

# Karen Louise Tate Wanlass

*February 15, 1955 ~ October 11, 2023*

Karen passed peacefully at home on the morning of October 11, 2023, with her loving husband at her side.

She was born February 15, 1955, in Tooele Utah, to Richard and Louise (Weezy) Tate, and grew up in Tooele with her brother Doug, and younger sister Brenda (Beans). She graduated from Tooele high school (Class of 1973) and was a proud Tooele Buffalo for life!

Karen married her first husband Lester Moran at a young age, and they had two sons together, Justin Moran, and Jeremy Moran. She was very proud of her boys, and even more proud of the men that they grew up to be.

She was later married to Jean Fletcher for about 5 years in the early 1980's.

In 1992, she met the love of her life, John Wanlass at the Scoreboard Lounge in Salt Lake City. They would spend the rest of her life together. They were married in February 2006, and over the 31 years that they were together, they saw each other through both troubles and triumphs. He made her world whole, and she his.

Karen absolutely adored her grandchildren, Rose Moran, Ruth Moran, Samuel Moran, and ArieAnn Fairbairn. Karen took great joy as she watched them grow. She was very proud of each of them and spent many hours searching for and posting pictures of them around the house. They brought light to her days and joy to her heart.

Karen was fascinated by lighthouses and was overjoyed when she had the opportunity to visit them. She and John had visited nearly every lighthouse on the west coast of the United States, and several in Hawaii. She cried the first time that she got to actually see one in person, as they were a passion for her all of her life. She also loved anything that was the color purple and was drawn to it for her whole life.

She is survived by her sons, Justin (Stephanie) Moran and Jeremy Moran, her stepsons, Josh Thorn-Shaw, Jordan Wanlass, Ryan Wanlass, and Anthony Alonso. Her granddaughters Rose Moran (Justin), Ruth Moran (Justin), Samuel Moran (Jeremy), and AriAnn Fairbairn (Jeremy). Her brother Doug (Staci) Tate, and her sister Brenda (David) Smart.

Karen was preceded in death by her father Richard Tate and her mother, Louise Tate.

Her ashes will be interred at a private family ceremony at Tooele City Cemetery at 2 o'clock on Thursday October 26, 2023. This will be followed by a celebration of her life at the Hyatt Place Hotel Downtown Salt Lake City at the Gateway (55 N 400 W SLC, UT 84101) at 4:00 pm.

The family would like to invite all to please wear something purple in Karens honor that day.