



Vena Karel Klingensmith

July 21, 1939 - October 24, 2016

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Pawleys Island

Vena Karel Klingensmith, age 77, went to be with the Lord on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Born in Alice, TX, Vena was a daughter of the late Rosalind and Grafton Baker. She was a proud supporter of the military and a member of the Air Force Officers Wives Club for 30 years. Her passions were the friendships she made though out her life, including those she made in the last 17 years while living in Pawleys Island. Vena loved college football, especially Penn State, reading, playing golf, Mah Jong and bridge. In addition to her parents, Vena was preceded in death by a brother Royce Baker and a sister-in-law Linda Loken.

Survivors include her husband Jed Klingensmith of Pawleys Island; sons Trent Klingensmith and his wife Leah of Franklin, TN, Trace Klingensmith and his wife Cheryl of St. Louis, MO; four grandchildren Robin, Kelsy, Brett, Kody; a sister Virginia Starr: a sister- in- law Jo Faith Baker and numerous other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 4:00-6:00 PM Friday, October 28, 2016 at The Heritage Marina.

The family requests that memorial donation be made to Tidelands Community Hospice House, 2591 North Fraser Street, Georgetown, SC 29440.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

NS

“ I once read that you should always surround yourself with friends who make you a better person. Vena did that for me as a wonderful model of how to conduct your life both in good times and not so good times. Her determination and loyalty are what kept her alive beyond what her doctors expected and the rest of us could have endured. There were three reasons for that...Jed, Trent and his family, and Trace and his family.

Trace and Trent, Your families are fabulous and I see your mother in you, your children and the choices you made in life partners. She loved you all so much and talked about you ALL the time!

I will miss her terribly. The days ahead will be hard. I will miss our movies together, our breakfasts (We always ordered the same meal, scrambled eggs, bacon, and a side order of pancakes.). And I will miss daily visits. I was so lucky that she was my friend. Nancy Sander

Nancy Sander - October 29, 2016 at 06:36 PM

SS

“ I just found out about Mrs. Klingensmith's death. I want to send my deepest sympathy to all of her family. She was a very sweet lady. I was their mail carrier for over 10 years and felt as though they were like family. I feel so blessed to have got to say hello to her a few weeks ago at Applewood Pancake House. I had not seen her for some time before that. Please let Mr. Klingensmith know that my thoughts are with him. Sincerely, Susie Swift

Susie Swift - October 28, 2016 at 03:26 PM

SS

“ Mrs. Vena was an extraordinary lady with an amazing will. I had the pleasure of getting to know this young lady the past few years. She gave me the opportunity to do her manicures and pedicures and through her ups and downs I learned a tremendous life lesson from her. She will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Shannon Miles (Classic Image Salon) - October 28, 2016 at 11:02 AM

NR

“ What a wonderful lady and such a beautiful person to have in our lives. We spent many great Easter dinners with Vena & Jed and she would not let any of us (several neighbors) bring anything to share. We all had to fight her to allow us to clean up the dishes and kitchen. She was also a masterful Heritage Ladies Golf Club President for many years and a delight to play golf with. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her family and Jed. Our Blessings to all~~ Neil & Sue Reddy

Neil & Sue Reddy - October 27, 2016 at 07:15 PM

NH

“ Frank and I visited Jed today to express our sympathy to him and his two sons who were there with him from out of state. We have visited them many times over the past few years to bring them thoughts and prayers from St. Paul's Methodist Church where they had been members for many years. They were a delight to spend time with and we always enjoyed seeing them. Vena was a real fighter and never complained about her illness or the fact that she was mostly housebound. She will be missed by all of her many friends. Frank and Nancy Hawkins

Nancy Hawkins - October 27, 2016 at 01:59 PM

LC

“ Lucy Carter purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vena Karel Klingensmith.



Lucy Carter - October 27, 2016 at 01:38 PM

AL

“ Vena was a sweet lady. Despite her medical struggles, she always focused on the other person and asked how they were was doing. The world needs more people like that!

Anne Lawrence - October 27, 2016 at 01:28 PM

LC

“ Trent and family:

I am sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. You are in my prayers for comfort and peace.

Lucy Carter

Lucy Carter - October 27, 2016 at 12:34 PM

BC

“ Trent and Family:

My deepest condolences on the passing of your Mom. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Find joy in all the good times and memories that you shared.

Warmest regards,

Bill Coderre

Bill Coderre - October 27, 2016 at 09:36 AM

JJ

“ God Bless...wonderful lady! Joyce & Jim Jerow

Joyce & Jim Jerow - October 26, 2016 at 02:37 PM

VB

“ Ms Vena was a dear friend and a very courageous lady. She fought the fight for over ten years and was a trooper through it all. We always discussed the books we read and had our likes and dislikes with the show *Amazing Race*. Every Friday evening we would talk while the show was on and say who we thought would be the winner.

Our sincerest sympathy to to Jed her sons and grandchildren. She will indeed be missed. 💕

virginia bentley - October 26, 2016 at 01:29 PM

AM

Precious lady & friend. She always had a beautiful smile & loved her laugh!! My heart aches for Jed he is in our prayers as well as the whole family. I'll never forget her waving to us on the course as we would pass her home!! Blessings, Jim & Annie McAbee

annie mcabee - October 26, 2016 at 03:04 PM

RF

Vena was a lady of tremendous grace and courage in the face of many challenges. She took on life's adversities and fought valiantly against each one. She will always be remembered for her capacity to rise above all her trials. I am honored to have been her friend. God bless you Vena you will not be forgotten. Rosemary and Kevin Farrell

Rosemary Farrell - October 26, 2016 at 03:43 PM

JF

*To My Friend Vena
You were a special lady who, for more than ten years battled cancer and many other issues. You did this with grace and courage and most times a smile. I will miss our almost daily conversations and my standing order at Dunkin Donuts for iced decaf and an old fashioned donut. You have earned your place in heaven. Rest in Peace.
Judy*

Judy Falloon - October 26, 2016 at 04:14 PM

SJ

Vena was such an inspiration with her courage and sense of humor. She sent the best birthday cards which we will really miss along with my Mah Jong mentor. She can now rest in peace but will always be remembered with great fondness. Susie and Joe

Susie Jones - October 26, 2016 at 05:20 PM

FR

I knew her from Brussels,BE. A wonderful person. Fred St.Pierre

Fred - February 13, 2017 at 10:27 AM