



Karen Curry Parker

May 13, 1952 - July 6, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Karen Parker, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Karen passed away peacefully at the age of 73, surrounded by her loved ones. She was the cherished wife of Richard Parker, with whom she shared nearly 52 years of marriage, a partnership founded on love, respect, and deep devotion.

Karen was a devout Christian with an unwavering faith and a strong love for her Lord and Savior. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her in every aspect and shaping the way she loved and cared for those around her. She lived out her beliefs through her kindness, compassion, and selfless acts of love, always seeking to serve others and share the light of Christ in all she did.

Karen was the proud mother of three sons and a devoted grandmother to her three granddaughters. Her family was the center of her world, and she took great joy in watching her sons grow into the men they are today, always there with love and support.

A woman of many passions, Karen had a creative spirit that touched everything she did. She loved quilting, crafting, and expressing herself artistically, pouring her heart into every project she completed. She found peace and joy in these activities, often sharing her creations with loved ones as tokens of her love and care. Karen was also a devoted animal lover, and she found great comfort in the companionship of her dogs, who were her faithful friends and constant sources of happiness.

Karen's kindness, generosity, and infectious smile will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She made every moment spent with her feel special, and her family will forever treasure the memories she helped create.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; her three sons, Kevin, Brian, and Steven; her daughter-in-law, Lacey; son-in-law, Shannon; her grandchildren, Maddie, Reagan, and Hadley; and many extended family members and friends who were blessed to know her. Karen's love will continue to live on in their hearts.

A celebration of her life will be held at Wake Memorial Park in Cary, NC on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 10AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the ALS Association (als.org/donate) in Karen's memory.

Karen's legacy of love, creativity, and devotion to family will never be forgotten. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.

Cemetery Details

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Mausoleum
7002 Green Hope School Road
Cary, NC 27519

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Curry Parker.

July 10, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Curry Parker.



July 10, 2025 at 11:13 AM

KC

“ Karen and I were roommates in college 55 years ago. We enjoyed being friends. The funny thing is we were both tall, skinny, had brown hair and our first name was Karen. Some people asked if we were sisters. We thought that was funny. While she enjoyed college, she missed Richard. She had stars in her eyes whenever she talked about him. Our room was next to the only phone on our floor. I always knew when she talked to him or received a letter. I asked her to be a bridesmaid in my wedding. She said no and I was disappointed until she told me she was getting married to Richard that same day. She was a wonderful person, an artist, a friend and so much fun to be with. She will be missed by many, me included. Thank you for being my friend, your Roomie

Karen Coffman - July 09, 2025 at 08:56 AM

MJ

“ Karen and I were best friends for many years. We shared a lot of laughs and fun times together. She was a wonderful friend!

Mary Jo Jones - July 08, 2025 at 05:47 PM

MA

“ Love you grandma ❤️



Maddie - July 08, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Curry Parker.

July 08, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Karen and Parker family



Chelsea Young - July 08, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ Chris & Christine Morris purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen Curry Parker.



Chris & Christine Morris - July 08, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Chris & Christine Morris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Curry Parker.

Chris & Christine Morris - July 08, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ The Warren Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen Curry Parker.



The Warren Family - July 08, 2025 at 08:38 AM