



Karen Hogaboom

August 12, 1948 - November 8, 2018

Karen Jeanette Hogaboom, age 70, of Hot Springs, left this world on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Born on August 12, 1948 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Karen was the youngest of three children and only daughter of Lindrel Sr. and Otma Bradley Hogaboom. She was raised and educated in Hot Springs, a 1966 graduate of Hot Springs High School and attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Karen worked as an ophthalmology assistant to Dr. Ronald Bracken for many years, and for more than twenty years served Hot Springs Radiology Services as the Radiologists Administrative Assistant. However, Karen may have best been known for her dedication and endless hours of service at her beloved church home, Central Baptist Church.

Karen was a lifelong member of Central Baptist Church, she faithfully attended every Sunday, but also served as a caretaker and custodian in a variety of ways. She took great care in providing music as the sound technician, coordinating and decorating for countless services, holiday celebrations, weddings, and funerals. She oversaw years of maintenance, repairs, events and fundraising efforts to a successful end.

Karen deeply loved her family, friends, the outdoors and sports. She had a lifelong positive impact on her family, she was not just an aunt, she was an influencer, molding and shaping each childhood with memories still treasured

today. Karen was more often seen riding her bicycle than driving her truck, she cared for the lawns at both her home and church, and not only was Karen a fiercely competitive softball player, she attended countless football, basketball, baseball and softball games supporting all the members of her family. Karen raised and loved her dogs as her children and regarded pets as family members.

Preceding her in death, her parents, Lindrel Sr. and Otma Hogaboom and her brother, Lindrel Hogaboom Jr. She is survived by her brother, Jan Hogaboom (Melanie), nephew Paul Hogaboom (Darla), nieces, Janette Bales, Joy West and Kristin Babb. Her grand nieces and nephews, Katie Merrill (Chris), Jack Hogaboom, Carter West, Brady and Brynna Bales, Karson Babb and great-grand nieces, Olivia and Evelyn Merrill, Bill and Patsy Hall and “all her favorite cousins”, her dear, long devoted friend, Diane Becker as well as her beloved dog, Cali.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 10:00 am at Central Baptist Church with Dr. David Mitchell and Brother Coy Sample officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers are members and staff of Central Baptist Church, and the doctors and staff of Hot Springs Radiology. In lieu of flowers, donations may made to Central Baptist Church or Garland County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Jan and family, I am so very sorry to hear of yet another sibling crossing over in such a short time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all. Barb Withrow Rogan class of '64. 🙏

Barb Rogan - November 17, 2018 at 09:26 AM

DP

“ Debbie Paulk lit a candle in memory of Karen Hogaboom



Debbie Paulk - November 15, 2018 at 03:05 PM

MB

“ Oh my--first Lindrell--and now Karen. What a loss. I am so completely sorry for you and your family, Jan. My memories of our playmate times together have never faded. Karen was my best friend in the neighborhood. We would be together just about every day when the weather was good and our Moms would let us roam around discovering new things and having new adventures together. Please know that the entire Hogaboom family is in my heart and prayers. Peace be unto you now and forever. Melinda Hickman Baran, Cary, North Carolina

Melinda Baran - November 15, 2018 at 10:32 AM

LH

“ I worked with Karen at HSRS for a short time. She was one of the kindest and most loving person I've ever met. A truly beautiful lady who touched the hearts of so many.

Linda Hale - November 14, 2018 at 04:57 PM

JE

“ Karen was a frequent visitor to St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center when I was medical staff coordinator. When picking up or delivering documents, we always stopped to visit. Karen was kind enough to shop for me whenever she had to drive to Little Rock. Karen always went beyond just a friendship. I lost touch with Karen when I moved from Hot Springs a few years ago. I often wondered how she was doing. See you again, Karen.

Jennifer Eubank - November 14, 2018 at 03:20 PM

FR

“ Karen was one of the kindest people I have ever known. I am so sorry for your loss Jan. I lost touch with Karen over the years when we moved to Fort Smith, but we both worked for Ophthalmologists years ago and she always had a smile on her face.



Frances E Robertson - November 14, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ Remember Karen working for the doctor and always had a smile. Always asking how their pets were. She was ahead of me at Hot Springs High School But that didn't stop her from saying high to a lower class man. You could see her mowing my neighbors yard What a beautiful yardit was. She always was using a push mower She will now be busy again mowing all the yards in Heaven that she didn't get to while here on earth.

Marilyn Feimster - November 14, 2018 at 07:26 AM

KC

“ Dear Jan and family,
The HSHS Class of 1966 sends their sincere sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. RIP Karen 😭



Kathy Childs - November 14, 2018 at 07:14 AM

KY

“ I worked with Karen for many years at Hot Springs Radiology. Karen was a Notary Public and had notarized many documents for my husband. My husband felt like he needed to repay her for her generosity so he brought her some flowers and candy. Karen was moved to tears said she had never received flowers. The years following she continued to remember a kind gesture someone gave back to her.

Kathy Yates - November 14, 2018 at 06:51 AM

JJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Karen's passing. I use to work for Dr. Thomas Wallace and at that time we were across the hall from Dr. Bracken in the Meyer Bldg. Karen was such a dear, dear friend and we have shared so many stories through the years. I lost touch with Karen when I moved to Fort Smith in 1987. My prayers go out to the family and friends during this difficult time.



Jeannie Story Johnston

Jeannie Story Johnston - November 13, 2018 at 03:39 PM

WH

“ Remember her from schools HSHS we had lunch alot very nice kine person so glad I could call her my friend. My prayers for her family at this time of loss RIL Karen

WANDA HARRIS - November 12, 2018 at 11:50 PM

DP

“ Debbie Pearce lit a candle in memory of Karen Hogaboom



Debbie Pearce - November 12, 2018 at 07:17 PM