



## Karen Fannin

March 22, 1952 - April 6, 2009

Mrs. Karen Leigh Simmons Fannin, age 57, of Roanoke, Virginia, passed away suddenly at her home Monday, April 6, 2009. She was born in Richlands, Virginia and was the daughter of Nancy Ringstaff Simmons of High Point, North Carolina and the late Joe Casey Simmons. She had made her home in the Tazewell and Richlands area for most of her life and was insurance agent for over 30 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Richlands, Virginia. She was a graduate of Richlands High School Class of 1970. Survivors, in addition to her mother, are: Her loving husband of 26 years: Omer E. Fannin of Roanoke, VA Son and Daughter in Law: Luke Fannin and wife, Rebecca of Falls Church, VA Her beloved sisters: Rhonda Jo Jarrett and her husband Robert of Roanoke, VA, Donna Sue VanMeter and husband Dan of Wellsburg, Ohio, Kimberly Ann Reich and husband John of Atlantic Beach, FL, sisters-in-law Susan Brown and husband Denny of Siloam Springs, AR, Theresa Loffler and husband Joe of Punta Gorda, FL., brothers-in-law Charles M. Fannin and wife Rita of South Portsmouth, KY, Cloice Fannin of New York, NY, and Patrick Fannin of Ohio. Her favorite people on earth are her niece, Amy Beth O'Keeffe and her husband Michael of High Point NC, nephew Robert Casey Coleman and wife Leslie of Roanoke, VA., nephew Logan Fitzgerald and wife Karla of Silver Spring, MD, and nephew Andy Gooliak of Chicago, IL. Her great niece, who always melted her heart, Margaret Casey O'Keeffe of High Point, NC, and many other loved nieces, nephews and friends also survive. Karen was the

most caring, loving, generous person to all she knew. She loved her family more than anyone could put into words. She loved music and she loved to dance. There is no doubt she is on heaven's beaches "Shaggin'" in the sand. She was her husband's tiny dancer and he will love her forever. Funeral services for Karen Leigh Simmons Fannin will be conducted Friday, April 10, 2009 at 2:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Stafford Compton officiating. Interment will follow. Friends may call Thursday evening from 6pm to 9pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Fannin*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Karen Fannin*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

**Sheila Wright** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Omer, Nancy and Other Family Members, I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Brenda Altizer** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of Karen's passing. I will keep her and her family in my prayers.*

**Jim King** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I want to express my deepest condolences and prayers for your family.*

**Bill Reichart** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ One of our best memories of Karen was when we went on vacation with Omer and her to Myrtle Beach and we DID shag in the sand! That was one of our best vacations ever and one we'll always remember. We just regret that we couldn't spend more time with one of the best couples we know and love. We'll always remember the good times.

Love,  
Terri and Joe

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**Terri & Joe Loffler** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ To the family of Karen,  
We are so saddened to learn of Karen's passing. We have known her and the family since very young and attended school together. She was so beautiful and admired by everybody.

May God's peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding surround you at this time.

Anita and Kirk Gibson

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**Anita McGlothlin Gibson** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We know you were the light of Omer's heart and soul, for that we love you and will miss you.  
Love always, Susan & Denny

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**Susan & Denny Brown** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the family of Karen,

*Please accept our sincere sympathy in your loss. Karen was a high school classmate and a loving caring person.*

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**Margaret Mullins** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *I opened the newspaper this morning to learn of your loss. I am so sorry to learn of Karen's passing. She and I had a lot of wonderful times together. Myranda and Chelsey also were saddened to learn this news. Our thoughts are with each one of you guys, she told me many times how much she loved you all..*

*She taught me many things and i will always be thankful she was a part of my life..*

*Mary Lee*

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**Mary Lee** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Omar and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Karen was so great to work with. and such a lovely person.*

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**Connie Blair** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *We were sorry to learn of Karen's death. May God give you strength, comfort, and peace in this time of sorrow. We have you in our prayers.*

*Jane Ellen Horton*

*"Rocky" and Pat Horton and Family*

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**Jane Ellen Horton** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ We send our thoughts and prayers to the family especially to her mother Nancy , a classmate from class of 47. We were so sorry to hear of your loss.

David and Nathan Robinette - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So sad to hear of your loss , Nancy..God Bless you and your family.  
Donald & Shirley Dye

Donald & Shirley Dye - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Karen's passing. My thoughts are with Mrs. Simmons as well as with Omer.

David Peery - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Karen's passing. She was a very special person. My prayers are with the entire family.

Jim Simpson - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Karen will always be in my memory as a fiesty, honest, conscientious agent that helped me grow the best business I ever had.

I will always remember her and know that she a great person.

Omer I am so sorry for for your loss.

Please feel free to call on me for whatever you may need.

David

David A DeMarco - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Omer, Nancy, Rhonda, Susie, Kim, and family:  
My heart is breaking with yours. She was such a wonderful person. I worked so closely with her and Omer a few years ago on an estate matter and came to love and respect her so much. She was a selfless, caring and loving person. There is no doubt her family meant everything to her. She will be greatly missed. Love, Deanis Simmons

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**Deanis Simmons** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ May it be of comfort to know that your friends share your grief, and in this difficult journey, may we all find thankfulness in having been touched by one so dear. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Marye Brooks** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF KAREN'S PASSING.  
HEART FELT SYMPATHY GO TO ALL HER FAMILY.  
JE LAMBERT

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**JIM E. LAMBERT** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Nancy and all the family, I was so sorry to hear of your great loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

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**Alice Casey Pyott** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ TO ALL THE FAMILY PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. KAREN AS WELL AS ALL THE SIMMONS SISTERS MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO RHS AND ARE WELL REMEMBERED AS PART OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS. MY SISTER (RITA PATRICK HAWKINS) AND I REMEMBER THEM ALL. SUSIE, RITA IS OUT OF STATE RIGHT NOW BUT SHE ASKED THAT I RELAY TO YOU HER DEEPEST SYMPATHY. SHE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL

SINCERELY,

DEE (PATRICK) BARBOUR RHS CLASS OF '71  
RITA (PATRICK) HAWKINS RHS CLASS OF '73

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**DEE (PATRICK) BARBOUR** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ so many fond memories.....

Rhonda,  
I am so very sorry!!!

SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP ME  
CONTACT RHONDA...SOMEHOW..  
E-MAIL ADDRESS OR SOMETHING!!

THANKS, TOM

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**Tom Aspinwall** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Tom Aspinwall informed me of Karen's passing. We are long-out-of-touch high school acquaintances of Karen and Rhonda. I'd like to express my condolences to the extended family.

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**Steve Pielocik** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Karen was such a good friend to me for many years. She was there for me during my marriage to Dusty and the birth of my two wonderful daughters. We shared many special times together. Her whole family are in my prayers and We also shared many wonderful holidays together. She will be missed. She made everyone she knew feel special.

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**Sharon Ballard** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM