



Ms. Karen J. Riley-Tate

March 8, 1945 - January 9, 2023

Obituary

Karen Janette Riley-Tate was born on March 8, 1945, to Dorothy Jean Clark of Kansas City, Kansas. She later moved to Kansas City, Missouri and attended elementary in both cities. Karen was the oldest of six siblings: Norman Riley (Paulette), Cheryl Turner (Don), Samuel Alexander, which preceded her in death, Twila Burgess and Vivian Alexander.

Karen was united in marriage to Ed Tate and was later divorced. There were no children to their union.

Karen was a proud Central Eagles High School Majorette. After graduating from Central High School in 1962, she began her career with the Bendix Corporation in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Karen held several government jobs with completing training of the police academy. She served as a Federal Marshall, escorting prisoners across the country. She also retired as a maintenance engineer, also working part time in the Kansas City, Missouri School District in Adult Education as her final employment. Karen was an avid reader which contributed to her exceptional intellect.

Karen will be truly missed by her nieces and nephews and leaves to cherish her memory a host of family and friends.

The Riley Family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the floral contributions from the Jones, Whitley and Hunter Families.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, January 27, 2023, 2:00pm at the Linwood Chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Ms. Karen J. Riley-Tate, please visit our floral store.

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Karen J. Riley-Tate
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons
Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Karen J. Riley-Tate - May 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM

SF

“ *Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Karen J. Riley-Tate by Shirley Perry and family. Send Flowers Although my memory has faded with time, I will never forget the joy of watching you grow into the wonderful woman you became. You will be missed. Love, Aunt Shirley Shirley Perry and family*

Shirley Perry and family - May 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM

KC

“ *Karen didn't meet any strangers. She had the ability to find common ground with everyone. Her infectious smile and pleasant demeanor was always a welcome sight. She was known to the Jones' affectionately as "Karo" like the syrup. More like a sister than a cousin.. Rest in peace, We will miss you! Charles & Karita Crews*

Karita Crews - January 26, 2023 at 11:14 PM

RW

“ *Coz just loved you so. You were always so much fun always upbeat will truly miss you but you are finally home with sweet Dorothy and brother Sam. Love you of course you knew RIP my dear fun cousin*

Rosalyn Ward - January 26, 2023 at 01:52 PM

DE

“ Love you Karen miss you we had so much fun. Peace to family
Delores

Delores Edwards - January 13, 2023 at 06:37 PM

RE

“ Karen was like a sister to me. I've known her since the late 70's.
RIP. You will be missed.

Rhonda Elias - January 10, 2023 at 07:41 PM