



Karen Jean Hudgens

July 19, 1954 - March 27, 2026

Karen Jean (Richison) Hudgens (71) of Bradenton, FL (formerly of Salem, IL) passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2026, at Tidewell Hospice in Bradenton, FL.

Karen was born on July 19, 1954 in Mt. Vernon, IL to parents: Arthur J. Richison and Norma Jean (Simmons) Richison. She married Norman Hudgens on April 29, 1973 at the First Christian Church in Salem, IL. Karen loved working with flowers, gardening and reading. She had an upholstery business, as she really loved mending and sewing. Karen "put up with" Norman for 53 years of marriage. Karen had a quirky sense of humor, which aided in her life with Norm. She loved to spend time with her family, as this truly filled her heart with joy. Her faith was a very important part of her life. She is remembered as, "the sweetest," and "the kindest."

She is survived by her husband: Norman E. Hudgens, her sons: David Val Hudgens (wife Stephanie) of IL and Joel Arthur Hudgens (wife Rachael) of NC, brother: Charles Richison (wife Bobbie) of Kansas.

Karen has 4 grandchildren: Joel Blade Hudgens (wife Savannah) of CO, Ashley Marie Hudgens of IL, Morghan Eldridge (fiance-Jon) of NC and Christopher Hudgens of IL. She also has 2 great-grandchildren: Carter and Ophelia Rose Hudgens of CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 brother: Kevin Mark Richison and Wayne Allen Richison.

Close family and friends celebrated Karen's life at a memorial service at The Harvest Church in Bradenton FL, on March 29th, 2026. Graveside services will be held at East Lawn Cemetery in Salem, IL on Saturday, April 4th, 2026, at 2 pm for family and friends. Un Lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Donations can be sent to: Hughey Funeral Home, 1314 Main St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

Harvest Church Sarasota
3650 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34235

Graveside Service

APR 4. 2:00 PM.

East Lawn Cemetery
Salem, IL