

Karen Renea Boone

October 21, 1964 ~ April 20, 2025

We are celebrating the beautiful life of our cherished Mom, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, Friend. Karen is known and loved for her “tell it like it is” honesty that touched the lives of everyone she met. Everyone who knew her shared what a gift she was—always smiling, always happy. She answered your call, whether it was a late-night chat or from a friend in need. Her spirit was bright and remains a light in each of our lives.

Karen passed unexpectedly at home. She is reunited with her parents, brother, beloved aunts, grandparents and friends. Heaven is rocking with a huge reunion of love, laughter, music and an intense game of cards.

Karen Renea Boone was born October 21, 1964, to Thomas Mike and Loretta June (Smith) Boone in Helena, Montana. She was raised in Helena in a small house surrounded by a white picket fence. She had two big brothers and a big sister. She also had cousins, aunts and uncles. Her dreams to go places started with the family’s first trip to Kansas. She met so many new family members and made new friends.

She was determined to go to college and get a degree. She attended Ricks College before being accepted into BYU her dream school. It was a little scary because the school had more people than her hometown. She tackled it like a pro.

After college, Karen returned to Helena and worked for Montana’s Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department to save for a mission. A year later, she became Sister Boone, serving in the Charlotte, North Carolina, Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In towns like Charlotte and Kernersville, Karen made lifelong friends and helped others come to know Christ and the joy of the gospel.

Karen returned home and quickly resumed her career. Over the years, she worked in the publishing business, construction, and vehicle emissions industries, and ran her own business, Boone’s Accounting. As a controller, Karen knew how to dive deep into a company’s financials. She tracked every penny, solved the challenging problems, and made herself indispensable wherever she worked.

But her greatest role by far was Mom. After years of being a deeply involved and loving aunt, Karen finally became a mother—and Lance Noah Green became the center of her universe. She cooked delicious meals, tackled mountains of laundry (especially tough when your kid’s an athlete), and ran from school to practice, to tournaments, and appointments.

Her only complaint? Constantly having to buy Noah new basketball shoes, since his feet seemed to grow a size every month and wore them out in no time. But really, that “complaint” was pride. Karen was endlessly proud of Noah—his ability to learn, lead, and lift up those around him. The support system Noah has today is a direct reflection of Karen’s love, guidance, and example. While many of us look up to him because of his height, far more look up to him for the strength and character he embodies—qualities passed down from his mother.

Though she was a total workaholic, Karen loved to travel. She somehow found time for bunko nights, dinner with friends, and trips to visit loved ones in Montana, California, Oregon, Mississippi, New Mexico, Maryland, and beyond. She followed Noah's basketball journey to tournaments in Las Vegas and Idaho, and when she could, she traveled big—cruising to Alaska, the Caribbean, Central America, and flying to Hawaii more than a few times. She loved seeing new places, and even more, she loved bringing others along for the adventure.

Here's to your next grand adventure, Karen. You will remain in our memories, our stories, and our hearts forever.

Survived by her son Lance Noah Green, siblings, Thomas (Lynne) Boone, Brenda (David) Johnson. and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Noah's college fund to Karen's VENMO account @Karen-Boone-8

Services will be Saturday, April 26, 2025 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (89 East 11000 South, Sandy UT). The funeral is scheduled for 12:00pm with a viewing prior at 10:00am.

Karen will be laid to rest in Helena Montana with graveside services on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 11:00 am at Sunset Memorial Gardens (7100 N. Montana Ave, Helena, MT 59602).

Funeral services will be available to view live via Zoom. Click the Watch Services button above to view at the scheduled time.