



Mrs. Karen Ann Sellers Briscoe

April 10, 1946 - September 6, 2025

Karen Ann Briscoe, age 79 of Henderson, Texas, passed away from this world to everlasting life with her Lord and Savior Saturday, September 6, 2025, at her home in Henderson, Texas with her true love of 9 years, Larry Kelso, holding her in his arms.

A celebration of life for Mrs. Briscoe will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at First Methodist Church with Rev. Mike Mayhugh officiating. The family will receive friends before the service from 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM in the Great Hall at the church.

Karen was born on April 10, 1946, in Laneville, TX. to loving parents T.W. and Sue Sellers. She grew up in Laneville and upon graduation she attended Stephen F Austin University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and became a teacher. In the summer during her off period from teaching she travelled to Las Vegas to visit her younger sister Sherry. While there she met, Jim Briscoe, they fell in love and were married soon after in Monterrey Mexico. They resided in Alvin, Texas where Jim was born and raised. After Jim's untimely passing she continued to live in Alvin and raise their two children Meredith and Nathan. While in Alvin she was a member of Alvin Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. After her children were grown, she moved to Houston TX. While in Houston she worked for Neiman Marcus in the Designer Jewelry Department.

Karen was a lifetime member of {AAUW} American Association of University Women, she was also on the Texas Arts Council. She opened her home for fundraising parties with artists donating their art for the auctions. She was a member and volunteer of the Houston Museum Of Fine Arts for over 40 years, she was also a member and volunteer for the Houston Symphony for over 40 years. Karen loved Art, music and Paris. She was a great artist, her paintings were viewed and sold at her studios in Houston and Galveston as well as other venues. She shared a love of art with a special group of her friends for the last 45 years with Kate Frost Neal as the mentor. Karen was also a member of the {ASID}, American Society of Interior Designers. She designed and decorated many homes and offices in Alvin, Houston, San Antonio, and Austin.

Karen was an excellent cook and loved to entertain. She took cooking classes at the {CIA} Culinary Institute of America, as well as cooking classes in Paris, France as part of their study abroad program. Her parties were the social event of the season. Creativity came easy to Karen, her homes and art displayed her love for color and design. At the age of 25 she designed and built the home where she raised her family. Her chefs kitchen was featured on the cover of numerous magazines.

Karen was the epitome of style, grace, elegance, and kindness. She simply loved life and was an enthusiast of nature, art, music, family, and traveling. She actively cultivated and maintained life-long friendships.

Karen met Larry Kelso at a gathering of family and friends. They fell in love and have been happy together for 9 years. They enjoyed every minute together, traveling, visiting friends and family, their dates to the Symphony or a trip to a Museum or a festival. They were always making great memories. It is obvious how much they loved and enjoyed each other.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents T.W “Bill” Sellers and Sue Rawlinson Sellers, the father of her children James P. Briscoe, her former husband, Thomas Bowman, with whom she remained friends with throughout her life, and sisters Sandra Sellers Watts, Sherry Sellers Brady, and great nephew Case Watts.

Survivors include Larry Kelso her husband of 9 years; Children Meredith Briscoe Driver and husband George Driver of Henderson, Nathan Briscoe and fiancé Jennifer Truss of San Antonio, Alicia Emr and her husband Tim of Austin, Matt Kelso and wife Sara, Marissa Kelso, Rhiannon Kelso and husband Chris and Powell Kelso; grandchildren include Avery Briscoe, Luke Briscoe, Allie Briscoe, Kate Briscoe, Olivia and Lucy Emr, Brandt Kelso, Halle Kelso, Kenzie and Ace Gravlee, Kelso Aiken and Ivory Aiken; niece Stephanie Houston and daughter Suzanna Houston, nephew Joey Watts and wife Carrie Watts, great- great - nephew Brady Watts; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Honorary Pallbearers are Tommy Strong, Johnny Foster, Cammie Thrasher, Marilyn Padgett, Ann Jenkins, Luke Briscoe, Marie Treadwell, Houston Hall, Kaden Truss, Kerry Ercums, Mason Wineinger, Nathan Cundiff, Jason Scott and Scott McCreaken.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SPCA and Art Museum in Houston.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church
204 N. Marshall St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Ann Sellers Briscoe.



September 30, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ Karen never met a stranger.... always a big smile on her face.... I met her many years ago in Alvin. She had given birth to Nathan, and my sister-in-law was a good friend, but was ill, and she had me deliver the baby gift... Karen was waiting outside and said, "Please come in and see my beautiful baby boy." She was glowing, and looked like a movie star. It was so long ago. I think I was intimidated and did not go in. I felt like I was at the plantation "Tara" and a young Hollywood actress (Angelica Huston) was inviting me into her mansion. She was a delight at Neiman Marcus, as she worked beside her best friend Marilyn. I could hear Karen's laughter, and I worked 2 isles over in cosmetics.

The last time I saw Karen, was at my Mother's funeral in Henderson.

Karen loved her daughter and son. That's what I remember most. There will only be one Karen B., as she was unique in every way. Just knowing she's gone, is such sadness. She will be missed.

Jill

Jill Crook - September 25, 2025 at 10:41 AM

MW

“ Karen was my Bellaire neighbor for 7 years. She was always so kind, so thoughtful, and a true pleasure to know. When she and Larry moved a year ago, it just wasn't the same in the hood. Karen was a special person. She will be missed...



Michelle Walker - September 25, 2025 at 01:04 AM

PD

“ I am so glad we met many years ago. You had the best hair, the best voice, the best smile and the best heart. I always looked forward to that card in the mail with the most unique handwriting . It always put a smile on my face. I am so glad our paths crossed in this lifetime.

Patty Davis - September 24, 2025 at 07:58 PM

JN

“ Larry & Family - Karen was such a special lady who lived her life with such panache. How she loved her family, her friends, her cats, her garden, painting, puzzles, shopping.....we shared so many fun times!
May her memory always be a Blessing.
Jayne Nathan


Jane Nathan - September 17, 2025 at 11:52 PM

MT

“ Such a sweet, thoughtful, classy lady. You are missed. I am praying for Larry and the entire family.



Mary Tyra - September 15, 2025 at 02:36 PM

 Dee
Carolina

“ *Dee Carolina lit a candle in memory of Karen
Briscoe*



Dee Carolina - September 12, 2025 at 02:33 PM

 Dee
Carolina

“ *My name is Dee Carolina. My husband and I, Sammy Carolina met
Karen in Houston Texas in 1989 at a Jim Maddox campaign for
governor of Texas rally. We became best friends along with her
husband, Tom Bowman, her children, Meredith, and Nathan and all
the grandchildren. We adored Karen, she was a kind, generous,
and loving friend and she will always have a special place in our
hearts.*

*Dyveonne (Dee) Sammy
Carolina
Houston, Texas*



Dee Carolina - September 12, 2025 at 01:27 PM

DC

“ *Prayers of comfort for the family at this time.
David & Kathy Chapman*



David & Kathy Chapman - September 11, 2025 at 04:45 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Hampton lit a candle in memory of Karen Briscoe*



Cindy Hampton - September 11, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SH

“ *Sally Helpinstill lit a candle in memory of Karen Briscoe*



Sally Helpinstill - September 10, 2025 at 08:27 PM

JT

“ *Jill Turner lit a candle in memory of Karen Briscoe*



Jill Turner - September 10, 2025 at 07:46 AM

 Cathy Hooper

“ *Cathy Hooper lit a candle in memory of Karen Briscoe*



Cathy Hooper - September 09, 2025 at 10:05 PM

MM

“ Milton and Sharla McGee light a candle for Mrs. Griemer.

Milton McGee and Sharla McGee - September 09, 2025 at 08:57 PM

MM

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in memory of Karen Briscoe



Milton McGee and Sharla McGee - September 09, 2025 at 08:54 PM

JW

“ Joey Watts lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Karen Ann Sellers Briscoe



Joey Watts - September 09, 2025 at 11:46 AM

CW

“ I didn't get to know Karen long - but long
enough to know she was a sweetheart. We
will miss her at First Methodist. Prayers to all
the family.



Cyndi Walker - September 09, 2025 at 08:55 AM

JR

“ Karen always entered our Sunday School room with the biggest
smile and bubbly personality. So sorry for your loss.

Janis Rutherford - September 08, 2025 at 03:06 PM

JR

“ *Janis Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Ann Sellers Briscoe*



Janis Rutherford - September 08, 2025 at 03:06 PM

SM

Karen was special. She always knew how to light up a room. She was a terrific artist and very fun to be around. She will be missed. Best to her family.

Sharon Messimer - September 09, 2025 at 08:45 PM