



Karen Ann Grant Winchester

May 11, 1962 - May 12, 2026

Karen Ann Grant Winchester
Pickens, South Carolina

It is with deep sadness and great love that we announce the passing of Karen Ann Grant Winchester, who died on May 12, 2026, at the age of 64.

Karen was born on May 11, 1962, in Pickens, South Carolina to Doug and Mary Grant. She devoted her life to her family and local community. Known for her humor, kindness, and hospitality, Karen made a lasting impact on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

She graduated from Pickens High School in 1980 and went on to work in the School District of Pickens County for many years as a data entry clerk, receptionist, and most recently as a media clerk at Pickens High School. At home, she loved gardening, cooking, organizing, and reading.

Above all else, Karen's greatest joy was her family. Nothing meant more to her than time spent with those she loved, and her most treasured title was "KK" to her grandchildren. She had a remarkable way of making every holiday, birthday, and family gathering feel magical—filled with warmth, laughter, and special touches that made each occasion unforgettable.

She leaves behind a family who loved her deeply: her devoted husband, Rick; her children, Erin and Stewart Hunter and Jesse and Rachel Winchester; and her cherished grandchildren, Luke and Charlie Hunter and Benji, Lucy, and Caroline Winchester. She is also survived by her parents and mother-in-law, Jeanette Winchester, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, Leonard and Nora Jones and Fred and Willie Mae Grant, as well as her brother, Doug Grant, Jr, and her father-in-law, Ben Winchester, Jr.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 3:00pm at Pickens First Baptist Church, where she was a member of the SALT Life Group.

For those who wish to honor Karen's legacy, the family suggests contributions to the Pickens High School Media Center in her name. Karen's heart belonged to books, and she would want nothing more than for young people to discover the magic she found within the pages of a story.

Most importantly, Karen believed that the best place to be was together. In her honor, please take the time to enjoy a meal with your own family. Nothing brought her more joy than the simple, sacred act of feeding those she loved and lingering over conversation at the dinner table.

The family would like to thank Prisma Health Baptist Easley Hospital for their precious care of Karen and loving support.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Winchester family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pickens First Baptist Church
406 East Main Street
Pickens, SC 29671

Tribute Wall



“ It broke my heart to read Karen's obituary. She was a beautiful person all the way around. She was very loving, caring and had such a kind heart. I always enjoyed running into her in the grocery store and Walmart.
To all the family, you are in my prayers in times ahead. My prayers are with you all.

Sandra E. Mickler

Sandra Mickler - May 20 at 11:05 AM



“ *Earlene Meece lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester*

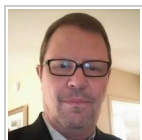


Earlene Meece - May 19 at 07:31 PM



Karen was a precious lady. Loved her and her family dearly. What a great tribute she was to her life. Prayers for Rick, Mary and Doug. What a great time it must be for her and Dougie and maybe Charlene. Love you all.

Earlene Meece - May 19 at 07:39 PM



“ *Saddened to hear of Karen's passing. She was a sweet & caring person and I know the entire family will miss her dearly. God bless.*

Stan Grant - May 17 at 06:31 PM

DY

“ *Dusty Young lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester*



Dusty Young - May 16 at 12:58 PM

MO

“ *To all of Karen's family
You are in my thoughts and prayers, today and in the days to come,
as you celebrate her life and grieve the loss of her precious
presence in your lives. She will be missed but we'll see her again,
completely healed! You have my love and prayers*

Mary ODell - May 16 at 10:21 AM

JG

“ *Remember playing with Karen and spending time with her family
loved them all so sorry to hear she is gone but she is in no pain and
waiting to see you all. She is visiting with her brother Dougie and
enjoying her time in Heaven. Fly high sweet lady. Mary and Doug
my heart goes out to you both love you much.*

Judy Bell Griffin - May 15 at 01:02 PM

CB

“ Getting to be by her side in the afternoons and chiming in has been an honor not just for me, but my friends when we visited the pickens high school library. She was caring, inspiring, and helped me through when times were hard, and i will miss her so much. -Conner Breazeale (former PHS student).



Conner Breazeale - May 15 at 12:13 PM

Mo

“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - May 15 at 10:04 AM

TP

“ I knew Karen my whole life. Growing up at Porter’s Chapel United Methodist Church, her family and mine were always intertwined. I had the blessing of being her office assistant in high school (to get out of study hall) and she was a mentor to me. She mentored to me later in life when I returned to church after a lengthy absence. I will always remember her shining eyes, her laugh, and her pound cake. May she rest in peace!
Tara Porter Friend

Tara Porter - May 14 at 11:22 PM

JC

“ Karen spoke of how much she loved her family. She was a sweet friend and will truly be missed! Prayers for the family!

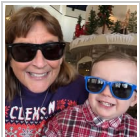


Janet Chastain - May 14 at 02:30 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about Karen. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time.

Dean Holder - May 14 at 02:07 PM



“ Tracy Richardson lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester



Tracy Richardson - May 14 at 08:55 AM

RC

“ *Praying for each of you! Reda Collins*



Reda Collins - May 14 at 08:45 AM

CD

“ *Carolyn Durham lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester*



Carolyn Durham - May 14 at 08:37 AM

CD

“ *Mary and Doug I'm so sorry for the loss of your precious daughter. May God's comfort and peace be with you and all the family. Her and Doug Jr are together again and you'll see them again one day.*

Carolyn Durham - May 14 at 08:36 AM

ML

“ *Michael L Land lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester*



Michael L Land - May 14 at 04:16 AM

RS

“ Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of
Karen Ann Grant Winchester



Renee Stewart - May 13 at 10:58 PM

RS

Mary and Doug I'm so sorry to hear of your loss ! My thoughts and prayers goes out to all ! 🙏

Renee Stewart - May 13 at 11:01 PM

SG

“ Mary
So sorry for your loss. May The Lord Comfort all of you during this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Shirley Diane Hutto Grant - May 13 at 08:41 PM

SG

“ Shirley Diane Hutto Grant lit a candle in
memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester

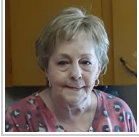


Shirley Diane Hutto Grant - May 13 at 08:39 PM

LG

My Deepest Sympathy for the family. Prayers Linda Hutto Galloway

Linda Hutto Galloway - May 13 at 10:19 PM



“ Words are inadequate to express my sorrow over the passing of Karen. She was a sweetheart. To know her was to love her. I will be praying for you all.

Linda Willoughby - May 13 at 08:26 PM



“ Your PF Meat Co Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Karen Ann Grant Winchester.



Your PF Meat Co Family - May 13 at 08:13 PM



“ Your PF Meat Co Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Ann Grant Winchester.

Your PF Meat Co Family - May 13 at 08:13 PM



“ Lynda Morris Still and husband Shannon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karen Ann Grant Winchester.



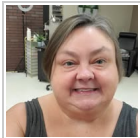
Lynda Morris Still and husband Shannon - May 13 at 05:56 PM



“ *Mary Conner lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester*



Mary Conner - May 13 at 05:50 PM



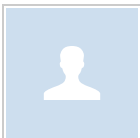
“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Sending much love to her parents and family. -Barbara Porter and her niece, Jayme Marie van Essen.*

Jayme Van Essen - May 13 at 05:36 PM



“ *An apple tree is being planted today, in Karen's memory. She made the world a better place!*

Carole Seid - May 13 at 05:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Ann Grant Winchester.*

May 13 at 05:02 PM



“ *You were the best librarian out there. May God rest your soul. We will never forget you.*



Raegan - May 13 at 05:00 PM

JJ

“ *Jessie James lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Grant Winchester*



Jessie James - May 13 at 03:53 PM

JJ

“ *A warm smile, a loving hug, that's how I will remember Karen. The love she gave was evident in her actions. The children whose lives she has touched will remember that kindness. Rest well Karen , you were well loved. You will be sorely missed.*

Jessie James - May 13 at 03:51 PM

SP

Mary and Doug, I am so very sorry to hear of Karen's passing. I remember Karen as a little girl. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family.

Shirley G. Painter - May 13 at 10:53 PM

MM

Karen was a wonderful person! She and Rick have been a great addition to our S.A.L.T. Sunday School Class at Pickens First Baptist. I admired her so much(I still do) when she got baptised in Lake Chilly Water at McCall camp. Great testimony! My friend in Christ- I will truly miss you, but I will see you soon. Elaine Murray

Michael Murray - May 14 at 10:26 AM

SH

I did not have the privilege of knowing Karen, but have been life-time friends with her Mother-in-law, Jeanette Winchester. They are truly a great family and without a doubt will miss Karen so much. May God comfort and bless each of you

Sue Holcombe - May 16 at 08:14 AM