



## Karen Kay Yates (Ellis)

June 4, 1942 - February 12, 2011

Karen Kay (Ellis) Yates Karen Kay (Ellis) Yates, from Goodland, Kansas, passed away on January 29, 2011 in Denver, Colorado at age 68. She was born in Casper, Wyoming on June 4, 1942, to Donald Ellis and Twilla (Gober) Ellis. Karen is preceded in death by first husband and father of children, Charles Norman Yates; her father; sisters, Donna, Vickie and Kathy. Those left to cherish her memory are her second husband, Lester Gates; mother, Twilla (Gober) Ellis; daughter Dana McGrath (Pat); sons, Gavin Bunney, Burkley Yates, and Jackie Yates; grandsons, Brandon McGrath and Dillon McGrath; granddaughters, Telisha Jordan Bunney, Jana and Julie; great-grandson, Parker Bunney; brothers, Mike Ellis, Larry Ellis and Kent Ellis. Karen was a loyal and devoted mother. She was guided by her faith in God and loyalty to his teachings. She loved children and their laughter and everyone felt welcomed and at home when Karen was around. After Charles died in 1998, Karen returned to Kansas where she lived until her death. Services for Karen will be held Saturday, February 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m. at Cook Springs Baptist Church in Huntsville with Rev. Robert Nichols officiating. Interment will follow at McAdams Cemetery in Walker County. Family will receive friends Friday, February 11, 2011, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Kay Yates (Ellis)*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To my dear friend Karen,  
I will always remember you as my Rose Bud, my best bud, you  
seemed to bloom where ever you were.  
Come Spring, i'll pick your favorite Yellow Rose of Texas, in the rose  
garden and give it to Lester from you.  
You wrote Sophia & I such meaningful notes.  
We will miss your most familiar hand wave through the window as  
you walked down the board walk then waved across the way to your  
friend Etta, who you thought so much of, and she too would see you  
through the window.  
Now we know you're walking with Jesus, your best bud of all.*

*We just loved your,  
Magnolia & Sophia  
(Donice)*

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**Donice** - February 13, 2011 at 07:12 PM

RT

“ We send our deepest sympathy to all of Karens family during this time of loss. May her memories give you strength and please know that she was a special lady to us. I appreciate all the love she gave my Grandpa Gates over the past few years. She kept him happy and well cared for during sickness, loss and everyday tasks. Grandpa is failing in his health and I know he is missing her greatly and has a heavy heart. I enjoyed getting to know Karen and she was always so kind when I went to visit them in Goodland. She will forever remain in our hearts. We send our regrets on not being able to attend her service due to the weather. I really wanted to come and honor her and say my goodbyes and meet all of you. Thoughts and prayers go out to all of you today!

*Renee, Wes Thompson and Matthew Jermark*

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**Renee Thompson** - February 12, 2011 at 11:23 AM

VG

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Karen talked about all of her kids, and loved you all very much. Dad, (Lester) and Karen, had such a loving and special relationship. I know he is very sad and sick at heart for losing her! He is still ill and in the nursing facility, so I hope you will all keep him in your hearts and prayers. I kept in contact with Karen when she was in the hospital in Denver. She knew how sick she was, and kept saying, "don't worry about me"! She was more worried about you kids, and Dad. We loved her dearly, and will never forget her! We would love nothing more than to be able to be there Saturday and meet you all, but due to the weather, that will not be possible! Please know that we will be thinking of you!!

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**Velda and Arlen Gates** - February 11, 2011 at 11:13 AM