



Karen Smith

November 16, 2014

Karen Elaine (Ryall) Smith born April 15, 1958 to Helen and Ken Ryall in Windsor, Ontario Canada, passed from this earth to join her sister in God's Kingdom on November 16, 2014.

Beloved mother of son, Shawn Dustin Smith and daughters Crystal Lynn and Jennifer Ann Smith.

Beloved sister of Bill Ryall, Janice (Ryall) Avery, preceeded in death by her younger sister Linda Ryall.

She will be sorely missed by all.

She was a bit headstrong, determined and also secretive is a good way to describe her. She never wanted to put anyone out and kept so many things to herself including her health. Painted quite the rosy picture to our parents and family when asked how she was doing or feeling. Helping out at the church, with the kids in the after school program. Going to the doctor and telling everyone that he said all was good, even just over a week ago! Stubborn family genes, probably the English and Scottish in us, and of course the French too...Never wanting to be a bother or be cumbersome to others. She decided she or everyone else was better off with her staying out in Richmond which was just far enough distance away that family couldn't just drop on in to

check on her.

She played basketball and volleyball for Alief Hastings, and graduated in 1976. She spent a lot of time away from family when she married the second time, her husband Robert was in the army. Some of their time was spent in Germany where she traveled to be with him with a young son and a daughter on the way. She had to learn to be independent while there, not understanding the language and trying to get by. Then back to Killeen after the stint in Germany and on the base at Ft. Hood. She worked at the Luby's in Killeen where death passed her by on that horrible day, October 16, 1991, 23 years and exactly one month ago today. It was a Wednesday I believe, and when I heard the news my heart stopped. Come to find out that happened to be her day off and although she was safe she lost customers and workers that had all become good friends of hers.

Linda and Karen like 2 peas in a pod, riding motorcycles, defying danger, living on the edge. Many a night I know my parents were kept awake wondering what those two were up to. Many a night I worried and wondered about them also. They are now together, I know more than anything Karen missed Linda and had a hard time getting over her passing last year.

I was lucky enough to spend most of this past Thursday with Karen, this was when she was still conscious. They had her hooked up to all kinds of things. We were able to talk and visit for the better part of the day while doctors and nurses were in and out, doing this and that. She was so thirsty and I was getting her Sprite, water, juice, whatever I could get my hands on. I had them lined up on the tray by the bed. I fiddled with the bed enough to get it down some, where the tray would reach over and be beside her. She kept telling me what to do..lol She said oh I know I am so demanding.. I said that's okay sis, whatever you need me to do. I told her I loved her when I left and she replied the same although she had a hard time getting the words out. That was the

last time I saw her awake.

The trickery and shenanigans those two are up to now, I can only imagine. Keep them by your side God, I know they are both safe and free and are in your house for eternity. Until we meet again and always, your loving sister,
Janice

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Smith* ”

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Robert Smith lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith* ”



Robert Smith - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *DAVID OTIS lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith* ”



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MA

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Karen. My memories are of four small children coming from Windsor to Detroit to visit cousins. This was way back when Kenny and Helen along with my aunt, Kenny's mother, Aunt Audrey, came to visit and let the children

Marlene Gail Aladray - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JA

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Beloved daughter of Ken and Helen Ryall

Beloved mother of son, Shawn Du

Janice (Ryall) Avery - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We know not why, we have had to face the loss of two daughters in the last 14 months, but we do know our hearts will be forever heavy. Losing our Karen has been devastating as she has always been such a kind, considerate child, worrying more about other f

Mom & Dad - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Helen & Ken Ryall lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith



Helen & Ken Ryall - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ *Let me correct myself.
You're* heartache**

Crystal (daughter) - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ *Mom (the cool mom) I miss you, every second, every minute, every hour of every day. It's still so hard to accept your gone forever. The only thought that gets me by is knowing you're at peace and no longer suffering...but what I'd give to have you back. T*

Crystal (daughter) - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Denise (Davis) Epperson lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith*



Denise (Davis) Epperson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Crystal Smith lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith*



Crystal Smith - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *two beautiful women I meant!!*

Kim Bewsher - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I always knew my aunt Karen as such a genuine, loving, caring, and strong woman. Every time I ever spoke with her in person or over the phone she always made sure to tell me that she loved me. I know that she missed her sister very much and I don't think

Jason Avery - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Karen Smith was such a loving, caring and giving person. She raised 1 beautiful women and a son. I was fortunate enough to see her very often growing up as her daughter Jennifer is my best friend. She was the cool mom everyone loved going over there becau

Kim Bewsher - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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JA

“ Jason Avery lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith



Jason Avery - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ So sorry for the families loss, The family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all. The Lord Be With Yall...

Connie Gutierrez - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Connie Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith



Connie Gutierrez - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ I can no longer see you with my eyes, touch you with my hand but I will feel you in my heart forever!!!
I love you mom, I miss you so much! So hard to believe ur gone, but I know ur not in any more pain and heaven just got an amazing angel! I LOVE YOU MO

Jennifer (daughter) - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jennifer Smith lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith



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JA

“ *Janice (Ryall) Avery lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith*



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JS

“ *I Thought of you today*

*I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too,
I think of you in silence I often speak your name.
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory*

Jan Avery (your loving sister) - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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