



## Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner

September 7, 1960 - June 29, 2025

Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner, 64, wife of the late Gregory Bryan Baumgarner, of Walhalla, passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

A native of Oconee County, Mrs. Baumgarner was the daughter of Sue Quarles Kirby and the late Marion Kirby. She retired from Walhalla Elementary School where she dedicated her life to helping teach with love and commitment. Outside the classroom, Mrs. Baumgarner will be remembered for her gentle kindness and light she brought to those around her.

In addition to her mother, Mrs. Baumgarner is survived by her son: Ethan Baumgarner (Abby Lancaster) and sister: Kathy Carroll (Todd).

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM, on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted, or memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, [https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc\\_i cid=header-btn-donate-now](https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_i cid=header-btn-donate-now).

The family is at the home.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner*



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**Davenport Funeral Home** - July 09, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ *I met Karen through the Robinson family and while working at Walhalla Elementary. She was one of the people who made that school so great. One day we were talking about food, no surprise there!, and she shared her recipe for Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies, no bake. Those cookies are SO good. I am a Guardian ad Litem nowadays, and like to share these cookies on my visits with the children, in honor of Karen. I think that she would have liked that!*

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**Francoise Fussell** - July 24, 2025 at 09:27 AM

CS

“ *Carol Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner*



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**Carol Shealy** - July 18, 2025 at 02:33 PM

Teach your children to pray so if their little hearts feel heavy they can go to God and not the world.

“ Karen was our oldest cousin out of 9 girls! No boys! Growing up, I always thought of her as a quiet & sweet cousin. I looked forward to the many holidays spent at the home she grew up in. We have wonderful memories of great family gatherings & good fun. I remember her Camaro, her pretty dark hair & beautiful smile. I miss our Kirby get togethers. I look forward to the next big family reunion in Heaven when we will all be together again. We will miss you my sweet cousin! I love you, Pam Nalley

Pam Nalley - July 11, 2025 at 09:08 AM

DR

“ Debbie Rowland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Debbie Rowland - July 08, 2025 at 03:48 PM

DG

“ Karen was so kind and sweet. I'm so sad to hear of her passing. She was a good person.

Delane Graham - July 08, 2025 at 03:10 PM

AA

“ Karen will be missed by so many. I remember the day of Greg and her marriage. Greg had been our friend growing up together and hanging out at Ilean's house! Karen became a friend too. Have such fond memories of her days at Walhalla Elementary School. Her love for children and her co workers was observed by all. Ethan always wanted you to have everything you wished for and loved you unconditionally. Praying for all Karen's family during this time.

Alton and Kathy Alexander - July 07, 2025 at 01:39 PM

AA

“ Alton And Kathy Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Alton and Kathy Alexander - July 07, 2025 at 01:34 PM

RR

“ Rick And Tina Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Rick and Tina Robinson - July 06, 2025 at 08:19 PM

TW

*I am so sorry ! Karen was always a sweet pretty woman. Enjoyed being her friend and classmate at Keowee and Seneca. Prayers for her family.*

Telesa Weeks - July 11, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner.



July 06, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner.

July 06, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ Melanie Sanford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Melanie Sanford - July 03, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. All of you will be in our prayers in the days ahead. David and Gail Barker

Gail Barker - July 03, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Dave & Donna Stephens - July 03, 2025 at 07:34 PM

JL

“ *Jess&Marcella Lngston lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner*



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**Jess&Marcella Lngston** - July 03, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JC

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**Judy Cheek** - July 03, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner.*



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July 03, 2025 at 09:25 AM



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

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July 03, 2025 at 09:25 AM

KK

“ Karen was a teacher at my Son's preschool way back when. She was such a sweet lady. Prayers for the family.



Kimberly D Kay - July 03, 2025 at 08:52 AM

DS

“ Diann Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Diann Smith - July 03, 2025 at 08:04 AM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Wayne F. Barton - July 02, 2025 at 11:43 PM

LH

“ Larry And Wanda L. Harden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Larry and Wanda L. Harden - July 02, 2025 at 08:27 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



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**Debra Jones** - July 02, 2025 at 07:19 PM

LW

“ Linda Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



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**Linda Ward** - July 02, 2025 at 05:30 PM

TR

“ Terry Rankin lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



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**Terry Rankin** - July 02, 2025 at 05:06 PM

SR

“ I cannot believe she is gone. While I am so thankful she is completely healed from her Pancreatic Cancer, I am lost without her. Ethan, your sweet mama and I were friends long before you and Tripp were even a thought! She will be missed by so many. Nana Sue, thank you for sharing your daughter with me for almost 40 years. She has been a wonderful friend. Kathy, I am going to miss your sister just as though she were my biological sister. Live will certainly be different without her presence. I love you all.

Sharon Ross - July 02, 2025 at 04:50 PM

SR

“ Sharon Ross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner



Sharon Ross - July 02, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Karen and I were friends in our younger days (I was actually in her & Greg's wedding), but we lost track of each other along the way. I had heard of her illness but prayed she would overcome this terrible disease. I'm so saddened to hear of her passing. But she is now forever healed. Prayers for her family

Pam Partin - July 02, 2025 at 04:13 PM

WK

“ I am stunned to see the premature death of such a sweet person. I grieve alongside you for your loss. Clara, we pray the Lord will sustain you and all the family during this heartbreaking time. You all will be forever special to us. Danny and Wanda Knight

Wanda Knight - July 02, 2025 at 02:31 PM

DS

“ *Diane F. Morgan Sheriff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner*



**Diane F. Morgan Sheriff** - July 02, 2025 at 11:38 AM

SB

“ *STACY BELUE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Denise Kirby Baumgarner*



**STACY BELUE** - July 02, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JK

“ *J milas kelley lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner*



**J milas kelley** - July 02, 2025 at 07:58 AM

HM

“ *Hilda M. Martin lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner*



**Hilda M. Martin** - July 02, 2025 at 01:01 AM

TC

“ Teresa A Crunkleton lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner



Teresa A Crunkleton - July 01, 2025 at 11:20 PM

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“ Warren Smith (Shag) lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner



Warren Smith (Shag) - July 01, 2025 at 09:44 PM

JR

“ Jana Reid lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner



Jana Reid - July 01, 2025 at 05:37 PM

AH

“ Karen taught my boys and was a great teacher! Ethan was friends with Hastings and Taylor and would have a ball when they hung out together. I always loved sitting on her porch and chit chatting, this breaks my heart. My condolences to Ethan and family. 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻

Angie Huston - July 01, 2025 at 05:33 PM

LC

“ 🙏❤️🙏 *Dearest Sue, Heaven just got sweeter as this beautiful soul walked into Jesus’s Loving Arms. NO MORE SUFFERING* 🙏



Linda Chapman - July 01, 2025 at 05:15 PM

WD

“ *Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner*



Wilma Dain - July 01, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner*



Jim & Becky Manley - July 01, 2025 at 04:38 PM

DQ

“ *Prayers for the family and friends* 🙏



Durell & Carol Quarles - July 01, 2025 at 04:19 PM

BW

“ Many fond memories of when Karen and I went to the same church as kids. She was a wonderful person and my prayers are with Sue and family

Betty White - July 01, 2025 at 04:02 PM

JW

“ I am so sad to hear of Karen's passing. She was a childhood friend & the sweetest soul. God be with her family, especially her son. She will be immensely missed.



Jeanette Wilson - July 01, 2025 at 03:55 PM

KO

“ Kathy and Randy Owens lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner



Kathy and Randy Owens - July 01, 2025 at 03:55 PM

FC

“ Frieda Sloan Cobb lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner



Frieda Sloan Cobb - July 01, 2025 at 03:54 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Karen Baumgarner*



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**Elaine Baumgarner** - July 01, 2025 at 03:48 PM