



Karen Thomy Pressley

November 4, 1949 - July 20, 2023

Karen Thomy Pressley, 73, of Murrells Inlet, passed away on July 20th, 2023, after a brief illness.

Karen was born on November 4th, 1949, in Lake City, SC, to the late Abraham “Abe” Thomy and Ruth Binter Thomy.

Karen was a compassionate soul who dedicated her life to caring for others. She was a 1971 honor graduate of the Mercy School of Nursing in Charlotte, NC. She later completed her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner training at the University of Virginia, eventually becoming one of the first Pediatric Nurse Practitioners in South Carolina. Karen obtained her BSN in Nursing from the University of South Carolina in 1991. Throughout her career, Karen touched the lives of countless children in South Carolina through her work at the Horry County Health Department, Richland Memorial Hospital NICU, Health Care Partners of South Carolina, the Naval Hospital of Beaufort, and Coastal Pediatrics.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Julia of Myrtle Beach, her brother Richard Thomy (Brenda) of Ocean Isle, NC, her step-brother Timothy McDonald (Jennifer) of Columbia, her sister in law JoAnn Thomy of Jacksonville, Florida, and two nephews, Charles and Andrew Thomy. Karen is also survived by her mother, Ruth Binter Thomy, of Manning, and her stepmother, Marge Thomy of Sumter. She also leaves behind her beloved grand dog, Paddington.

During Karen's time at the Mercy School of Nursing, she forged a profound and enduring sisterhood with cherished friends who remained dear to her

heart for over 55 years. Among them are Mrs. Gwen Daniel, affectionately known as "Big Thomy," Mrs. Elizabeth Mauldin, fondly called "Bump," Mrs. Mary Riley, lovingly referred to as "Gocke," and Mrs. Betty Wilson, known as "Barnard." Karen "Little Thomy" held these connections close and treasured the adventures she shared with her beloved Mercy Nurseys.

She was preceded in death by her father, Abraham "Abe" Thomy, and her brother, David Andrew Thomy.

Services will be held by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, on Friday, July 28th, 2023, at 11 a.m. The Very Rev. Edward W. Fitzgerald will perform the memorial service.

The family will host a reception in honor of Karen's life immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karen's memory to All4Paws Animal Rescue in Pawleys Island, SC, and to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to The Palmettos of Garden City and to Caris Hospice for their excellent care and love of Karen.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUL **28**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Karen Thomy Pressley*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - July 27, 2023 at 02:21 PM

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Karen was such a gifted nurse. I worked with her at the Health Department and kept up with her for several years afterward. She had an amazing bedside manner, especially with children. Her sense of humor, bright mind and sense of loyalty were just part of what made her special. A beautiful person inside and out. A wonderful friend! Thanks Julie for your love shown to her.
Fran Long

Fran Long - July 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM

PJ

“ *Im so sorry*



Piper Joyce - July 27, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Thomy Pressley.*



July 26, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Thomy Pressley.*



July 25, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Thomy Pressley.*

July 25, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *Julia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Karen Thomy Pressley*



Julia Taylor - July 23, 2023 at 09:29 AM

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“ Cynthia H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Thomy Pressley.

Cynthia H. - July 22, 2023 at 06:24 PM

PD

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy.
The Nurses Honor Guard of South Carolina

PAMELA DERUVO - July 22, 2023 at 04:36 PM

JG

“ Julia, I went to Mercy with your Mom. I had no idea she live so close to us now. I have very fond Memories of her sweet gentle spirit. I'm sure she will be missed. Jackie L. Greene.

Jackie Greene - July 22, 2023 at 02:39 PM