



## Karen Parks Dunn

October 16, 1939 - February 28, 2018

Karen Parks Dunn, 78, of Muskogee, Oklahoma went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. She was born on October 16, 1939 in Lutie, Oklahoma, and was the ninth child of James "Sonny" Parks and Effie (Williams) Parks. Karen graduated from Panola High School and obtained her Associates Degree from Eastern State College.

She married the love of her life, Samuel Oscar Dunn, on March 14, 1964 in Kerrville, Texas. They celebrated 35 years of marriage before his death in 1999, making many memories their family will cherish forever.

Karen was secretary at the Bacone College School of Nursing, legal secretary for Bill Settle, secretary at NSU and the secretary for Muskogee Public Schools Best Center until her retirement in 2014. She was an active member at Crescent Valley Baptist Church and was very involved with the "Young at Heart" Group. Karen enjoyed reading as one of her many hobbies. She also loved cooking, especially cooking meals for her family and baking bread for all her friends. She attended many craft shows, where she sold decorative glass blocks and many flavors of bread. Karen had a very caring heart and loved helping others in need. She will always be remembered as a loving mom, Meemaw, sister and friend to all.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 5 brothers; and 1 sister.

Karen is survived by her children, Sam and wife Carla, Michael, John and wife Ashley, Gene and wife Meridee, and Jerri and husband James; special son

from another mother, Marty McConnell; grandchildren, Tryon and wife Jackie, Taryn, Jennifer, Katherine, Gail and Michael; great-grandchildren, Gracie, Jase, Larissa and Landon; great-great-grandchild, Jaime; siblings, Bill Parks and wife Bonnie, and Molly Otterson; and a host of other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers Karen's family has requested memorials be made to the MCM Community Pantry, PO Box 1623, Muskogee, OK 74402

A family visitation will be 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M., Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

A celebration of Karen's life will be 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 5, 2018 at Crescent Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Chadd Pendergraft, Rev. Sam Dunn and Rev. Glen Rowan officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Rev. Steven Alexander officiating and Ronnie Holuby, Gary Dotson, Ed Fite, Russell Thouvenel, Terry Richie, and Tom Wade serving as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers will be Donnie McClure, Jim Harig, Bill Bailey and Marty McConnell.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family Visitation

MAR 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crescent Valley Baptist Church  
25641 S Crescent Valley Rd  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Parks Dunn*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Aunt Karen became a part of our family when I was 16, and she married Uncle Sam whom I adored. We were close enough in age to really enjoy our time together. She was so intelligent and had so many different interests that we never ran out of anything to talk about. Her humor was often reflected in her storytelling that kept us up late laughing until our sides hurt. Aunt Karen gave the best hugs. You always knew you were special and loved after one of her hugs. Children and "critters" always received a little extra. Her family always came first. She said sunflowers made her happy, and she quite often used them in her decorations. As I married and had my own family, I realized that that Aunt Karen was also something even more special. She was my prayer warrior. All I had to do was pick up the phone or drop a note in the mail. This was most recently true during the year and a half when Paul had cancer, and again when I felt so lost after his death last May. I have too many beautiful memories to be able to select just one. I loved her deeply and will miss those hugs. However, I see her now walking through a field of sunflowers beside my uncle with lots of "critters" around them as God says, " Well done, my good and faithful servant".*

**Irma Lewis** - March 06, 2018 at 11:56 PM



“ *I only knew Karen for a short time. Karen was such an awesome person!! She will be truly missed!!!*

**Claudette Bargas** - March 05, 2018 at 01:17 PM

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“ I worked with Karen for several years at Bill Settle's office. She always came to work with a can-do attitude and ready to tackle the day. You could always depend on her for whatever the day would bring and you could always depend on her to bring the best food to share! I know her family is going to miss her very much. Sending prayers and love for her family. Becky McGraw

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**Becky McGraw** - March 05, 2018 at 09:42 AM

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“ When I remember my dear friend and former neighbor I think of our shared morning tea times, snowmen, sunflowers, and angels. She was a special friend with whom I laughed and enjoyed many conversations. I will miss her but treasure our memories. She always said my husband Larry reminded her of her husband Sam and they would have been friends had they met. Heaven has a new angel. May you be comforted by the memories you share. Larry and Sharon Boling

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**sharon boling** - March 04, 2018 at 10:25 PM

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“ Midge lit a candle in memory of Karen Parks Dunn



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**Midge** - March 04, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *My husband Kendall told me many stories about his wonderful Aunt Karen. I always hoped to meet her in person. So now I look forward to walking down a path in Heaven with Karen and finding out which stories were true and which were an exaggeration from my husband who loves to tell a story "better than it really happened!"*



*Our hearts hurt for her family who will miss her terribly, and we will keep them in our prayers. As requested, Kendall and I have made a donation to the MCM Community Pantry and we will be thinking of you as you celebrate her life tomorrow and at the funeral on Monday. How we wish we could be there to celebrate with you!*

*Much love,  
Kendall and Debbie Parks*

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**Kendall Parks** - March 03, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ *Prayers.*



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**Dee Dunn** - March 02, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Parks Dunn.*



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March 02, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen Parks Dunn.*



March 02, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ *Steve Carr lit a candle in memory of Karen Parks Dunn*



**Steve Carr** - March 02, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *Margie purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Karen Parks Dunn.*



**Margie** - March 02, 2018 at 06:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Parks Dunn.*



March 01, 2018 at 04:24 PM