



## Karen Lynette Hlozek

August 15, 1960 - August 16, 2019

Mrs. Karen Lynette Hlozek was born in Houston, Texas on August 15, 1960 to Mr. Howard Byers & Mrs. Madeline Byers Wilkerson.

She was the youngest of three children; preceded in birth by elder brothers Gene and Larry Byers.

She was raised in north Houston where she attended Sam Houston High School (class of '78) and was an active member of Future Farmers of America (FFA) by way of raising a lamb. During her time at Sam Houston High School, Karen casually met the love of her life James Allen Hlozek in April of 1977 at sixteen years of age. Karen embarked on a lifelong journey with her best friend and ultimately took James' hand in marriage on April 17, 1982.

Karen gave birth in Houston, TX to her only child Julie Lynn Hlozek on July 27, 1987 whom she loved whole heartedly. The Hlozek family of three settled down on the outskirts of Huntsville, TX in a home on a couple of acres in the woods. Karen worked in financial institutions over the years and worked for her final employer, Sam Houston State University, for several years. While Karen never officially became a Bearkat, she embraced the culture and friends that she made at Sam.

Karen's full heart loved spending time with family and friends, especially their children as they came through the years. Karen enjoyed spending time with those family and friends at Guadalupe River or Louisiana casino trips. She also loved dancing with James anywhere the mood struck or a good song was playing, even a Denny's parking lot. Karen lived life with a big heart but was

not afraid to tell it like is and tell you what was on her mind. Karen was blessed to embrace the love of family and friends in her final weeks while she lost a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Karen is survived by her loving husband James of thirty seven years and her beautiful daughter Julie. Mother Madeline Wilkerson Brother Gene Byers, Brother and Sister in laws, Nieces and nephews numerous friends. Karen is preceded in death by father Howard Byers, step-father O. Wayne Wilkerson, brother Larry Byers, and mother in law Joann Hlozek.

Special thanks to friend, neighbor, and caregiver Debbie Birdwell

Visitation will be Wednesday August 21, 2019 4-7PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Rosary beginning at 7:00pm. A Catholic Mass will be Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:00am at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will be at Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfm.com

## Rosary

AUG 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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## Funeral Service

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AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Lynette Hlozek*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *James, Julie, Madeline & Gene.....*

*My heart breaks for you all.....*

*I am so very sorry.....*

*I am also sorry that I JUST NOW 9-21-19 found out that she had passed.*

*Prayers for peace & comfort for you all.....*

*Much love*

*Denise*

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**Denise Pate** - September 21, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *I was Karen's Ag. Teacher at Sam Houston High School. I looked forward to seeing her come into my classroom. She had calm disposition about her that made her special. She was always a "steady " person that you could count on to get things done. Her warm personality was welcomed and respected by her classmates. I know that she will be missed by family and friends.*

*God Bless, Bob Singletary*

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**Robert Singletary** - August 22, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



August 21, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *Mark and Debbie Webb purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



**Mark and Debbie Webb** - August 20, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ *The Lahrssen, Pugh & Golden Family's purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



**The Lahrssen, Pugh & Golden Family's** - August 20, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



August 19, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



August 19, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



August 19, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



August 19, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Susan Lynn Skipwith purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



**Susan Lynn Skipwith** - August 19, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



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August 19, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



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August 19, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ *Mary Ann Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynette Hlozek*



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**Mary Ann Faulkner** - August 18, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.*



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August 18, 2019 at 07:53 PM

SM

“ Julie and family I am so sorry to hear about Karen. She was such a delight when we were Girl Scout Troop Mom's together! I remember many, many trips with her taking the troops somewhere. She was always so down to earth and fun. May God bless her family with comfort and peace as only He can give in the days, months and years ahead. Sending love and hugs.

Susan Mott - August 18, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.



August 18, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Lynette Hlozek.



August 18, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Lynette Hlozek



M. Hyvl - August 18, 2019 at 10:12 AM

DS

“ May God be with you James, Julie and family. Karen touched so many lives and you always knew you had a friend with Karen. God Bless and know we are with you in the days ahead.

Donna & Dale Story - August 18, 2019 at 09:07 AM

AR

“ I worked with Karen for several years at SHSU. She was a great person to be around! Praying for her daughter and husband!

Angel Joi Rhem - August 17, 2019 at 10:11 PM

KR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Karen was a treasure and a joy to work with. She was always there with a smile when you needed her. I will miss her always and will keep each of you in my prayers. Kathy Roberts

Kathy Roberts - August 17, 2019 at 08:16 PM

DP

“ May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you comfort and peace. The entire family is praying for you and your family. Christina is blessed to have you as her best friend. We are all here for you. Love, Donna and Walter Paschall, Carol and Richard Byrd, Jan and Tom Rogers, Mary and Nathan Roe, Sara Muskrat and Cody Phillips.



Donna Paschall - August 17, 2019 at 07:27 PM