

*Do Not Stand
At My Grave
And Weep*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die!*

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

KAREN SUE RYAN



Karen Sue (Key) Ryan was born on July 18, 1956, in Frederick, Oklahoma to Lavurn Winford "LW" and Jeanette Lovelle (Mansell) Key. She graduated from Frederick High School in 1974. In November of 1979, she wed Jay Glen Ryan in Vernon, Texas and of this union six children were born; one son and five daughters.

There aren't enough words to describe the wonderful person Karen was. She was the strongest woman, even up until her very last breath. She devoted her entire life to her children and grandchildren. Karen was selfless and would give the shirt off her back to help someone in need. She enjoyed the simple comforts in life. Karen loved nature, the rain, cooking, and a good true crime documentary. She was an avid reader and had a thirst for knowledge and knowing the answers to all of life's mysteries. Karen was very intuitive, a true believer in something bigger and of her Heavenly Father. She led a very modest and reserved life, but she touched many souls and was like a second mother and grandmother to many. Karen loved with every single fiber in her being and she will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Karen departed her earthly body on May 11, 2024, at Jackson County Memorial Hospital in Altus, Oklahoma while surrounded by her beloved children.

She is survived by her son, Jay Ryan; daughters, Jessica Hopingardner and husband, Chris, Kara Ryan, Jackie Cartwright and husband, Gary, Rachel Miller and husband, Jeff, and Zachary Allen and husband, Aaron; granddaughters, Kylee Ryan, Jaycee Harvey, Ashli Raab, Kelsey Mills, McKenzie Mills, Allie Ryan, Natalie Jackson, Faith Musick, and Elizabeth Allen; grandsons, Stetson Ryan, Mason Hopingardner, Caleb Ryan, Hurley Ryan, Ethan Allen, Preston Porcher, Brantley Allen, Carter Ryan, Dawson Miller, and Waylon Ryan; great grandchildren, Avery Stabolitis, Kutter Routh, and Bexleigh Raab; and a host of other family members and friends.

