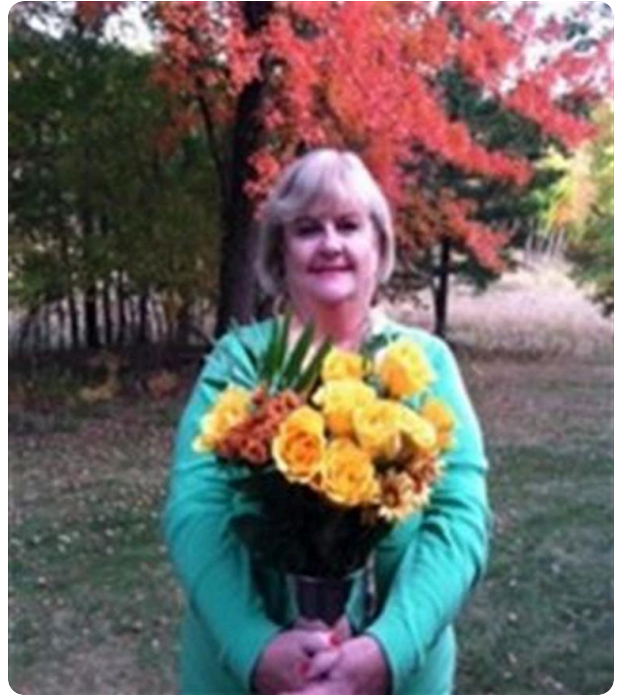
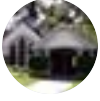




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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