



## Karen Lea LaBarca

October 16, 1965 - January 17, 2025

Karen Lea Russell LaBarca was born on October 16, 1965, to Carolyn Russell and Lester (Les) Russell in Harper, KS. She graduated from Chanute High School in 1984 and later moved to the Kansas City area where she married and had two daughters. She dedicated much of her life to being a mother, a sister, and a daughter before anything else. She loved to do just about anything that involved spending time with friends and family. She was an aspiring artist, model, and entrepreneur. She will be remembered by many as a joyous individual that lit up every room she walked into. Karen was with loved ones when she passed away at the hospital on January 17.

She was preceded in death by her father Les Russell. She is survived by her mother Carolyn Russell and stepfather Tom Tiegreen, sister Kimberly Dewberry (Troy), brother Kevon Russell (Camie), two daughters Annemarie LaBarca and Sophia LaBarca, step brother Chip Tiegreen (Tiffany), step sisters Lori Clements (Craig) and Melissa Delich (Kenny), and many cousins and friends.

A private ceremony will be held under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ Terrace Curls-Martin lit a candle in memory of Karen LaBarca



Terrace Curls-Martin - January 24, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lea LaBarca.



January 24, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Lea LaBarca.

January 24, 2025 at 01:54 PM

LO

“ Dearest Annemarie and Sophia,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. Indeed, she was a sweet soul and loved you both with all that she was. I will remember her fondly. Please know you have family that cares.*

*Cousin Lucille from PA.*

Lucy Olivieri - January 24, 2025 at 08:28 AM

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“ Your Moiser Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karen Lea LaBarca.



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Your Moiser Family - January 23, 2025 at 11:48 AM

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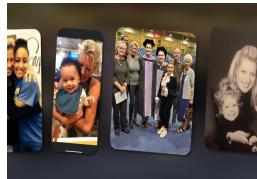
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Your Moiser Family - January 23, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



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Countryside Funeral Home - January 23, 2025 at 11:09 AM

FE

Ahhh Karen I will Miss seeing and reading your Beautiful messages on FB wow what a heartbreak for Us, who loved you! We will miss you friend. Felicia~

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Felicia - January 24, 2025 at 04:42 PM

DK

“ I have so many memories with KarenLea. When we first met at church, we did not like each other at all. It wasn't long before we were inseparable. We were always into something; we kept Carolyn on her toes. Into adulthood, we were still friends. Life gets in the way kids and activities. We talked on the phone quite a bit, as she was still my go-to. Love to all of you! She was an amazing, beautiful soul.

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**Debbie Koch** - January 21, 2025 at 04:34 PM