



## Karen Rowell

October 13, 1961 - June 16, 2023

Karen Louise Rowell, 61, of Milledgeville, Georgia, passed away peacefully on June 16th, 2023 surrounded by loved ones.

Karen was born on October 13, 1961 to William and Joyce Rowell in Waynesboro, Georgia. She considered Milledgeville her home. She attended Edmund Burke Academy in Waynesboro and Georgia College in Milledgeville. She started working in banking but transitioned to insurance. She found her passion and excelled as an insurance agent with State Farm. Not only was she an accomplished businesswoman, she was also dedicated to improving her community. Finally, Karen had an impeccable eye for interior design and loved to design and decorate for her home and others.

Karen gave birth to her daughter Julia in December of 1995. This allowed Karen to accomplish what she wanted in life - to love, be loved, and to have a family of her own. Family was very important to her. Karen lit up any room she entered. She loved her family and friends, and she was always happiest when helping those around her. She never met a stranger. Karen excelled at propping up her family and friends and somehow finding perfect gifts for every occasion. Regardless if it was a professional relationship, or a new or lifelong friend, she made it her mission to enrich and improve the lives of others. She filled our hearts and minds with a lifetime of memories. We will miss her greatly.

Karen was preceded in death by her mother Joyce Reeves Rowell and father William Daniel Rowell. She is survived by her husband David Smith of

Milledgeville, her daughter Julia Hinson of Southern Pines, NC, her sister Kim McCurry of Ball Ground, brothers Rusty Rowell of Waynesboro and Ronny Rowell of Ellijay, and son Brad Smith and grandsons Matthew and Mark Smith of Kathleen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Habitat for Humanity, or any other organization that benefits the community of Milledgeville, Georgia.

There will be a visitation at 5PM on Monday, June 19th, 2023. There will be a small, private service with a joyful Celebration of Life at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville

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# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Rowell



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - June 18, 2023 at 12:23 PM

JW

*This was a great lady my friend gone but never forgotten RIP*

Johnny Williams - June 19, 2023 at 02:52 PM

SJ

*Prayers for her family. Karen has always been such a sweet and happy lady! Heaven has another beautiful Angel 🙏*

Sandra Jarrett - June 19, 2023 at 06:34 PM

JY

*So sorry too hear this. She was a great friend and a beautiful lady! Prayers for her husband and daughter and all of her other family.*

Judy Yielding - June 20, 2023 at 09:52 AM

AL

*My thoughts and prayers are with the State Farm family! Sweet lady, may she rest in peace!*

ALISHA GILES LAWSON - June 21, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DG

“ *An energy and a light such as Karen never dims. I feel so blessed she shared some of it with me...Namaste*

Deborah A Garrison - June 21, 2023 at 06:43 PM

KP

“ *So sorry to hear about Karen, praying for comfort for David and family .*



Kimberly Kennedy Provis - June 19, 2023 at 01:36 PM

BM

“ *We were so sad to hear of Karen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this very difficult time. May God give you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Karen was very loved and well respected and will be missed by so many. The Staff of Murphey Insurance Agency, Inc.*

Bobby Murphey, Jr and Cindy Murphey - June 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

CR

“ *Cindy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Karen Rowell*



Cindy Murphey Robinson - June 19, 2023 at 11:25 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



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**Luther Minor** - June 19, 2023 at 11:09 AM

AB

“ I am so very sad to hear about Karen's passing. She was such a sweet person and so easy to talk to. She will be missed so much by so many people. She touched the lives of many. Prayers for her family for comfort and understanding.



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**Annette Brookins** - June 19, 2023 at 09:56 AM

DH

“ The Holland Family is deeply saddened by this recent and sudden news of the passing of our dear cousin Karen Rowell. We are so proud of her as a successful business woman. We know that she was caring and kind. We celebrated with her in her passion for the UGA Bulldogs football team. We know that she was a very devoted person to that as well as family and her love of pets and their owners. It is our prayer that God will comfort The Rowell family at this time of sorrow.....Sincerely Derrell and Esther Holland.

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**Derrell and Esther Holland** - June 19, 2023 at 09:33 AM

GS

“ Condolences to Julia, David, and family.

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**Gray Smith** - June 19, 2023 at 08:42 AM

CB

“ It is so sad to hear of Karen’s passing. I went to school with her at EBA and she was always such a sweet, kind and beautiful person. I pray that the Lord will comfort her family and friends



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**Crystal Bales** - June 18, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ Heartbroken for Karen’s entire family. My love and prayers to each of you.

*Darlene Morris Rabitsch*

*Waynesboro, GA*

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**Darlene Rabitsch** - June 18, 2023 at 04:59 PM

LF

“ Lamar and Floyetta Franks lit a candle in memory of Karen Rowell

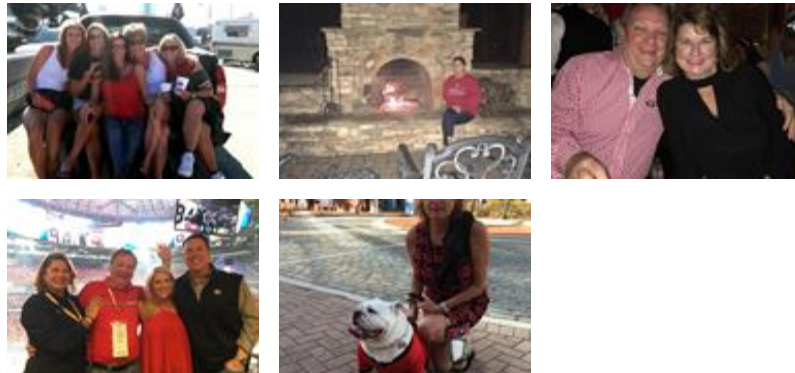


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**Lamar and Floyetta Franks** - June 18, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ 212 files added to the album LifeTributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - June 18, 2023 at 12:20 PM

CH

“ Cecil M. & Rebecca C. Hickman

Cecil M. & Rebecca C Hickman - June 18, 2023 at 11:14 AM

EF

“ Prayers for your family. Karen was a sweet loving person and will be truly missed by so many.

Elaine Fortson - June 18, 2023 at 09:50 AM

KN

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Karen 's passing. She was a great friend at State Farm . Your family will be in our prayers.

Carolyn, Kathy, Karen Nolan

Kathy Nolan - June 18, 2023 at 05:01 AM



GH

“ I was so heartbroken to hear of Karen’s passing. I am still in denial and can’t believe it’s really true. We shared births of children and grandchildren, marriages, friends and our thoughts for the 22 years we worked together. She called us her “Peeps” in the office and we all loved her! She had such a talent for interior decorating and I can still see touches of her handy work throughout my house. She was always willing to help me when I asked for her advice whether it be personal or business. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She will surely be missed by so many!! I love you Karen!

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**Glenda Haggard** - June 17, 2023 at 11:23 PM

PB

“ Karen’s charisma made everyone smile! She was a blessing to all who knew her. Godspeed Karen. May the Lord give family and friends peace during this time of grief.

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**Paige Barlow** - June 17, 2023 at 10:06 PM

AR

“ I am so sad to hear of Karen’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during the difficult days ahead. Karen was loved by so many people and will be missed by all.

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**Anna Register** - June 17, 2023 at 10:06 PM

JL

“ JoAnn Lavender lit a candle in memory of Karen Rowell



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**JoAnn Lavender** - June 17, 2023 at 08:26 PM

DW

“ David, Julia and family,  
Karen was a very kind and vivacious person. I had the pleasure of cleaning for her several years ago...right when Julia was going off to College she was so proud. She was a very vibrant leader within the community. She will be missed and may God comfort you all during this time of loss. Darrel and Wanda Whitworth

Darrel Whitworth - June 17, 2023 at 08:23 PM

FC

I am so shocked to hear about Karen. She was my insurance agent and a very good friend.

Faye Coleman - June 18, 2023 at 05:17 PM

RM

“ I'm so so sad to hear of this news been with her insurance for 30 years. I'm heartbreaking prayers to her family.. 💔



Robert & Darlene Miller - June 17, 2023 at 06:54 PM

GH

“ David and the Rowell/Smith Family,

So very sorry to hear of Karen's passing. We've be gone from Milledgeville for quite a few years but had the pleasure of knowing Karen and David both. She was the best insurance agent I'd ever had and a genuinely great person all the way around. We know you all will miss her. Our thoughts, hearts and prayers go out to you all and pray for peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.  
Greg and Lainya Hutchins  
Bowdon, Ga.

Greg Hutchins - June 17, 2023 at 05:41 PM

EL

“ So very sorry for your loss, Julia. I remember when your mom was pregnant with you. We met while I was employed by Exchange Bank. I just recently saw her while I was in Milledgeville. I am in total shock. Prayers for you and your family.

Emily Landry - June 17, 2023 at 05:17 PM

LB

“ I send my love to all of Karen's folks. I will be praying for you all. My heart is broken for us all.

Lisa Collier Brantley - June 17, 2023 at 05:16 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. She was a great insurance agent and such a sweet person. She will be missed. Prayers to the family



Shirley Hatfield - June 17, 2023 at 04:37 PM

WS

“ So sad to hear of her passing, she was such a sweet person and I always enjoyed my visits with her at State Farm. She will be missed!



William W Hatcher Sr - June 17, 2023 at 03:35 PM

BM

“ No words can truly describe Karen she was one of a kind. She will be missed. Beth Massey

Beth Massey - June 17, 2023 at 03:13 PM

BG

“ *Billy Griner lit a candle in memory of Karen Rowell*



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**Billy Griner** - June 17, 2023 at 02:33 PM

BG

“ *Billy and Linda Griner are saddened that Karen has passed. We knew her as a person that loved life and loved socializing with friends. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to the family.*

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**Billy Griner** - June 17, 2023 at 02:32 PM