



Karen Himes

June 1, 1947 - July 8, 2013

Karen Himes, recently retired and living in Mesa, AZ, died June 8th from lung cancer. She was 66. She died at her daughter's home, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 1st of 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to Hayes and Wilma Oliver. Her father was a Nazarene minister, and Karen grew up moving around the South, primarily Tennessee, and was well known for her Southern accent (her nick name was "Sadie").

Karen was a beautiful woman. She was also a PK and a child of the 60's – a dangerous combination. The most important thing in her life was her children, and later grandchildren. Her 20's and 30's were tough, impoverished and even dangerous times. She made great personal sacrifices to protect and care for her children. She bore many battle scars and broken bones, but survived. She was a brave, humble woman and faced cancer the same way.

Her children: Mike (and Patty) Best of Richmond, IN; KC (and Danny) Shuford in FL; Leslie (and Dave) Daniels in Mesa, AZ; Lisa (and Josh) Warner in AZ.

She was grandmother to 10: Lauren, Rebekah, Alex, Ryan, Ashley, Michael, Ben, Sam, Matthew, and Lilliana.

She was sister to Sandy Heatherly (Oliver) of Hartselle, Al, and loved her nephew Nick (and Marilyn) Heatherly and her great nephew Hayes and great niece Eve, all of Hartselle.

Her mother and father preceded her in death. Her beloved feline companion of 15 yrs, Maggie (the meanest cat one could ever meet), as well.

Services will be held in Cullman, Alabama, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Friday, July 12, 2013. Visitation at 10am. Services beginning at 11am.