



# Karen Jean Denton Boulware

December 8, 1946 - August 21, 2024

Karen Jean Denton Boulware, born on December 8, 1946, in Raytown, Missouri, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2024, while holding her husband's hand. She was the daughter of Peggy Denton and her biological father, Mr. Jean Morales, but was lovingly adopted by her father, James Claude Denton, at the age of two.

Growing up in Raytown, Karen was a vibrant presence, earning the title of Ms. Raytown in 1964. At the age of 19 she met the love of her life, Gary Boulware, and they were married just a year later, beginning a beautiful journey together that would last for 57 years. Together, they raised two daughters, Michelle Boulware Tener and Kristen Boulware Melvin, who continue to carry forward her legacy of love and strength.

Karen pursued her education later in life, obtaining her bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Missouri-Kansas City at the age of 35. She held various roles throughout her career, including serving as the Mayor's secretary, JC Nichols secretary, Office Manager, and tax auditor, showcasing her dedication and commitment to her work.

Karen's life was filled with love and family. She is preceded in death by her father, James Claude Denton, and her beloved grandsons, Nicholas Melvin and Alec Kavanaugh. She is survived by her loving husband, Gary Boulware;

her mother, Peggy Joy Denton; her brother James Lee Denton, her daughters, Michelle Tener and Kristen Melvin; and her cherished grandchildren, Ashton Teel, Ryan Melvin, and Lilly Alexander. Karen also adored her great-grandchildren, Micha Melvin, Astra Kavanaugh, Dayton Melvin, and Camden Melvin.

Karen will be remembered for her warm heart, sassy spirit, and the profound impact she had on the lives of those around her. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will continue to resonate within her family and friends . Her nurturing spirit and infectious laughter will be deeply missed, but her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Please join us for her celebration of life on 9/22/2024 at 3:00, 200 Unity Circle N. Lee's Summit , MO 64086

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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200 Unity Circle North  
Lees Summit, MO 64086

*Celebration of life on 9/22/2024 at 3:00, 200 Unity Circle N. Lee's Summit , MO 64086*

# Tribute Wall



“ Carey W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Jean Denton Boulware.

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Carey W. - September 20, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Jean Denton Boulware.



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September 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM