



Karen Wood

March 10, 1966 - July 15, 2025

Karen Monica Ballinger Wood was born on March 10, 1966, to Dolphus Eugene Ballinger and Ona Sinclair Rush-Ballinger. She devoted nearly 25 years to ministering to the citizens of Indianapolis through her work with the Sheriff's Office. For almost 30 years, she faithfully served as the Minister of Music at True Victory Church of God in Christ.

Karen was a loving, compassionate woman who cared deeply for others. She nourished and led her family with strength and grace, always striving to live a life that honored God.

She is deeply missed by her husband, Jerry; her son, Terry (Betty); her daughter, Kristann (Andronic); and her beloved grandson, Kwami. She is also survived by her mother, Ona Ballinger; her brothers, Brian (Adrienne), Dolphus, Walter, and Kevin; and her sisters, Toni (Darryl), Krista (Kevin), Linda (Doug), Chea, and Keisha.

Karen leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and countless others whose lives were forever touched by her love.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46235

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

University United Methodist Church
5959 Grandview Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46228

Service

AUG 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEART FELT CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF YOUR BELOVED KAREN. IT GOES WITH OUT SAYING THAT SHE WAS ONE OF THE BEST PEOPLE I EVER HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING. SHE CALLED ME FUNNY ACTIN (LIKE TONI) BECAUSE IT TOOK ME A MINUTE TO FEEL PEOPLE OUT AND DECIDE IF I WANTED TO BE BOTHERED WITH THEM. KAREN HAD A WAY OF BRINGING THE BEST OUT OF PEOPLE AND THAT IS WHAT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ABOUT HER. SHE NOT ONLY BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN ME SHE SAW THE BEST IN ME WHEN I DIDNT SEE IT MYSELF AND SHE MADE NO APOLOGIZES FOR LOVING YOU THE WAY ONLY SHE COULD. KAREN WAS NOT JUST A DEVOTED WIFE, DOTING MOTHER, FANTASTIC SISTER, ADORING DAUGHTER , OR A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE LORD SHE WAS A FORCE A VIBE MY FRIEND.

THE DAYS WILL PASS THE TEARS WILL FALL THE PAIN WILL BE GREAT BUT GOD BALLINGER/WOOD FAMILY BUT GOD

LONG LIVE THE WOOD

-GAIL

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