



Karen Levins

August 17, 1952 - March 22, 2026

Karen Levins was born on August 17, 1952, to the late Sam and Rosa Lee Wiley Holt, and from the very beginning, she carried a light that would touch countless lives. A proud graduate of Crestview High School, Class of 1971, she walked forward with a quiet strength and a joyful spirit that never left her.

Karen devoted many years of faithful service to both Newhope Industries and Winchester Terrace Nursing Home before retiring, but “retirement” never quite fit her.

She lived fully present in every moment, engaged with every person, and always ready with a warm smile or a kind word. To know Karen was to experience a kind of genuine care that made you feel seen, valued, and just a little bit better than before.

Her faith was a steady foundation in her life. As a devoted member of Greater St. John Church of God in Christ (Oasis of Love), Karen poured herself into the life of the church.

Whether working with the Sunshine Band youth, lifting her voice in the choir, or simply showing up with her signature warmth, she brought life and love into every space she entered.

Even prior to the complications she faced with diabetes, Karen made a personal commitment to Faith Temple Church of God in Christ assisting wherever she could, serving with the same quiet dedication and willing heart that defined her life.

Karen had a gift for people. She loved to laugh, loved to gather, and had a natural way of drawing others in. There was something about her presence that was easy, joyful, and sincere that made you want to stay a little longer. She LOVED to laugh—and to make you laugh. That signature humor will never be forgotten. She didn't just meet people; she connected with them. And more often than not, she left them better than she found them.

Karen lived life to the fullest, not in grand gestures, but in everyday kindness, shared laughter, and unwavering love. Deeply rooted in her village, she was cherished by her children and grandchildren, family, friends and neighbors, and all who had the blessing of crossing her path. Karen's life is a beautiful reminder that joy, faith, and love

freely

given can leave a lasting imprint. And though she is deeply missed, the light

she carried

continues to shine in the lives she touched

Married to the love of her life, the late Samuel Theodore Levins, their union gave them

Camille Nikoya, Marshall DeAndre, and Sequoia Tillea Levins; 10 grandsons and 3

granddaughters and 2 great-grandsons: Tajhrreil Fuller, TreQaun, TreVeon, and

Trestan Manns; Marshall DeAndre II, Alijah, Rashid, Sameah, Prince and Paisley

Levins; Avery and Kaden Brown; Princeton White and Uriah Levins; Tomara Mapp, and

her goddaughters Octavia Barrett, Tamika Chapman, Amya Harris, and bonus grandson, Krysen Harris, bonus daughter and caregiver, Elder Shané T. A. Williams.

Mother Karen Holt Levins was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Rosa Lee

Holt, Sr., her siblings Jean Harlow, Barbara Ann Holt, Samuel Holt, Jr., Louise Holt

Eatmon, and Myrtle Holt Boone. She leaves to cherish a lifetime of memories with her

children, grandchildren, and baby brother, Timothy Titus Holt, Sr (Debra) Holt, and a

host of nieces and nephews, family and friends

The services will be held Friday, April 3, 2026, 11 am, with one-hour prior

calling to the services, at Oasis of Love, 190 Chester Ave., Mansfield, Ohio, with Pastor William Jordan officiating. The Committal Services will follow the services.

The family has entrusted Small's Funeral Services with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Oasis of Love
190 Chester Ave.
Mansfield, OH 44903

Services

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Oasis of Love
190 Chester Ave.
Mansfield, OH 44903

Repast

APR 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Golden Corral
575 N. Lexington, Spring Mill Rd
Mansfield, OH 44906

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Barbara Simms lit a candle in memory of Karen Levins*



Barbara Simms - April 07 at 04:20 AM

DJ

“ *debbie jefferson lit a candle in memory of Karen Levins*



debbie jefferson - April 03 at 06:09 PM

TF

“ *The Giddins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Levins.*

The Giddins Family - April 03 at 07:40 AM

TF

“ *The Giddins Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen Levins.*



The Giddins Family - April 03 at 07:40 AM

LS

“ Lillie May Carroll Jackson staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Levins.



Lillie May Carroll Jackson staff - April 02 at 02:56 PM

LS

“ Lillie May Carroll Jackson staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Levins.

Lillie May Carroll Jackson staff - April 02 at 02:56 PM

LT

“ Love Sassy Stixx & Tori purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen Levins.



Love Sassy Stixx & Tori - March 31 at 01:59 PM

MV

“ Karen, truly was a joy to know, I never saw her without a smile on her face. My deepest sympathy to the family during this time of transition, I shall keep you in my prayers.

Missionary Lodia Liz Vaughn - March 27 at 08:57 PM

CC

“ Sorry for your family's loss she will be missed a very good friend of mine rest well my friend

Christine Canada - March 27 at 06:39 PM

BW

“ *She was such a wonderful and loving person. Always could make you laugh and smile. She will be missed and forever in our hearts. My condolences to you all*

berneice woodson - March 27 at 01:56 PM

TF

“ *The Blue Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen Levins.*



The Blue Family - March 24 at 08:19 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Mark Cobb and the Providence Baptist Church; is sending our deepest condolences and prayers to the family. No matter what the storms of life may be, know that Jesus is always with you to comfort and keep you.*

Pastor Mark Cobb - March 23 at 12:52 PM