



Karenza Lee (Risor) Buhrow

July 23, 1992 - May 22, 2022

Karenza Lee Buhrow (Risor) left this earth on May 22, 2022 in Fayetteville, AR at 29 years old due to an extended illness. She was welcomed to Heaven, smiling and laughing no doubt, by her paternal grandfather Jack Risor, and her cousin Vincent Parisi.

Karenza grew up in Fayetteville, AR, where she graduated from Shiloh High School and the University of Arkansas with a degree in Childhood Education. Her selfless nature led her to thrive in that field. Children of all ages and kinds were drawn to her and she cared for them like they were her own. Several years later, Karenza dedicated her time to do Christian mission work in India for one year. She made an impact on so many people in her short time with us.

It wasn't just her passions in life that made her a true angel on Earth, but the way she loved everything and everyone. She had a soft spot for animals, and adored her two dogs Remi and Ellie. She was kind to her core, never judged, and reminded us all that laughter is the best medicine. She wasn't afraid to be herself, which was a quirky, often uncoordinated, beautiful goofball whose smile radiated miles away. In her passing, friends and family have described her as magnetic, beloved, contagious, funny, selfless, and absolutely one of a kind.

Karenza is survived by her loving spouse of 3 years Ross Buhrow; parents Randy and Tia Risor; sister Azure (Shawn) Marhanka; niece and nephew Mia and Aiden Marhanka; maternal grandparents Sam and Dolores Parisi; paternal grandmother Joyce Risor; and countless extended family and close friends. She will be missed dearly.

The family will host a celebration of life at her childhood home on Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 2-5 PM. A gathering to share stories of Karenza will occur at 3:30. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, Eureka Springs, AR, 72632. It is a foundation near and dear to Karenza's heart that holds many family memories.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sad to learn of your loss. Words are hard to come by. Melanie and I feel your pain and have you in our prayers.

I do remember offering ice cream cones to the girls at basketball games if they hit the winning free throws — I still owe karenza a cone - she hit the wining shot .

J Thaddeus Beck MD FACP - May 24 at 10:53 PM



“ There are almost too many memories to pick one to share. I've known this wonderful caring soul since she was 2 years old and had the chicken pox with my daughter Sadie. The best thing Chicken Pox could ever do as our families began sharing many wonderful times together. Tia and I took Karenza and Sadie to Virginia Beach for a 16th birthday gift for them. We were riding a 4 person pedal cart. Karenza was in the drivers seat and got us hung up on a large trash container on the path. We all laughed so hard. There has been a lot more laughter in this world because of KK and I miss her already. Lots of love and prayers to the family and especially to her husband Ross.

Vicky Cingolani - May 24 at 04:21 PM



“ Karenza was a joy to be around. I never remember anything but love, laughter, fun loving and that smile and her laugh I will never forget. Scott and our family are devastated by the loss of our best friends sweet Karenza. We have loved this family for most of Karenza's life. My daughter Miranda and Karenza's birthday are one day apart by one year so many shared birthday and pool parties at the Risor's. Tia and Randy have shared countless vacations, family time, lake fun and lots of wonderful food over the years. I can't imagine not being able to hug Karenza and hear that wonderful laugh. I will never forget her face when we went white river rafting and Karenza was sitting near the guide and the guide through Tia and I out of the boat into the water. That big smile had never been larger, I wasn't too happy about it but she was just so cute and sweet.

I am honored that the family chose Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in lieu of flowers. We will order a brick in her name for our BamBam walkway. I am completely humbled by the Risor's generosity and I am terribly sorry for this loss.

RIP sweet girl, you are missed.

Tanya Smith - May 24 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Jan Robbins and Ruth Ratliff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karenza Lee (Risor) Buhrow.*



Jan Robbins and Ruth Ratliff - May 24 at 01:47 PM