



Mrs. Karen Dean

August 11, 1940 - July 31, 2018

Karen Duran Dean, 77, of Bullard, TX, passed away on July 31, 2018, to join her parents and other ancestors.

The graveside funeral service will be held Friday, August 3, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Buckner Cemetery, Pinehill, TX. Rev. David Luckert of the First United Methodist Church, Henderson, TX, will be officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, TX.

Karen was born in Henderson, TX, on August 11, 1940, to the late John and Bertie Mae Nelson Duran. Karen initially lived in Sabine and Leverett's Chapel where John Duran taught. When she was 10 years old, John Duran was promoted from high school principal to superintendent at Gaston ISD. She graduated as valedictorian from Gaston High School in 1958, earned a B.A. in music from North Texas State University in Denton, TX, in 1962, and a M.A. in education from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX, in 1964.

Karen married Michael Ray Dean on January 30, 1965; they were married for 53 years.

Karen taught music in Longview public schools for 3 years and in Houston ISD. Then she taught private piano lessons at her home in the Houston area

for over 13 years. After she and Ray moved to Garland, she began a career as a real estate agent. She sold homes in the Dallas area, mainly east suburbs, for at least 7 years, and then continued as a real estate agent in Buffalo, NY, area where they moved in 1987. In 1994, they returned to East Texas and settled in Emerald Bay, where Karen enjoyed playing golf, bridge, and mah jong with new friends. In the Tyler area, Karen continued as a real estate agent, but also taught many real estate classes. Karen judged piano students for National Guild of Piano Teachers in various states, such as Texas, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Karen was very good at keeping in touch with friends, family, past real estate clients, and past music students, even before email. Karen spent many hours working on her ancestry. On her piano judging trips, she would go to courthouses to copy birth records, marriage licenses, property inventories from estate filings, death certificates, property maps, etc. She loved finding and contacting relatives, and sharing the knowledge she had documented about various branches of her family tree. Since Karen loved to travel, she and Ray made many trips, including back to Buffalo in the summers. The last foreign countries visited included Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary. It was interesting for her to compare to the time in the 60's when she visited the closed and guarded borders of the last 3 countries which were communist in the 60's.

Survivors include her husband Ray Dean, brother Dr. John L. Duran and wife Kay Nan, of Henderson, TX, sister Ruth Rusk and husband David of The Woodlands, TX, nephew Dr. Adam Duran and wife Mandy, and their sons, Karen's great-nephews, Carter Duran and Peyton Duran of Carthage, TX.

If desired, in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Buckner Cemetery, c/o Mrs. Gena Gardiner, 1203 Westwood, Henderson, TX 75654.

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

Cemetery Details

Buckner Cemetery

FM 1798 at FM 348
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Graveside

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Buckner Cemetery
FM 1798 at FM 348
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

 Dianna
Kelley

“ *Dianna Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Dianna Kelley - September 12, 2018 at 01:35 AM

JH

“ *I'm very sad to hear of her passing. My deepest condolences to her family. While I never had the pleasure of meeting her, we were distant cousins, and exchanged many emails over the last several years relating to our genealogy research. She will be missed.*

John Hester - August 29, 2018 at 12:19 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn And Bill Boren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Carolyn and Bill Boren - August 25, 2018 at 01:50 PM

SM

“ *Sofia Mado lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Sofia Mado - August 08, 2018 at 11:36 PM

EH

“ *My deepest sympathy. Karen was the first cousin I found when I began my genealogy work. She was kind and gracious from the start. What a special lady. She will be greatly missed.*

Elizabeth Hancock - August 02, 2018 at 03:28 PM

RH

“ *Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Ray Hunt - August 02, 2018 at 01:12 PM

LH

“ *L D And Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



L D and Jenny Hardy - August 02, 2018 at 11:16 AM

ES

“ *Elwanda Hunt Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Elwanda Hunt Sheridan - August 02, 2018 at 09:37 AM

KH

“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Kurt Hunt - August 02, 2018 at 08:54 AM

AR

“ *Alfred And Tami Ritter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Alfred and Tami Ritter - August 02, 2018 at 07:53 AM

EH

“ *My deepest sympathy. Karen was a sweet and gracious lady who made me feel welcome and a part of a kind family. Her legacy of work in genealogy will live on for generations to come.*

Elizabeth Hancock - August 01, 2018 at 11:20 PM

LH

“ *L.D. And Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



L.D. and Jenny Hardy - August 01, 2018 at 10:16 PM

LH

“ *L. D . &. Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



L. D . &. Jenny Hardy - August 01, 2018 at 08:50 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb And Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



Clay Newcomb and Frances Newcomb - August 01, 2018 at 02:40 PM

KB

“ *To the family & Dr. John Duran:
We are very sorry to hear about your sisters passing. Please know each of you are in our prayers. Keep Jesus No.1 in your lives because in the end, He's ALL we have! To God be the Glory thru Jesus Christ.
With sincere, deepest sympathy,
Keith & Donna Blanton
White Oak, TX*



Keith & Donna Blanton - August 01, 2018 at 02:16 PM

JW

“ *Janet Seelbach Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Dean*



janet Seelbach Williams - August 01, 2018 at 09:17 AM

JW

Karen was our classmate at Gaston. Have memories of playing together as children. Prayers for the family.

janet Seelbach Williams - August 01, 2018 at 09:19 AM

KT

Karen was a friend at Gaston High School. She was one year behind me. However, we shared many wonderful memories. Especially, the days of being in the Gaston High School band together.

Karen was a talented musician and one of the majorettes of the band. I remember marching in the King Cotton parade in Memphis, Tennessee together.

John, I am very sorry about the passing of your sister. May you continue to have wonderful memories of her and her many achievements.

*Sincerely,
Kenneth D. "Twister" Thomas, Ed.D.*

Kenneth D. Thomas - August 01, 2018 at 05:47 PM