



## Karen A. Jamison

Karen A. Jamison adjourned her last meeting, having passed away on October 31, 2024 after a long encounter with Alzheimer's disease. Her genuine smile and bright, kind and elegant demeanor endured throughout the journey, with her always being able to somehow encourage those around her.

Karen was born to Lloyd and Ellen Faust on October 23, 1946 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. She grew up in the small town of Linden, Indiana and was the eldest of three sisters, including Linda and Gayle. Karen attended and graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health in 1968, whereafter she began her career as a dental hygienist. She then met and later married Thomas M. Jamison in 1970. Karen and her husband moved from Indiana to North Carolina, where Tom completed his radiology residency and they welcomed their first child, Chadwick.

Shortly thereafter, a medical practice opportunity for her husband arose in Williamsburg, Virginia, where they then had their second child, Courtney. Karen was a loving and devoted mother who cheerfully supported her family and their aspirations with her characteristic optimism and generosity.

Karen was regularly involved with a wide range of community minded endeavors, something which came to her naturally. As her children grew, so did her interest in community activities. Karen became involved with the Parent Teacher Association, which progressed to her role as PTA President and then appointment as the Chairperson of Williamsburg James City County School Board. Karen's organizational skills and gift for consensus making were lent to many groups, including the United Way, the Medical Society of Virginia Alliance, WHRO, the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs, and the Williamsburg Garden Club, the latter of which she chaired. She was also the concurrent chairperson for the Williamsburg Community Foundation, Dream Catchers Therapeutic Riding Center, and the developing Williamsburg Botanical Garden. Karen was a considerate, conscientious, empathetic and engaging ambassador for these organizations, contributing to their mission, growth and benevolent spirit. She was wonderfully capable of allowing people to be their best selves, often in the midst of reasonable controversy. However, she was always mildly disappointed with folks who were not Duke University men's basketball fans.

Karen is survived by her husband, Thomas M. Jamison, MD; as well as their children, Chad and wife, Amanda, of Virginia Beach, and Southern Pines, North Carolina, as well as Courtney and husband, Matthew, with two children, Jamison and Ellen of Ocean Grove, Victoria, Australia. She also has a surviving sister, Gayle Massa (Richard) of Brownsburg, Indiana.

The family extends its sincere appreciation to the dedicated caregivers at Williamsburg Landing Adult Day Center, Memory Support Unit and Namaste.

November 14, 2024

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Assisting with Worship

Rev. Dave Rochford

Organist

Barbara Stahl

Sound & Video

Anthony Williams



Beloved,

since God loved us so much,

we also ought to love

one another.

*1 John 4:11*

A Service of Worship  
in Celebration of the Life of  
**Karen A. Jamison**  
**October 23, 1946 – October 31, 2024**  
November 14, 2024 1:30 p.m.  
Williamsburg United Methodist Church

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

GATHERING

THE WORDS OF HOPE AND GRACE

from John 11; Revelation 1, 22

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.

GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of Karen Jamison. We come together in grief, acknowledging our sense of loss.

May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray.

**You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.  
Give us now your grace, that as we stand before the mystery of death we may see  
the light of eternity, and live as those who are prepared to die. Show us  
in these days of our loss that nothing in life or in death can separate us from  
your love, and give us the peace of knowing that living or dying, our life is in you.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Amazing Grace*  
(verses 1-2, 5-6)

UMH 377 (red book)

TIME OF FOND REMEMBRANCE

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there!**

**If I make my bed in the depths, you are there!**

If I take up the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

**For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts.**

**See if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 12:9-18

MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine  
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Lord God, we give you thanks for the life of our friend Karen.

**We give you thanks that she lived among us,  
and that we shared these years with her on this earth.**

We are grateful also, Lord, for the certainty with which we can now release her to you.

**For we trust in your love for her and for us.**

**And we believe your promise that beyond this death lies new life to come.**

Receive Karen now, Lord, and remember us who now live here without her.

**Heal the hurt in our hearts today. Fill the void left by her absence.**

**Turn our present emptiness into good and happy memories.**

**Help us to live in ways that would make Karen proud.**

**And teach us to remember that we too must face death,  
and so to live responsibly and well.**

Only you, O God, are eternal!

**And to you, our Creator, to you, Jesus Christ, our hope for new life,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our comfort and power,  
to you, the only living God, be all the praise  
and the glory, now and forever! Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE