



Karen A. Rager

April 25, 1956 - February 27, 2013

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Karen A. Rager, age 56, of Petit Jean Mountain, Arkansas, passed away, Wednesday, February 27, 2013. She was born April 25, 1956 in Heber Springs, Arkansas, a daughter of William "Bill" Lewis Martin and Annette Allen Martin. She was recently employed by the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute and

attended First Baptist Church of Petit Jean Mountain.

Survivors include her husband, Matthew M. Rager, Jr. of Petit Jean; mother, Annette Martin of Hattievville; sons, Travis Allen Payne of Petit Jean, Cassedy Martin Payne of Conway, and Matthew Keith Rager of Petit Jean; daughters, Kathy Elaine Criswell and husband Greg of Opeelo; Pamela Marie East and husband Tommy of Atkins; Kimberly Diane Rager, and Jennifer Lee Rager both of Newport; Mariah Rager of Petit Jean; one brother; one sister; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, CarrieLee Payne, father, William Lewis Martin, and a son, Charles Wesley Payne.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at Hattievville Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Bill Scroggins and Bro. Kenneth Strickland officiating. Burial will be at Old Hickory Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen A. Rager*

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“ *My thoughts are with you Jay, and the entire family.*

Michael Parette - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *Gods peace! Our thoughts and prayers are with you J.R. and family.*

Paul and Kathy Ftich - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Karen. I have only been around you all a few times but I know Karen had a good heart. She will be missed.*

Sabrina Kirkpatrick - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss JR. You and the family are in our prayers. May the Lord comfort you and your family in the coming days.*

Ernest Cook - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *J.R. & family, I am so sorry for your loss. Karen was a special lady and will be missed by many. She fought the good fight for a long time. Karen's strength during her battle with cancer was inspiring. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace during this time of grief.*

Tracy Lee Kendrick - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

BD

“ *Kathy, our hearts ache for you and your family. Mama's are truly special people. She is an angel now watching over you. May God provide you with comfort and peace knowing she isn't suffering any longer. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all.*

Brenda and Tim Duvall - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

RG

“ *Very sweet and caring lady. My thoughts and prayers go out to JR and the family.*

Robert Gunderman - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

CU

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Just know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Heaven has gained another angel.*

Cindy Reynolds Upchurch - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

BR

“ *J.R. & family - sorry for your loss - our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wish we could be with you during this time, although we only met Karen once she was very special and will be missed. Love you'all.....*

Benny & Wanda Rager - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

PH

“ JR I am so sorry for you loss, Karen was such a kind person and so sweet. May you find comfort in the Lord that she is without pain and looking down on you. May the Lord hold you close prayers are with you and your family. Patty

Patty Long Hoelzeman - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

JW

“ Karen was a sweet lady. We worked together at Levi's and then at Winrock. Will always remember her with a smile on her face as bright as the sun. May God be with you and your family in your time of need. I know that no words will ease the pain of losing a wonderful wife, but know that she will always be in your heart.

Janie Wagner - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

DB

“ Loved y'all as my own family! Words cannot express how my heart hurts for y'all but just know her most awesome journey has begun! Love always...Dannielle at yesterdays

dannielle bailey - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

TC

“ Ms Karen and JR have been in my life forever. Ms Karen was always someone you could talk to and she wouldnt judge. She was always trying to help someone before helping herself. She loved her children and grand children so much. She was a great wife and mother. She was also A really good friend to my mom and for that I am truly thankful. I love you Ms. Karen, glad you finally get some rest.

Tessie Coble - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

SC

“ To the family of Karen we are so sorry for your loss your family is in our thoughts and prayers

Chism family

Sherri Chism Chenault - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

RR

“ Sorry to hear the news. Prayers your way.

Rusty Robison - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM

DG

“ Dear family of Karen , my heart is with all of you.I just heard of her passing today.She was an amazing person.I loved all of our talkes in my salon. Our hearts and prays are with each and eveyone of you.If you girls need me for anything please let miss debbie know.All the time God is good.

Debbie George - June 29, 2018 at 09:10 PM