



Karla McLendon

February 9, 1970 - August 29, 2022

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Karla Reneé McLendon, who was called home on Monday, August 29, 2022. Visitation will be held on Thursday September 8, 2022 from 12pm to 8pm with family present from 6pm to 8pm at Gregory B Levett and Sons Gwinnett Chapel at 914 Scenic Hwy S, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Celebration of Life Services will be held over two days. Our first service will be Friday, September 9, 2022 at 2pm at Gregory B Levett and Sons Gwinnett Chapel. Our second service will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 2pm at Williams Funeral Home at 2945 Old Tobacco Rd, Hephzibah, GA 30815. Her burial will occur thereafter at Walker Memorial at 620 Laney Walker Blvd, Augusta, GA 30901.

Karla Reneé McLendon was born February 9th, 1970 to Mary Alice Rhoden and James Brown in Augusta, Georgia. She was called home on Monday, August 29, 2022, surrounded by family. She was the youngest of 3. Karla was a devoted mother, sister, daughter, educator, and friend. She lived a life dedicated to Christ, most recently attending Berean Christian Church in Snellville, GA. She previously attended Hopewell Baptist Church in Norcross, GA, Beulah Grove Baptist Church in Augusta, GA, and New Exodus Missionary Baptist Church in Hephzibah, GA.

Karla was a lover of the arts – from songwriting, to dancing, to modeling and

more. Her passion for the arts led her to the production of annual pageants. She was immensely beautiful and talented, in every way. She had dreams of starting her own cosmetic line and designing journals to help people reframe their internal narratives. She got offers from top modeling agencies in New York but elected to pursue her education.

She graduated from John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School in 1988. She attended Georgia State University to receive a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education before attending Brenau University to receive a Master's degree in Education as well. She went on to get a Specialist degree from the same institution. Karla worked in Dekalb County Public Schools before teaching in Gwinnett County Public Schools for nearly 20 years, teaching math, science, and social studies in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Stone Mountain Middle, Crews Middle, Snellville Middle, Grace Snell Middle, and Northbrook Middle. She touched the lives of an incredible number of students and staff alike. Her smile illuminated the hallways and her dedication to education was felt. Her voice was so calming and her laugh so satisfying.

Her pride and joy were her children, Kayla and Isaiah. She was so proud of them and would never shy away from bragging about them, from the type of people they were becoming, to what they were doing in their careers, to how well they took care of her as caregivers in her time of need.

Karla was very active and loved nature. She enjoyed going on daily 6 mile jogs, hiking, biking, and painting under the sun. She loved seeing waterfalls and finding new vista points. Karla had even attended 5am circuit training classes, where she found her fitness family.

Karla's passing was preceded by her late brother, Thaddeus "Carl" Burney. Karla is survived by her children, Earl Isaiah McLendon, 20, and Kayla McLendon, 25, her mother, Mary Alice Rhoden, and her sister Antoinette

Burney, as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and friends

Previous Events

Visitation (Mask Required)

SEP 8. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Family Hours

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life (Mask Required)

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

SEP 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home
2945 Old Tobacco Rd.
Hephzibah, GA 30815

Burial

SEP **10** (ET)

Walker Memorial
620 Laney Walker Blvd
Augusta, GA 30901

Tribute Wall

AD

“ I met Karla on a dating site last year. Though I never met her in person, we had some great times on the phone and through FaceTime. I am so sadden by this great loss to humanity. I will keep her children lifted up in prayer. My God. My God. My God. - Adika

Adika - September 28, 2022 at 08:43 PM

EF

“ Sharing your sadness as you prepare to say goodbye to your love one. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - September 12, 2022 at 05:50 AM

JC

“ Mrs Mclendon was my 6th grade science teacher at Stone Mountain Middle In 1999. al still remember greeting her for the first time and saying to myself “she’s so nice”. She was so passionate about teaching and most importantly caring about her students. Her angelic spirit inspired so many and during this time I pray for peace and the healing of your family.
With love Joia.

Joia Carter - September 11, 2022 at 03:30 AM

SK

“ I was lucky to have known Karla as a longtime colleague and teammate but, more importantly, I was blessed to call Karla my dear friend. As such, I have two memories to share: the first is from our days teaching together at Crews Middle, and the second is from one of our trips to Florida.

Karla, Anne Brown and I had been teamed together before, but the year we were on a three-member team stands out most clearly. We had to split Social Studies that year, and none of us was an expert at that subject. Somehow, though, we pulled it together and even managed to have some fun with it. Karla, in that chill way that she had, would always smile and say it was going to be okay. And she was right - it was.

My second memory is from one of our trips to Pensacola. For several years, Anne and I had been trying to convince Karla to go with us, but she was reluctant to leave Kayla and Isaiah. Somehow, we finally managed to get her to join us. On our first night there, we went to a local club to hear a live band. The three of us were soon put on the dance floor, but within minutes Anne and I, as well as everyone else, cleared out to watch Karla. She was in her element! With that beautiful huge smile we all love, she was dancing so gracefully that all anyone could do was watch and admire. She was obviously so relaxed and happy. I know she's dancing just like that now, in her new home, where she is at peace. I love you, sweet girl.

Stacy Keevan
Chicago

Stacy Keevan - September 08, 2022 at 11:18 PM

GP

“ Gregory Putman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karla McLendon.



Gregory Putman - September 08, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karla McLendon.



September 08, 2022 at 04:28 PM

JM

“ 4 files added to the album Memories of Karla Rhoden McLendon



J McLendon - September 08, 2022 at 03:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karla McLendon.* ”



September 08, 2022 at 10:17 AM