



Kaaren B. Cranford

April 22, 1945 - June 18, 2020

Kaaren Boyd Cranford, 75, of Decatur, Georgia, passed away on 18 June 2020. She was born to parents Rev. Braxton Julian Boyd Sr. and Dorothy Harrison Boyd, on 22 April 1945 in Chicago, Illinois. She grew up the oldest of 4 children. Her father's service with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church required the family to move quite often. She grew up in various towns throughout the Midwest. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Kansas City, Mo in 1963. Upon graduation she matriculated to Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. She went on to study Medical Technology at Rochester Institute of Technology and graduated with Bachelor of Science. Kaaren worked as a Medical Technologist for more than 30 years, the majority of that time in Atlanta. After 29 years of service, she retired from Emory University Hospital in 2008. She enjoyed singing, reading, embroidery, keeping plants and spending time with friends and family. She was a friend to animals, especially cats. Kaaren met Bertrand Lenard Cranford in 1979. They were married on May 30, 1981 in Atlanta, Georgia. Together they raised 1 child: Bertrand Lenard Cranford II. Kaaren is survived by Bertrand Cranford, son, Stacey Winston, daughter, Winston Stukes, grandson, James Boyd, brother, Braxton Boyd, brother, Xia de Puma, niece, Drew Boyd, nephew, Braxton Boyd, nephew, Juliano Venison, nephew, Raven Boyd, niece, Alexi Venison, niece, Jade Hymes, great-niece, Kai Richardson, great-niece, Chase Boyd, great-niece, and other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by Rev. Braxton Julian Boyd Sr., father, Dorothy Harrison Boyd, mother, Thurston Boyd, brother. The family has entrusted Gregory B. Levitt and Sons Funeral Home with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. To share condolences online, visit Kaaren's obituary on levettfuneralhome.com.

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Avondale-Scottdale Chapel. 351 N. Clarendon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079. (404)294-5500.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I met Kaaren in 1996 when we both sang Bass in The Georgia Connection, a Harmony Incorporated women's barbershop chorus in Lilburn, Ga. She was a Charter member of the chorus and went to International Contest in Canada and other locations to compete against the other Area chorus winners. Kaaren also was a very good friend to me, and I will always be grateful. She will be missed. Condolences to her family.
Kay Bedingfield

Kay Bedingfield - August 04, 2020 at 08:26 PM

LC

“ My deepest condolences to Stacey , B.C., Winston and family .My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I will always remember her and the nights we spent working together in the Blood Bank.

Lois Strickland Childs

Lois Strickland Childs - June 29, 2020 at 01:02 PM

EH

“ Deepest condolences to the family. I worked with Kaaren at Emory Hospital or many of those 29 years. She was wise beyond her years and always had a word of encouragement. *Ellie Hamilton*

Ellie Hamilton - June 29, 2020 at 12:35 PM

MH

“ I moved into Clairmont Place in October of 2018, and on the 5th floor with Kaaren. She was so kind and welcoming. I enjoyed many talks with her in my condo as well as a partner on bus trips. The people who lived in my condo before me took the AJC and it took a year for it to stop, so I was able to give that copy to Karren. Prayers to her family.

Martha Hathcock

Martha Hathcock - June 29, 2020 at 11:08 AM

HK

“ I remember Kaaren from the years she attended Northwest Presbyterian Church. I always enjoyed conversations with her and her sense of humor. My prayers to her family.

Harriett Kelly

Harriett Kelly - June 28, 2020 at 08:55 PM

RD

“ Kaaren was our next door neighbor. I will miss her sly smile and the twinkle in her eye, as she recounted the many stories that made up her life. May she rest in peace.

Ron Davis

Ron Davis - June 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM

BD

“ Kaaren was a neighbor here at Clairmont Place who moved here about the same time that we did. She was a gentle, quiet gal who loved plants and cats, and who participated in life here in many ways. She sang with our Clairmont Place singers, volunteered on our landscaping committee, did needlepoint (especially of cats) and so much more. Her presence here at Clairmont Place will be dearly missed. We are so sorry that she is now gone, and send our heartfelt condolences to her family.



Beth & Ron Davis

Beth & Ron Davis - June 28, 2020 at 03:18 PM

EF

“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your green. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - June 26, 2020 at 04:13 AM

AH

*I will miss Kaaren. I always loved talking to her. I remember we went to a jazz concert together and several times I took her to the doctor and always enjoyed our conversations. She was a star in our trivia group-- she always knew the answers! I wish we could have had a chance to visit before she left Clairmont Place.
Blessings on all the family,
Anne Marie Hughes*

anne hughes - June 28, 2020 at 03:58 PM

MG

Kaaren was one of the most unique persons I have ever met ; Once in a while we ended up eating at the same table for dinner. She was always a delight to share a meal and she kept the conversation going as she always let you know exactly what she thought about any family issue. We only got to go to one movie together and I wish it could have been more. I will certainly miss her Love to your family. What a wonderful mother you had!

Martha Gaston

Martha Gaston - June 28, 2020 at 09:16 PM

NM

Kaaren's smile soothed and welcomed, and her concern for others was obvious. She was so smart and wise. May God bless her family.

NANCY MCDANIEL - July 25, 2020 at 04:45 AM