



## Karla Lee Thompson

November 11, 1972 - May 17, 2021

Karla Lee Thompson, 48, of Grand Island passed away after a four-year battle with cancer on May 17, 2021.

Services in her honor will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Abundant Life Christian Church.

Memorials are designated to the American Cancer Society. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Karla was born on November 11, 1972 at Great Bend, KS daughter of Roger and Marilyn (Foster) Smith.

After attending school in Wichita, KS, Karla graduated from Grand Island Senior High School in 1992. Karla attended a year of college before she found her true passion and started an in-home daycare. She cared for many children that became her “kids” for 15 years. Recently, Karla was employed by Case New Holland, forming a family of friends with her fellow coworkers whom she loved. She retired shortly after her diagnosis.

Her friendly smile and ready dance moves invited many into her large circle of friends. Karla stayed active attending her son’s sports, daughter’s Orchestra concerts, and going for walks with friends. She enjoyed her creative outlets of scrapbooking, decorating and cooking delicious meals for her family and friends. Karla always had a book with her, her love of reading was her way of living many lives as she was only given one.

Karla is survived by her mother and caregiver, Marilyn Elder; children, William “Billy” (Kaylee Taylor) Thompson of Grand Island and Megan Thompson of

New York, NY; grandson, Maddox Thompson; half-sister, Heather (Rob) Rowan of Hutchinson, KS; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that became family.

She is preceded in death by her father, and stepfather, Bill Elder.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Christian Center

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karla Lee Thompson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We find ourselves so very sad upon hearing of the loss of a wonderful person with such a smile and joy in her heart remembering Karla from when she was a little smiling young lady. So sorry to hear and for your loss. I know she was a joy to those who were able to know her. She was an amazing person. Sending our thoughts and prayers in such a difficult time for your family. Our condolences for your loss of someone so special.*

*Rob and Lori Elder*

Robert Elder - May 21, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ *From, Gracia Whitehead and Family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karla Lee Thompson.*



**From, Gracia Whitehead and Family.** - May 21, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karla Lee Thompson.*



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May 21, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ *Karla will be truly missed. She was so full of life and she had a big heart. She welcomed everybody into her circle. I will cherish all the memories, from our walks all over Grand Island, to working with her at Case. (Terry Parker)*

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**Terry S Parker** - May 21, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *I only knew Karla for a short time, but I felt like I knew her forever. She had such a sweet smile and kindness in her eyes. She was a genuine person and touched everyone she knew. I can only imagine what a special mother she was. God Speed Karla, you will be missed!*  
*Betty Zwink*

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**Betty Zwink** - May 20, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karla Lee Thompson.*



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May 20, 2021 at 03:33 PM

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“ *Karla was for sure a standout, she was overly nice and really enjoyed life. When they say God broke the mold, I believe he did with her. GODSPEED KARLA!* ”

randy - May 20, 2021 at 01:48 PM

LF

“ *Love: All The Taylor's & Paulsen Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Karla Lee Thompson.* ”



Love: All The Taylor's & Paulsen Family - May 20, 2021 at 11:51 AM

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“ *Karla...I wish I would've slowed down more back in the school days so we could've spent more time together. I'm grateful that you always had arms wide open for everyone. Just that one sentence... Don't be a stranger. That was all I needed. Thanks for always listening and giving advice. I remember it. Now that you're free come visit me anytime. Love you! Give your boxer a hug for me.* ”

Rachelle (Chel Hoes) Vanderwyst - May 20, 2021 at 10:37 AM

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“ *I admired her love for her children Billy and Megan Rose. And I only saw pictures of her with Maddox (love the name), but I could see her love for him. She complimented our family and will be sorely missed.* ”

*Susan M Hunter (Aunt)*

Susan Hunter - May 20, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Karla Lee Thompson.*



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May 20, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ *Megan, I'm very sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a beautiful  
women, hold the memories close to your heart.*  
*Shellie Meyer*

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**Shellie Meyer** - May 19, 2021 at 09:44 PM