



Rhonda Gwynn Killian

February 19, 1951 - April 6, 2021

Rhonda Gwynn Killian, of Owasso, Oklahoma, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 6, 2021 peacefully in her sleep at home.

A private ceremony celebrating her life will be held with immediate family.

Rhonda was born to Alton Leon Goodin and Edna Marie (Jordan) Goodin, on February 19, 1951 in Amarillo, Texas. Rhonda was raised in Claude, Texas, and graduated Salutatorian of Claude High School Class of 1969. After high school, she attended Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She spent most of her 43 year career as a Registered BSN with the Hillcrest Hospital Network, and spent the last 20 years at Claremore Regional Hospital as the Nurse Manager of Labor and Delivery, helping to deliver thousands of babies and mentoring many nurses throughout her career.

Rhonda was an avid gardener in her spare time and prided herself on having the finest lawn in her neighborhood. She also went all out for holiday decorating and was a favorite stop for trick or treaters and a welcoming host for Christmas celebrations. Her favorite form of vacation was via cruise ship with trips to Alaska, the Panama Canal, Baltic Sea, and Roatan, to name a few. Later in life, she was devoted to her two grandchildren and enjoyed sleepovers, gardening lessons, and attending every sporting event, assembly,

and concert that they participated in. Rhonda was a Schnauzer mom beyond compare and loved numerous dogs throughout her life.

Rhonda was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her cherished life partner of more than 40 years, Karen Garrett; two children: Lee Killian (Sabrina) of Kansas City, Kansas and Tamika Crissup (Jake) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Magnolia and Jonah Crissup of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sisters, Debi Blackwell (Dan) of Divide, Colorado and Sandra Meek of Dallas, Texas; niece and nephews, Jordan Reiley (Landon), Mason Meek and Opie Blackwell (Jason); and great-niece Adrienne Blackwell. She will also be greatly missed by her four-legged "children", Zoey and Lexie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Rhonda's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, the American Heart Association, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Fund

APR 6 (CT)

Alzheimer's Association - Oklahoma Chapter
2448 East 81st Street, Suite 3000
Tulsa, OK 74137

Memorial Fund

APR 6 (CT)

American Heart Association
2227 East Skelly Drive
Tulsa, OK 74105

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Rhonda was my mother in law by name only - she was my "Bonus Mom" in reality - and I am a better man for having her in my life.

Rhonda was the light of my wife's life - and shared so many countless moments with her - the loss is real, and there is nothing but time and thoughtful prayer that can heal.

Rhonda loved to tell my kids they were her favorite grandkids (they knew they were the only grand kids; but it always made them feel special). The love is real - and they will carry forward her light and memory onto the next generation.

Rhonda cared for so many others in her life - and in such an unselfish way without any regard to her own needs for sleep or food. Our community is a better place for having this servant of God among us.

Her unconditional love and giving spirit will not extinguish - as we carry her memory forward.

Jake - April 19, 2021 at 11:01 AM

KG

“ I loved you then, I love you still, I always have, I always will. I will miss you so much. Tell everyone hello for us. See you again. Love you . RIP

Karen Garrett - April 09, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MV

“ Living memories of a very nice lady. condolences to all the family and KAren take care of you xxx

marilyn venditti - April 09, 2021 at 08:23 AM

KT

“ *She was a very kind, thoughtful and friendly lady and a wonderful neighbor. Our prayers are with Karen and the family as they navigate though this difficult time.*

Kathryn Thompson - April 09, 2021 at 12:26 AM

KA

“ *I always loved serving Karen and Rhonda on a busy Friday night at Chili's! Their smiles and wit always made my day. Rhonda will be dearly missed.*

Katelyn - April 08, 2021 at 08:43 PM

RB

A wonderful nurse! She saw many of my grandchildren into the world! Knew her for many years! She made a difference! Rest in peace comrade!

Robin bergstrom - April 10, 2021 at 02:17 AM

DJ

“ *Sending Karen and all of Rhonda's family and friends strength and prayers during this difficult time.*

Donna Junker - April 08, 2021 at 02:53 PM

JR

“ *Jane Rothenberger sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhonda Gwynn Killian*



Jane Rothenberger - April 08, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JR

“ *Jane Rothenberger lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Gwynn Killian*



Jane Rothenberger - April 08, 2021 at 02:17 PM

JP

“ *We met Rhonda and Karen on our first day on a cruise of the Baltic Sea. We immediately connected and were inseparable for the rest of the cruise. We are all Schnauzer lovers and enjoy gardening not to mention many more shared interest. We have traveled back and forth between Kansas City and Tulsa for visits and in January 2020 traveled together for a fun vacation in Puerto Vallarta Mexico. Rhonda's warmth, sense of humor and adventurous nature will truly be missed. Our deepest love to Karen and the family. Rhonda will not be forgotten. John & Robert*

john pfannes - April 08, 2021 at 02:16 PM

BR

“ *The first time I met Rhonda was right after we moved in next door 20 years ago. I was unpacking, got a cat bite, bleeding and didn't know where I put the alcohol or anything. I went knocking on her door and was greeted like a long time friend. She was the sweetest neighbor a person could ever have. I'd pick her brain about how to take care of some of my plants/flowers and she didn't mind at all sharing her knowledge of how to care for them. I try to make my yard nice enough to honor God, but Rhonda had 10 green thumbs that created a Garden Of Eden here on earth. She always had a kind word for everyone. We will miss you so very much Rhonda. Love you always. Bob & Debbie Reddig*



Bob & Debbie Reddig - April 08, 2021 at 12:08 PM

KG

“ *Karen Garrett lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Gwynn Killian*



karen garrett - April 08, 2021 at 11:37 AM

SM

“ *The most caring and kindhearted person we have met! You will be missed by our "POD"!!! Shine your light in Heaven sweet friend! Much love and prayers to your family and our dear friend Karen! Always, Susan and Paul*

Susan McWilliams - April 08, 2021 at 06:33 AM