



Karen France Jenkins

December 13, 1961 - February 23, 2026

Karen Frances Jenkins, 64, of Salisbury, Maryland, peacefully departed this life on Monday, February 23, 2026 at her home in Dundalk, MD. Born on December 13, 1961, in Salisbury, MD, she was the daughter of George Jenkins and Ida Leatherbury-Jenkins.

Karen grew up in Salisbury, MD (Delaware Ave), where she attended and graduated from Wicomico Senior High in 1978, and she obtained her CNA license at Wor-Wic Community College.

Karen's big personality and joyful sense of humor could light up any room, and her loving, kind heart was evident in how she cared for others, often putting their needs before her own. She found happiness in traveling, music, cherished moments with family.

She had a deep love for life and found happiness in meaningful connections with others. Her spirit was enriched by a profound understanding of African American history, biblical teachings, and her family's legacy—knowledge she carried with pride and shared with those around her.

Over the years, Karen held several positions, including at Grumman's and Soft Touch Car Wash as a Cashier, she also worked at PGH as a Certified Nursing Assistant and private care, and at Salisbury University, where she had

to end her employment due to her illness. During her time at Soft Touch Car Wash, Karen made a lasting, life-changing impact on everyone she encountered through her smile, laughter, stylish dress, and conversation -she truly never met a stranger.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her father, George Jenkins; son, Earl Richardson; daughters, Kurstin Stanley and Ayonna Doane; and son, Duran Doane; and four grandchildren, Braya Carter, Diyantra Richardson, Duran Doane Jr., and Delaney Doane. Siblings Jerry Tomlin of Baltimore and Yvonne Savage of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Samuel W Doane; her mother, Ida Leatherbury-Jenkins; her sisters, Yvette Jenkins and Alane Primus; her brother, Michael Tomlin, who passed on the same day.

In lieu of flowers, donations and cards may be made to Bennie Smith's Funeral Home.

Karen will be deeply missed, leaving behind a lifetime of cherished memories.

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - April 10 at 04:39 PM

PU

“ *PAMELA UPSHUR lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



PAMELA UPSHUR - March 25 at 07:49 PM

CS

“ *Calvin Harmon Sr lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Calvin Harmon Sr - March 15 at 11:48 AM

RD

“ *Ms.Karen you will be always in my heart... My condolences to the family*



Rebecca Dixon - March 09 at 11:02 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Smiley lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Debbie Smiley - March 09 at 04:16 PM

DT

“ *Dondrick Taylor lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Dondrick Taylor - March 07 at 09:17 AM

JT

“ *Janet Turner lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Janet Turner - March 06 at 09:20 PM

BS

“ *Billy Smith lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Billy Smith - March 06 at 05:51 PM

BE

“ *Belitta lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Belitta - March 03 at 08:06 PM

B.

Cousin Barbara is sending condolences to the family.

B.G. - March 03 at 08:10 PM

WW

“ *Wilhelmina White lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Wilhelmina White - March 01 at 05:15 PM

DS

“ *Deborah Smiley lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



Deborah Smiley - March 01 at 02:39 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - February 28 at 06:24 AM

VC

“ *Valerie M Cottman lit a candle in memory of Karen France Jenkins*



valerie M cottman - February 27 at 12:53 PM

VC

Sending prayers to Karen's children and family . Karen was a neighbor of mine. Me and my mom send heartfelt prayers to bursting, Ayonna ,Darren, her beautiful granddaughter. We love yall hugs

valerie M cottman - February 27 at 12:56 PM

BW

“ *My condolences to the family* 🙏🙏🙏



Brenda Mae White - February 27 at 08:37 AM