



Karen Lynn Hays Franklin

November 9, 1960 - December 10, 2007

Karen Lynn Hays Franklin peacefully left this life to be with the Lord on Monday, December 10, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born the only daughter to Rupert and Sue Hays in Port Arthur, Texas on November 9, 1960, Karen grew up in Corpus Christi and San Antonio - graduating from John Marshall High School and the University of the Incarnate Word. In 1986 she married Christopher Phelps Franklin Chris and the two of them settled down in San Antonio for a happy life surrounded by family and friends. Karen worked for many years at USAA in Mortgage Banking. In 1989, Karen and Chris rejoiced at the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Brooke and in 2002, they joyfully welcomed the birth of their son, William Christopher Liam. Karen was a member of the Junior League of San Antonio and First Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, Chris; daughter, Brooke, and son Liam; her parents, Rupert and Sue Hays; her brother Steven Hays and wife, Randall, and their children: Hunter Hays, Ainslee MacNaughton and Taylor MacNaughton; her grandmother, Cecia Hays, her father-and-mother-in-law, William and Frances Franklin; Sister and brother-in-law, Blair and John Robinson; Uncle John Knight and wife Pat, Aunts Barbara Phelps, Janice Cavada, and Ellen Troupe and husband Jan; and cousins David Knight, Margie Ratcliff, David Phelps and his wife Suzie. Karen also leaves behind a host of friends, angels and saints who have provided support and love to her and her family during the most challenging of times. They would especially like to acknowledge Ellen Meadows and the extraordinary "family" of prayer

warriors who have provided comfort, compassion, and community during this long journey. The family also wishes to thank the medical care providers at the South Texas Oncology and Hematology Center, Dr. Gladys Rodriguez, Dr. Kyriakos Papadopoulos, and the staff of the SICU at Methodist Hospital for their kindness and care.

SERVICE

A service will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. A reception will be held at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Presbyterian Church children's or mission ministry 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Chris and family, I just learned of Karen's passing, I am so sorry. I worked with Karen in the middle 80's. We worked at SCI. She was such a good friend and we had lots of fun together at work and after! She was a great person, very generous and genuin

Kathy Moore - October 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I just learned of Karen's passing. I am heartbroken. She was such a wonderful and caring woman. Chris - you and your children are in my prayers.

Bill Lacy - December 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Chris,
Wishing we could be there to give you a hug. We'll always remember her smile and the sweet ways she touched all of the lives she encountered. We'll be home in San Antonio after Christmas-- hope to see you then. Blessings, Clara and Steve

clara warrick - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sue, Rupert, Chris, Brooke, Liam and all those who carry a special place in their hearts for Karen: My thoughts are with you during this time and I am so sorry for your loss.

Rollin Stone Skowronski - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Chris,

Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief following your loss of Karen. We pray for God's peaceful touch as you move from this day forward.

Nathan & Claudia Higginbotham

Nathan & Claudia Higginbotham - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Dear Franklin Family,
Karen's courage, grace and smiling face will be an inspiration to me and countless others when adversity comes our way. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow.*

Cindy Trost - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I am so very sorry for your heartbreaking loss. I'll be in touch soon.*

Kit Stone - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Dear Chris and Family
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Pat and Mike Keylich*

Pat Keylich - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Hugs and Prayers.*

Judy Moore - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Chris, Brooke, and Liam and all Karen's family are in my prayers and thoughts. You have experienced a very great loss. Hold tight to your faith, family and friends. Love, Jane Robinson

Jane Robinson - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ What a wonderful, Godly, FUN woman! She showed everyone Christ's strength and endurance. Her smile will be greatly missed. God Bless-- Melina Byers

Melina Byers - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Our most Sincere condolences and prayers.

Wade and Barbara Moring - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Karen Lynn Hays Franklin

Maitland & Kitty Remington - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Please except my sincere condolences to your family. Karen will be missed by many friends.

Your family is in my prayers.
Jamie Manuel

Jamie Manuel - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Karen:

We miss you! You gave all of us such great joy and were always there with a kind word and a smile. Thank you God for giving us Karen for the time we did have her.

What will we do now in your absence? We will honor God and His son Jesus Christ

Lillian, Stacey & John Ferguson - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *She fought the fight and endured to the end. My heart aches for us who are left behind. She will be missed! Our joy is that she is with Jesus forever!*

Marilyn Moczygamba - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ *Karen we will miss you and your beautiful smile. You are in a better place now, where everything is beautiful.*

ritenour - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My heart is heavy today with the loss of our sweet friend.*

Don Byers - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I have been thinking about Karen for the past few days, and found out today that she passed. I am just heartbroken. She was my co-worker at USAA for many years, and she was always so fun to talk to. Even though I admired and respected Karen, that respe*

Margaret Shaw Peletier - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *My thoughts and prayers with all of you.*

Love

Aunt Betty

Betty Helton - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Love,

Tanya and Dave

Dave and Tanya Bieterman - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Karen Lynn Hays Franklin*

Tim Allen - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Chris,
My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your children.
Right now Karen is dancing in heaven looking just as beautiful as
ever!*

Christine Suniga

Christine Suniga - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I did not know Karen, only through her mother. I know she fought a courageous battle and will be sadly missed by her family...
He said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened".
Karen is free and in the Lord's arms.
I love you Sue and my prayers are

Connie Evans - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Chris & Family: Jenny and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy. We will keep you and the kids Liam & Brooke in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Just hold on to our hope, we will see our family again when our work down here is

Debbie Cook - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Chris, Brooke and Liam,

my heart is broken for you guys-
I am praying for you all-
Love,
Debb

Debbi Chesney - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Chis, Brooke, and Family,
Karen was an inspiration to us all. We admired her ability to live life to the fullest. May she be at peace now. You all are in our hearts and prayers.
Brett, Lisa, Katy, and Evan Morgan

The Brett Morgan Family - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ Our many prayers for Karen have not been in vain. God has given her a new body and a new home. We mourn with our friends here on earth, but we also celebrate Karen's new home with God. We will continue our prayers for healing.

Love, Art & Dinah Ibar

Art & Dinah Ibarra - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Chris,
You and your family have mine and Charla's heart felt sorrow for your loss. What little we knew of her, she was a neat person.
God Bless
Mike and Charla Emery

Mike Emery - December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM