



Karen J. Scruggs

May 27, 1950 - June 19, 2019

Karen J. Scruggs, age 69 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Wednesday evening, June 19, 2019, at 8:45 PM at her home surrounded by members of her loving family.

Karen was born May 27, 1950 in Marion, Illinois. She was the eldest of 3 children born to James L. and Joy Maxine (Cullum) Aaron.

On December 23, 1980, Karen was united in marriage to Dillard O. Scruggs, Jr. in Marion, Illinois. He survives.

Other survivors include: her mother – Joy Maxine Aaron of Carterville; her children – Tracey (Tony) Mathis of Metropolis and James (Becky) Hood of Ely, Iowa; 4 grandchildren – Stephanie, Rebecca, Alex and Aaron; a great grandson – Onyx; a sister – Debra Aaron (Milt) Probert of Michigan; a brother – Steven Dale (Barb Woodrome) Aaron of Herrin; a daughter-in-law – Carrie Hood of Vienna; dear and special friends – Mike & Abby Summers along with their son Sam of New Burnside; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, James L. Aaron, and a son – Steven Hood.

Karen was a 1968 graduate of Marion High School. She had worked in the family business, Angler Lure. Additionally, Karen was a very successful convenience store manager. She had managed Huck's Convenience Stores and Casey's General Stores through the years. Karen was also an employee of the former Vienna IGA deli as well as having worked for the Vienna Nursery.

Karen was a faithful member of the Simpson Baptist Church. She was instrumental in the development and maintenance of the church website, involved in landscaping and creating and caring for the church prayer garden.

Karen was very talented in graphic design and website development. She enjoyed studying genealogy and ancestries. Karen developed a large network of friends through online video gaming. She particularly enjoyed playing "Fish World" and staying connected through Facebook.

A service honoring the life of Karen Scruggs was conducted Sunday afternoon, June 23, 2019, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor John Warren and Brother Philip Jones officiated. Recorded song selections shared during the funeral service included, "In The Garden," "One Day At A Time," and "Victory In Jesus."

Burial was in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery, next to her beloved son, Steven Hood. Following the committal service, which was conducted by Pastor John Warren, the family participated in a butterfly release, honoring Karen's life and love of butterflies.

Family and friends then gathered at the Vienna church of Christ fellowship building for a luncheon which was jointly hosted by the Vienna church of Christ and Simpson Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held from 12 Noon – 2 PM Sunday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. During the visitation, a memorial pictorial and video presentation which was created by Karen's granddaughter, Stephanie, was shared.

Honored to serve as pallbearers were: James Hood, Bob Futch, Steve Shoemaker, Terry Warren, Kevin Brennan, Mark Ross, Russ Hale, Travis Williams and Mike Summers.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5 Schiber Port, Suite C, Maryville, Illinois 62062 or to the Heather Harper Treat Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

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Luncheon

JUN **23**. 3:45 PM (CT)

Vienna church of Christ
560 Old Route 146 Loop
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



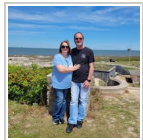
“ so many wonderful memories of my mom. Life here feels empty without her. She was remarkable! So full of life and love. If I could just see her smile and give her a hug it would make me so happy, and I'll cherish her memories until that day.

Tracey Mathis - May 23 at 08:59 AM



“ Karen J. Scruggs

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ I will miss so much about her.... from her lists to her laugh. I know she's in heaven with her baby boy and that gives me comfort. You will be missed dearly. 💜🦋



Carrie Vinson-Hood - June 23, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ Chris Montgomery White lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Scruggs



chris montgomery white - June 22, 2019 at 12:01 PM

CW

Karen and I have been friends over 6 years on face book , Her and I have also played together in Fish World and also Am in a group that played Fish World with her. Your wife & your mother as you know will always be with you , We all understand you want her with you now and wish she never have became sick. But ,Her love will always be with you and she will never be forgotten.

chris montgomery white - June 22, 2019 at 12:54 PM



Georgina Morgan

“ *I'm another of Karen's Fish World friends that never met her in person, but always felt as though she was a true friend. Her lovely personality shone through in every contact we ever had. I really liked Karen, and I'm so sorry that she has gone to Heaven far too soon. My heartfelt sympathy is with all her family and friends at this very sad time. Rest assured that Karen will be looking down on you all with all the love she ever gave you - and more, as she's now got her angel wings.*

Georgina Morgan - June 22, 2019 at 11:30 AM

BH

“ *I never met karen in person but that did not matter she was the type of lady that always made you feel like she was just next door when you talked to her on the phone she was such a kind person with a loving heart we both played the game fish world together and we were both in the same group she sure loved fish world ! you will be so missed my sweet friend by so many people God has gained another angel save a place for me there till we meet one day my thoughts and prayers go out to her entire family may God give you the strength and courage to get through the rough times ahead and may he give you comfort and peace <3 :(*



brenda hambright - June 21, 2019 at 11:04 AM

LH

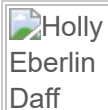
“ *I have many happy memories of time with Aunt Karen, especially when we lived in Millington. My heart is broken. My thoughts are with her family and friends.*

Laura Hartwell - June 21, 2019 at 01:49 AM



“ *We never had the privilege to meet in person but Karen was a wonderful friend & Blessing to know!! She will 4ever be remembered & missed!! We played Fish World together & are members of the same group! I will always cherish the fun times, the contests, & the face chats!! My heart is heavy with sadness & yet filled with joy that she is no longer suffering & is under her Saviors wings!! Heaven is brighter!! I will think of you often!! RIP my sweet friend until we meet in heaven face to face!! Love u! Prayers for y'all as u go through this time for peace & comfort only the Father can give!!*

Sheila Thompson - June 21, 2019 at 12:09 AM

Holly
Eberlin
Daff

“ *I did not know Karen Personally only through a group on Fish World. I knew her as a kind, loving and Beautiful person & our group considered her our Sister. My heart aches of her passing and she will forever be missed and never forgotten. my thoughts and Prayers go out to Karen's Family, Friends and all who knew and loved her. RIP Karen*

Holly Eberlin Daff - June 21, 2019 at 12:01 AM

IT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss..I never met Karen in person..We played Fish World together & I was a member of her group..Karen was a beautiful,,kind,,generous lady..My heart aches with her loss..Karen will be deeply missed by all her knew her,,her family & friends & by everyone who knew her on line..RIP Karen..Fly with the Angels..

Irene Mae Tanner - June 20, 2019 at 11:19 PM

MM

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers out to the family



Melanie Murrie - June 20, 2019 at 10:19 PM

TR

“ I will miss your hugs the most! Thank you for teaching me so much! I miss you 💔😭



Tracey - June 20, 2019 at 08:17 PM

PW

“ Pete and Cheryl Walker purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Karen J. Scruggs.



Pete and Cheryl Walker - June 20, 2019 at 01:06 PM



Theresa
McKenzie

“ I'm so Sorry for your loss.....Sending Prayers



Theresa McKenzie - June 20, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen J. Scruggs.



June 20, 2019 at 11:25 AM



KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Scruggs



Karen Brumley - June 20, 2019 at 10:34 AM



CG

“ Connie Gurley lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Scruggs



Connie Gurley - June 20, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Scruggs



Valerie Lynne - June 20, 2019 at 04:11 AM



“ Marsha Dodson lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Scruggs



Marsha Dodson - June 20, 2019 at 02:00 AM