



Astrid Karen McDaniel

March 24, 1951 - June 11, 2022

Karen went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 11, 2022. She was born on March 24, 1951 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She grew up in New Orleans, San Antonio, Texas and Lafayette, Louisiana. She graduated from Lafayette High School in 1969 and started college there at University of Southwest Louisiana. After a year of college, she transferred to University of New Orleans to complete her bachelor's degree in math education. During that time, she met her future husband, Danny. They were married on November 24, 1973, a month before he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. They traveled the states and to many foreign countries during their forty-eight years of marriage.

Karen was a professional teacher and began her career at Grace King High School in Metairie, Louisiana. As she moved around with Danny's career, Karen adapted and worked at many jobs. She was a teacher, bank teller, aerobics instructor, managed a base bowling alley, and a purchasing agent in the federal civil service. After Danny retired, Karen returned to her passion of teaching. She taught math at Huntsville Intermediate School, pre-school at First United Methodist Church, advanced math courses at Huntsville High School, and advanced math courses at Trinity High School. She was a wonderful math teacher and loved to see the light go on when a student finally learned math.

Karen and Danny always found a church family whenever they moved to a new assignment. Some of the churches were on base and some in a nearby

community. She was a strong believer and proud Christian. She was a member of First United Methodist Church since 2002 when she moved to Huntsville, Texas. She served the church on various committees and proudly sang in the chancel choir with her daughter, Jamie.

Her daughter and son were what made her smile. After fifteen years of marriage, Jamie was born and then four years later Austin joined the family. Karen was a stay-at-home mom during their early years and loved reading to them and helping them develop into the wonderful adults they are today. Karen is preceded in death by her parents, Edwin Lee Mowe II and Astrid Vigne Mowe. She is survived by her husband Danny J. McDaniel, daughter Jamie L. McDaniel, son Austin L. McDaniel, brother E. Lee Mowe III and his wife Bonnie, sister Adrienne Mowe, brother Christian Mowe and his wife Dana.

Karen will have a private graveside service at the Houston National Cemetery for family only. Thank you for those who wish to post tributes and memorials to the family, you may do so at www.shmfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, Karen asked that you consider making a donation to Lustgarten foundation for pancreatic cancer research at <https://events.lustgarten.org/Karen-McDaniel>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Astrid Karen McDaniel*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Karen had lots of Louisiana sass and was always ready to have fun! She also expressed such nurturing care to students of all ages who showed up in her life - college musicians, math students, and even little pre-K children. Karen was always ready to go the extra mile to help them in any way she could along Life's path. The world needs more generous Love like the kind Karen lavishly shared with all of us. We will all miss Karen's smile, laughter, and encouragement.*

Gayle Bullard - June 18, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. My prayers go out to you.*

Mrs. McDaniel was my teacher at Trinity High, and while she was a little strict in her classroom she always made sure we understood what she was teaching us. I can't tell you how many times I've come to her either before school, after school, or if I had any free time to ask her for a little extra help understand the problems and she would always agree to help if she wasn't too busy. She will be missed dearly by so many.



Jolene Browning - June 16, 2022 at 03:25 AM

LH

“ Hugs and prayers to all of Karen’s family. She was our preschool teacher at First United Methodist Church and will be missed by many teachers and kids. Karen could always make us smile.
Love, Lynda Henry

Lynda Henry - June 15, 2022 at 06:02 PM

NV

“ Nedra Voorhies lit a candle in memory of Astrid Karen McDaniel



Nedra Voorhies - June 15, 2022 at 01:27 PM

NV

Karen was a close friend from 3rd grade til we lost touch somewhere in the 80's. I will never forget her. Nedra

Nedra Voorhies - June 15, 2022 at 01:28 PM

LP

Danny, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved wife, The love you shared will never die. My wife and I will pray for you and your family. May the peace of the holy spirit envelope you and your family,
Larry and Delia Peters

Larry Peters - June 15, 2022 at 08:35 PM

CS

“ My condolences to family. She was a wonderful and incredible woman and will be sorely missed by all, may she rest peacefully.

Mrs. McDaniel was my math teacher at Trinity high school. My first memory of her was her talking to me as one of her own even though I didn't have her yet as a sophomore. My junior year was spent with her teaching me Algebra 2 and pre-cal simultaneously. She is the reason I loved and am capable at math. Outside of math though I remember her love for her family. She always spoke lovingly of Danny and her kids and their lives so much that I felt as if I knew y'all. She was hilarious and was full of quick wit and wisdom. As a teacher I try to emulate her and be half of what she was for me and all others. My favorite memory of Mrs. McDaniel is the last time I saw her, I went back to visit everyone during a college break and she was so surprised yet happy to see me. She gave me a huge hug and we caught up some. I will miss her very much.

Caitlin (Metting) Schmedthorst - June 15, 2022 at 12:29 AM

MR

“ What can I say about Karen? She was always so positive and upbeat. She was always there to talk to being the newcomer to campus. She knew her Math and every trick in the book. She always shared them with me and allowed me to sit in on class so I could then reteach to my students. Thank you, Karen, for being you. Rest in heaven my dear friend. When I get there, will you teach me more Math as only you can? ❤️❤️🙏

Marci Ramirez - June 14, 2022 at 09:19 PM

NR

“ Oh what to say about this beautiful soul of Mrs.McDaniel...

2013-2014 My freshman year in Trinity High School I had her for my algebra 1 class. During the Meet the Teachers Night I'd first met her, a cheerful, contagious smile that I'd smile too. (Those who know my ai hardly ever smile).

The way you listened of my previous experience with math, how I struggled in the subject. Then and there you were determined to change my view and experience with math. You did! Everyday I looked forward to your class at the end of the day. I loved to end my school day with math!

Throughout the years to graduation 2016 I have thrived in math; Algebra 1 (McDaniel) , Geometry (Flores & Carter), Algebra 2 (Ladnier), PRE AP Calculus (McDaniel).

My math teachers was the absolute best teachers. They may been strict but it was a good strict especially showing all your work of how you got the answer. I looked forward to your notes on my graded papers.

You will be missed by so many people, but you're now Home. And everytime I have looked at numbers or even a calculator I think of you and the rest of my math teachers.

Nikyta Rhodes - June 14, 2022 at 09:10 PM

NB

“ *Loved working with Karen. Her spunky attitude, unwillingness to accept wrongs, and hold people accountable for their actions are traits that are rare. She has touched the lives of so many students and colleagues and will be greatly missed. Dan, I will be praying for you and your children as face this impossible task. Please know that she was loved, respected, and made a difference in the lives of our students. 💕💕*

Natalie Barrett - June 14, 2022 at 08:55 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Astrid
Karen McDaniel*



M. Hyvl - June 14, 2022 at 06:47 PM