



## Karen S. Clements

January 10, 2017

Karen S. Clements, 70, passed away on January 10, 2017, at home surrounded by her family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, William R. and Dorothy Smith, her brother Harvey S. Smith, and her former husband H. Stanley Clements. Left to cherish her memory are her brother, William R. Smith (Kathy); her daughters, Glenda Knight and Dawn Baronner (Terry); and, her grandsons, Nicholas DeVinney (Tiffany), Shane Baronner and Seth Baronner.

Karen was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1964. Karen earned several Associate's Degrees from Tidewater Community College (TCC) and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Virginia Wesleyan College.

Karen had a varied and interesting work career, including jobs as a Sailmaker Apprentice at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, convenience store manager, and caterer, but her true calling was working with students as an Academic Advisor at TCC, from which she retired after 27 years of dedicated service.

Helping others was Karen's passion which showed in all aspects of her life. She was devoted to her family and was especially connected to her grandchildren, living with them and helping to raise them. Karen was an

excellent cook, who greatly enjoyed cooking for friends and family. She was characterized by compassion for others, zeal for life and feistiness. She loved to travel and was blessed to take dream trips to Greece and India. Karen never stopped learning and her enthusiasm and laughter were contagious. In short, she was a joy to know and love.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 2 pm at Pinecrest Baptist Church, 209 Felton Road, Portsmouth, VA 23701 with the Reverend Tom Potter officiating. Fellowship in the church hall will immediately follow the service.

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pinecrest Baptist Church  
Felton and Mimosa Roads  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Karen was such a warm-hearted and caring person, always loving and giving, believer, optimistic, and steadfast in her ways. We love you Karen and will miss you terribly.

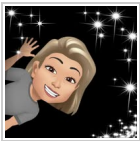
Karen Heilman - January 21, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karen S. Clements.



January 18, 2017 at 10:26 PM



“ I remember her helping me with scheduling courses at TCC in the 1990s then later knew her as mother to colleague/friend at NAVFAC, her daughter, Dawn, and grandmother to Dawn's son who played t-ball with my son. My deepest sympathy to Dawn and family for your loss and pray for His comfort during this difficult time.



Melinda Healy - January 18, 2017 at 09:13 AM

CC

“ Crystal Cox purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen S. Clements.



Crystal Cox - January 17, 2017 at 05:30 PM

KT

“ Kristy, Brenda, Lisa, Jerry, Tom... purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Karen S. Clements.



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**Kristy, Brenda, Lisa, Jerry, Tom...** - January 17, 2017 at 04:27 PM

TJ

“ Karen was a wonderful employee at TCC where she was dedicated to helping students navigate through the college experience, especially those attending for the first time. She had many friends who will miss her. She was particularly proud of her family and would quickly share why with those who knew her. We will miss her!  
Terry and Paula Jones

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**Terry Jones** - January 17, 2017 at 10:28 AM

CH

I was honored to have met Karen. She had a witty sense of humor. She loved her family and was dedicated to her grandchildren ! She will be missed .

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**Cathy Herman** - January 18, 2017 at 01:26 PM

MK

“ Karen was a wonderful lady who fiercely loved her family, whether hers by blood or circumstance. I feel blessed to have known her and to have been the recipient of her care and talent. Her memory will live on through the legacy she created with the love and strength in her family. She will be waiting to greet us all again one day in heaven.

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**Melanie Keirn** - January 14, 2017 at 04:33 PM

JS

“Karen had been my friend since we were young girls living in Newtown. We spent a lot of time together at the Wesley Community Center where we were in the same Girl Scout troop for many years. We shared lot of good times and some of our best times were spent camping at Camp Matoaka in Suffolk. Later, although we didn't have classes together at Woodrow Wilson High School, we graduated in the same class. After graduation, we lost contact until a couple years ago when she recognized my husband at the Cracker Barrel and gave him her phone number. Sadly by the time, we reconnected, we were both struggling with illness, were unable to spend as much time reminiscing as we would have liked. We did have a few lunch dates and even had a mini-reunion with a couple of our other old home friends. I will miss her but I know where she is and I know someday we'll be together again. Rest in Peace Dear Friend.- Julia Ricks Sugg

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**Julia Ricks Sugg** - January 14, 2017 at 10:38 AM