



## Karen A. Dean

January 28, 1962 - December 2, 2020

[Click here to view the Livestream of the Karen's service]<https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=160711762488803>

Dr. Karen Abbey Dean, 58, of Lawrenceville, Georgia passed away due to complications from brain cancer on December 2, 2020. She was born to parents Dr. Wallace Abbey and Dr. Gerda Abbey on January 28, 1962 in Columbus, Ohio. Karen graduated from Tucker High School in 1980 and received her BS degree from Furman University in 1984 and PhD in psychology from Florida State University in 1989. She married Dr. W. Blair Dean in 1989 after meeting him in Tallahassee, Florida. They lived in Duluth for 3 years before relocating to Lawrenceville for the last 27 years. Karen is survived by her husband, 2 children: Michael Dean (wife Chloe) of Hartwell and Dr. Jessica Bosson (husband Brandon) of Sugar Hill, mother Gerda Abbey of Suwanee, brother David Abbey (wife Rhonda, niece Caroline, and nephew Connor) of Dawsonville, brother-in-law Roger Dean (wife Cindy) of Ormond Beach, sister-in-law Debbie Mathis (husband Jimmy) of Sanford, and many nieces and nephews. Karen was an accomplished Clinical Psychologist, practicing psychotherapy for 30 years in Lawrenceville. She was a talented landscape photographer in her free time and enjoyed traveling with friends and family.

A memorial service honoring the life of Karen will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 11:00AM at Tom M. Wages Lawrenceville Chapel. A reception will be held following the service. You can view the service which will be LiveStreamed either by going to the Tom M. Wages Facebook page or by clicking the blue link on the obituary page on our website.

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. We ask that all guests and family members attending

services to please bring and wear a mask.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at [www.wagesfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com). Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, "A Family Company," 120 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (770-963-2411) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Events

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**DEC** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Lawrenceville  
120 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA, US, 30046

# Comments

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“ I taught Karen at Furman, and knew her to be one of the kindest and smartest of my students. And she was one who always came back for reunions and made a point to connect with us! Such a loss. I am so sorry. May her family be blessed with joyful memories.

Elaine Nocks

**Elaine Nocks** - January 28 at 10:17 AM

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“ I was a patient of Karen's 27 years ago. I remember when her son was born. She called me while out on maternity leave to check on me. She was a wonderful person and the best therapist I have ever had. She made me feel she cared about me. I was not just a patient she was paid to talk to. She helped me a lot and I think of her often. Something made me google her last week. I was devastated when her obituary came up. She was exceptional in her field and I am so sorry for the many patients who will not have the privilege of being helped by her. Her passing is a huge loss. I will never forget her. My condolences to her family and I mourn her loss with you.

**Sue Kotra** - December 17, 2020 at 09:56 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Dean family. Karen and I were roommates at Furman. She had the kindest and warmest way with people and was well suited for a career as a psychologist. I'm sure she did so much to help people through her work. I thoroughly enjoyed her photography via Facebook. Her photos captured her love for all of you; her joy for family vacations; and the beauty of her surroundings. My heart goes out to all of her family during the holiday season. May she watch over you and give you comfort.

~ Alison Fiol

**Alison Fiol** - December 14, 2020 at 10:12 AM

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“ Thank you for streaming the service. Karen was my colleague for 24 years, and I am so grateful to have known her and worked with her. She was a gifted psychologist who made a difference in so many people's lives, including mine.

Kelle Chandler Ray

Kelle Chandler Ray - December 12, 2020 at 12:24 PM

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“ My family and I have known Dr. Dean since 1998. Dr. Dean was one of the few people that you meet in a lifetime who becomes like family. She was a Psychologist, Friend, Counselor, Supporter & after a few years became like family to the Henderson's. It's still hard to believe she's not physically here anymore. I was happy to find my last voicemail from her this weekend. It was from Nov 9, 2019. I will cherish her message & last words to me forever. "Remember to take care of your needs" "Self care" has always been her main concern for my well being. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I am so saddened to hear of her loss and still in shock. I will continue to remember all she taught me and advise me. Dr. Dean always told me to remember to take care of myself first. I will continue to do that. The Henderson Family are forever grateful for so much Dr Dean has blessed our family with. We love her & send deepest condolences to The Dean Family & Dr Abbey.



LaVerne D Henderson - December 12, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 12, 2020 at 06:22 AM

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 11, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ Roy Fick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen A. Dean.



**Roy Fick** - December 11, 2020 at 11:24 AM

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“ LaVerne Henderson, Andre Daniels & Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Karen A. Dean.



**LaVerne D Henderson** - December 11, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Karen and I had "homerroom" at THS for 5 years. Thank you, Karen for being there.

**Edwin Bennett** - December 11, 2020 at 08:29 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 10, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 09, 2020 at 07:55 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 09, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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“ Ruth purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Karen A. Dean.



**Ruth** - December 09, 2020 at 02:55 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 09, 2020 at 01:00 PM

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“ Dr. Rachel Lacy, Psy.D. purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Karen A. Dean.



**Rachel Lacy** - December 08, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 07, 2020 at 09:44 PM

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“ The Spyke Family (Randy, Heather, Allie & Jack) purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Karen A. Dean.



**The Spyke Family (Randy, Heather, Allie & Jack)** - December 07, 2020 at 05:25 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 06, 2020 at 09:17 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 06, 2020 at 07:57 PM

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“ I started working with Karen in 1993 and shared office space with her for years. Christmas does not go by without thinking of her love for the holiday and for her gift of poinsettias to everyone in the office. My aunt died a few years ago of a brain tumor on Christmas day, and my cousin said she was having the best Christmas of all in Heaven. When I heard of Karen's passing, I thought the same thing. I am so sorry for your loss and months of pain all of you went through. I don't know how, but God leads us through such difficulties that we can never face alone. I pray for you all, her mother Gerda, her husband and her beautiful children. Her photographs, as gorgeous as they are, are likely not comparing to the wondrous sites she sees now, but that does not take away your pain here as I know you will miss her dearly. She loved her family, more than anything, and would do anything for you. We will miss her.

**Dr. Rachel Lacy** - December 05, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen A. Dean.



December 05, 2020 at 12:37 PM