



Karen Stewart Lemon

April 23, 1960 - August 2, 2016

Karen Stewart Lemon, 56, was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 while surrounded by her family. She was born April 23, 1960 to Everett and Mildred Stewart in Philadelphia, PA. She grew up in Virginia Beach, VA, and graduated from Princess Anne High School. She then received her bachelor's degree in Communications from Virginia Tech, where she met and married her beloved husband Archie W. Lemon, Jr.

Left to cherish her memory with her husband and her parents is her son, Jarrod Lemon and his wife Karey Lemon, her daughter Jenna Lemon Sorlagas and her husband Alex Sorlagas, her brothers Phil and Brian Stewart, her sister Linda Charles, her granddaughters Allie and Madison Lemon, and Sophia Sorlagas, as well as her extended family and many, many friends.

Karen lived a gracious and compassionate life, filled with joy and love. She had a passion for ministry, and lived a life of ministry to others. Throughout her life she lead Bible studies, Sunday school classes, children's ministries, and prayer teams. She was a Bible scholar, teacher, speaker, and continually a student, all while working full time. She had a heart for others and a spirit of generosity and love, and whether as a group or one on one, she was always sharing her love, and the love of Jesus with others. Just a few hours before she went to heaven she wrote a simple note, "Jesus loves you SO much!" that she gave to her brother. She shared her love with her students while she worked at Myrtle Beach Christian Academy, taught at Conway Christian

School, ministered to children in Haiti during a summer mission trip, worshiped with her church family, and with everyone who was fortunate enough to know her.

Karen battled breast cancer for 2 years, and she beat cancer every day. Never in her battle did she lose heart, faith, hope, or trust in God. With each setback, she wanted to hit it harder, and would continuously say, "I am healed by His stripes. Whether He chooses to heal me with medicine, or whether He chooses to heal me with a miracle, or whether He chooses to bring me home, I AM HEALED." She would often follow that up with, "God's got this!" And no matter how much pain she was in, she would greet doctors, nurses, friends, family, and anyone else who came across her path with a smile and say "I'm great, how are you?" with genuine, warm compassion. She was the very definition of strength and grace, and will continue to be the example we strive to emulate everyday.

She deeply loved her family and especially loved spoiling her granddaughters, and taught them that all it takes is love, popcorn, and a Disney movie at "Honey & Big's" to have a party. She taught us all so much and we will all strive to live up to her example and look forward to the day we join her and see her smile and her arms welcome us home. And as she said shortly before she left this world, on that day we will have a Party!

There will be a celebration of Karen's life on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Coastal Community Church, 2668 Hwy 378 Conway, SC, 29527. The family will receive visitors for one hour prior to the service. Funeral services will be provided by Goldfinch Funeral Home, www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up to accept donations at Conway Christian School, 1200 Medlen Parkway, Conway SC, 29526. (843-365-2005). Please mark donations for Karen Lemon Memorial Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Coastal Community Church

Tribute Wall

JP

“ I just found out that my Prayer Partner, Karen Lemon is in Heaven with Jesus 😞 I feel sorry that I have not seen here since 2009. I moved away from Myrtle Beach and I was out of contact. Karen and I prayed together at 5:30 AM at Carolina Forest Community Church for a couple of years. She always impressed me that she would drive all the way to CCFC from Conway to pray 🙏 I send my condolences to Archie and her children and grandchildren, who I know were so special to her. I pray Psalm 121 will bring you encouragement! We will see Karen again!! ❤️ 😇

joyce Partenheimer - August 21, 2016 at 02:33 PM

GF

“ Archie and Karen were in our Life Group for, I think, a couple of years. No one could pray like Karen. The words just flowed off of her lips. I loved to hear her pray. Praying for your family.

Ed and Gina Fugatt

Gina Fugatt - August 09, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Karen Stewart Lemon.



August 05, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Stewart Lemon.*



August 05, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Stewart Lemon.*



August 05, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *A beautiful and caring spirit. All we knew her, loved her ! She taught my granddaughter in sixth grade at Conway Christian. A blessing to her students and their families. She made learning fun and interesting. She was truly a prayer warrior.*

Pam Stallings - August 05, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ *Karen and I worked together many years ago at Hartstrings. She was a beautiful person with an enormous heart. I will never forget her prayers, her kindness, and her generosity! Praying for you all.*

Tonya Vogel - August 05, 2016 at 12:09 PM

AR

“ Aunt Goldia, Lora, and Aunt Reba purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Stewart Lemon.



Aunt Goldia, Lora, and Aunt Reba - August 05, 2016 at 09:48 AM

ME

“ So deeply sorry for your loss. We remember Karen as a lovely person with a warm and giving personality. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Donna and Mario Merolle

Merolle - August 05, 2016 at 07:25 AM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss.
Karl and Jenny Stallard

Karl Stallard - August 05, 2016 at 06:26 AM

EH

“ Eric, Ruth, Christopher & Kyle Hebden purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Karen Stewart Lemon.



Eric, Ruth, Christopher & Kyle Hebden - August 05, 2016 at 12:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Stewart Lemon.*



August 04, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Lemon was always so kind to me during my many visits to her home to see her daughter, Jenna. I'll never forget how "at home" she made me feel. Lemon family - I'm so sorry for the loss of this great lady.*

-Monica Hucks

Monica Hucks - August 04, 2016 at 09:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Lemon was such a blessing to my family when she taught our son at Conway Christian. She was always concerned about us when my husband was deployed to Iraq in 2007. My prayers to her family for peace and strength.*

Teresa Houston and Matt - August 04, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Stewart Lemon.*



August 04, 2016 at 08:15 PM

JL

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Karen was always gracious and always made me feel welcome. Although our times together were short and only once or twice a year I am blessed by having known her. When I think of her I will always remember her vivacious Smile. You stand with the Lord now and are blessed.

Julie Lemon - August 04, 2016 at 04:50 PM