



Karrie K. Sims

November 13, 1961 - October 18, 2017

Karrie K. Sims, 55, of Vienna, died on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at her home.

Karrie was born November 13, 1961, in New Orleans, Louisiana, the daughter of Robert Needy, Sr. and Ella Needy Tullock. She married Russell “Rusty” Sims on April 30, 2004.

She was a 1979 graduate of Egyptian High School and then earned a Bachelor’s of Science from Maryville University studying computer science and management. After graduating she worked in St. Louis as a real estate appraiser. Later she worked for Anheuser Busch as a computer and network specialist. Karrie also traveled worldwide while employed as an administrator at FleishmanHillard, setting up computer networks and email systems in other countries. In 2004, Karrie moved back to Southern Illinois and married Rusty. She began working as the Executive Director for S.M.A.R.T. and then as substitute teacher in area grade schools and high schools. She also taught college courses at SIC in Harrisburg. Karrie was an active member and served in multiple roles at Goreville First Baptist Church. She was most proud of and enjoyed her role in life as “MeMe” to all of her grandkids, spoiling them every chance she had.

Karrie is survived by her husband, Rusty Sims; children, Nicole (Jon)

Suermann, Andrew (Kayci) Smith, Kala (Adam) Allen, Randy (Heather) Sims; grandchildren, Cecilia, August, Georgia, Ellie, Josie, Liam, Sawyer, Jade, and Iris; step-mother, Ella Needy; sister, Debra (Joseph) Wilson; brothers, Robert (Debbie) Needy, Jr. and Charles Needy; nieces, Colette and Natalie.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Needy, Sr., and mother, Ella Needy Tullock.

Funeral services will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, October 23, 2017 at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms with Rev. Michael Vaughn officiating. Cremation will be accorded after services.

Visitation will be from 5:00pm until the time of service at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Service

OCT **23**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karrie K. Sims*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Carol And Randy George lit a candle in memory of Karrie K. Sims*



Carol and Randy George - November 09, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ *The Wilsons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karrie K. Sims.*



The Wilsons - October 23, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ *Sharon Kluge lit a candle in memory of Karrie K. Sims*



Sharon Kluge - October 23, 2017 at 07:30 AM



I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for Rusty and family.

Sharon Kluge - October 23, 2017 at 07:32 AM

SB

“ *Sorry for your loss. Steve and Betty Bellamy.*



steve bellamy - October 22, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karrie K. Sims.*



October 22, 2017 at 06:30 PM

SV

“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all family members during this time. Sincerely, Stan and Becky Vaughn*



Stan Vaughn - October 21, 2017 at 10:05 PM

JE

“ *Karrie will be missed. I count it as one of my many blessings having had her as a cousin. I pray the Lord provides the strength the family needs during this difficult period. Love, Jill Eaton*



Jill Eaton - October 20, 2017 at 10:25 PM

LE

“ *Leeann lit a candle in memory of Karrie K. Sims*




Leeann - October 20, 2017 at 09:30 PM

SW

“ *Sheri And Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Karrie K. Sims*



Sheri and Wyatt - October 20, 2017 at 07:16 PM

 Sarah King

“ *Karrie had a great heart and was a wonderful person. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jason and Sarah King*



Sarah King - October 20, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *Vonda Burnam lit a candle in memory of Karrie K. Sims*



Vonda Burnam - October 20, 2017 at 06:49 PM