



## Karen Lund Caldwell

March 28, 1969 - September 2, 2024

Karen Lund Caldwell, 55, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on September 2, 2024, after a stroke. Though her departure was sudden and heart-wrenching, she was surrounded in her final moments by the unwavering love and care of her devoted husband, David; her sister, Kelly; and her two sons, John and Grey.

Karen was born on March 28, 1969, to John and Virginia (Jennie) Lund. Raised in Charlotte, she thrived in academics and embraced her passion for swimming, all while forming an inseparable bond with her older sister, Kelly. After graduating from East Mecklenburg High School in 1987, she went on to study industrial relations at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she also earned a master's degree in social work.

In 1997, Karen married the love of her life, David, and together they had two sons, John and Grey, of whom she was extremely proud. Karen was a wonderful wife and mother whose humor, spirit, and tenacity will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Karen was known for her compassion towards others, and her work reflected a lifelong commitment to caring for people. She worked as a social worker for Mecklenburg County, a preschool director at her church through the YMCA, and a receptionist and bookkeeper at Coddle Creek Elementary School. She

cherished her coworkers, who in turn cherished her. Each year, she spent hours handwriting notes of appreciation to every person she worked with to make sure they knew how much they were appreciated. She always went the extra mile to make something special for someone she cared about. Her beaming presence touched many, and she couldn't go anywhere in Mooresville without a smiling child, parent, or coworker coming up to say hello.

Her commitment extended beyond her professional life to her faith community. She had been a member of Fair View United Methodist Church for nearly three decades. She served on various committees, volunteered at Vacation Bible School, and most recently, served as Church Council Secretary.

Karen found joy in the simple pleasures of life: daily walks around the neighborhood (a walkie-walkie, she called it), reading a book in the yard, cheering for the Braves with David, indulging her sweet tooth, and cuddling with her dog, Fletcher, who was her clear favorite in the family. She enjoyed attending numerous classes at church over the years, most recently a Monday night prayer group with David. She was a determined woman both inside and outside of work, making daily to-do lists, and always achieving what she set out to do. Despite knowing seemingly everyone in town, she was relatively reserved. However, if she let you in, even for a moment, you felt remarkably special.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, John and Virginia (Jennie) Lund, and is survived by her husband, David; their sons, John and Grey; her sister, Kelly Furr; her stepmother, Pam Lund; and her beloved dogs, Fletcher and Larry.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at Fair View United Methodist Church, located at 1430 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115, on September 7, 2024, at 3:00 p.m, immediately followed by a reception at the church. All are

welcome to come together to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to Fair View United Methodist Church ([fairviewumc.org](http://fairviewumc.org)) or to the American Stroke Association ([stroke.org](http://stroke.org)).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Caldwell family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 7. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Fair View United Methodist Church  
1430 Mecklenburg Hwy  
P.O. Box 27  
Mount Mourne, NC 28123

## Receiving Friends

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fair View United Methodist Church  
1430 Mecklenburg Hwy  
P.O. Box 27  
Mount Mourne, NC 28123



KJ

“ I had the pleasure and honor of working with Karen at Coddle Creek Elementary School. She was always kind , helpful and patient with me especially because I could never get an invoice or order for something done correctly and she always had to fix it for me. And still even after all that trouble she would always smile and have a kind word for me when I came into her office. It was truly a BLESSING for me to have known her. Prayers for the family and for that school family.

Kevin Johnson - September 06, 2024 at 03:48 PM

CN

Karen was a shining light in the front office at Coddle Creek Elementary School. She always made you feel welcome with a smile and a kind word. She led a full life of service whether it was in her church, the community or her workplace. I believe she heard, “Well done, good and faithful servant” when she entered the gates of heaven.

Christy Nixon

Christy Nixon - September 07, 2024 at 12:40 AM

AA

“ Aunt Peggy and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Lund Caldwell.

Aunt Peggy and Amy - September 06, 2024 at 12:11 PM

AA

“ Aunt Peggy and Amy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Lund Caldwell.



Aunt Peggy and Amy - September 06, 2024 at 12:11 PM

RS

“ Ryan S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Lund Caldwell.

Ryan S. - September 06, 2024 at 11:29 AM

SG

“ Susan G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Lund Caldwell.

Susan G. - September 06, 2024 at 09:46 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to learn about Karen's passing. I have fond memories of Karen and Kelly on the IOC swim team and of our neighborhood in east Charlotte. Keeping the family in my prayers. Courtney Sanders Connor

Courtney Connor - September 05, 2024 at 09:49 AM

TF

“ The Spataro Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen Lund Caldwell.



The Spataro Family - September 05, 2024 at 06:50 AM

HD

“ Praying for peace and comfort that only God can give. May our Lord carry you through this difficult time and wrap his arms around you. Sending my deepest sympathy, hugs, and love to the Caldwell family.

Love you brother! Heather and Craig Davis

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**Heather Davis** - September 05, 2024 at 06:47 AM

WD

“ Oh Karen we will miss you so much around FVUMC. You were definately part of our church family.

I know that David, John, Grey, Kelly and all of your family, church family and friends will miss you so much.

I still can't believe it, but you have earned your place in Glory.

Love you & miss you.

Winnie

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**Winnie Donaldson** - September 04, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Lund Caldwell.



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September 04, 2024 at 03:38 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Evelyn Jadlocki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Lund Caldwell.

Steve & Evelyn Jadlocki - September 04, 2024 at 02:33 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Evelyn Jadlocki purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen Lund Caldwell.



Steve & Evelyn Jadlocki - September 04, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lund Caldwell.



September 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM

BK

“ Brian, Denise, Emma, Grace & Lucas Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Lund Caldwell.

Brian, Denise, Emma, Grace & Lucas Kelly - September 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM