

Karen Kaye Hall

Karen Kaye (Kessler) Hall was born August 13, 1948, in Kansas City, MO, to Homer J. Kessler and Laura (Rogers) Kessler of Lexington. Karen spent her childhood in Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School. She attended Northwest Missouri State College in Maryville, MO, majoring in music. Throughout high school, Karen was an accomplished vocalist often singing for weddings, funerals, church functions, and other events.

On September 21, 1968, at Grace Lutheran Church in Lexington, Karen married Charles Bracy Hall, then a Lieutenant in the United States Army and a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy. Not long after their marriage, Charles began a tour in South Vietnam and Karen returned to Lexington where she lived in an apartment and worked as a telephone operator. After Vietnam, Karen and Charles were assigned to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

After military service, the Halls moved to the St. Louis area, where Charles worked in the security department at Six Flags over Mid-America and Karen worked in an employment office in Belleville, IL. It was at this point that the Halls united with Pacific Baptist Church where they became active in youth and music. Later, Karen came on staff at the church as music director, a position she held until Charles surrendered to the Gospel Ministry and the couple moved to Union, MO, where Charles served as Pastor of the Leslie Baptist Church. Karen and Charles served six churches during their 40 years of active service in Missouri, South Dakota, and Oregon. Charles served as Pastor and Karen served in many and varied areas of ministry, wherever she was needed.

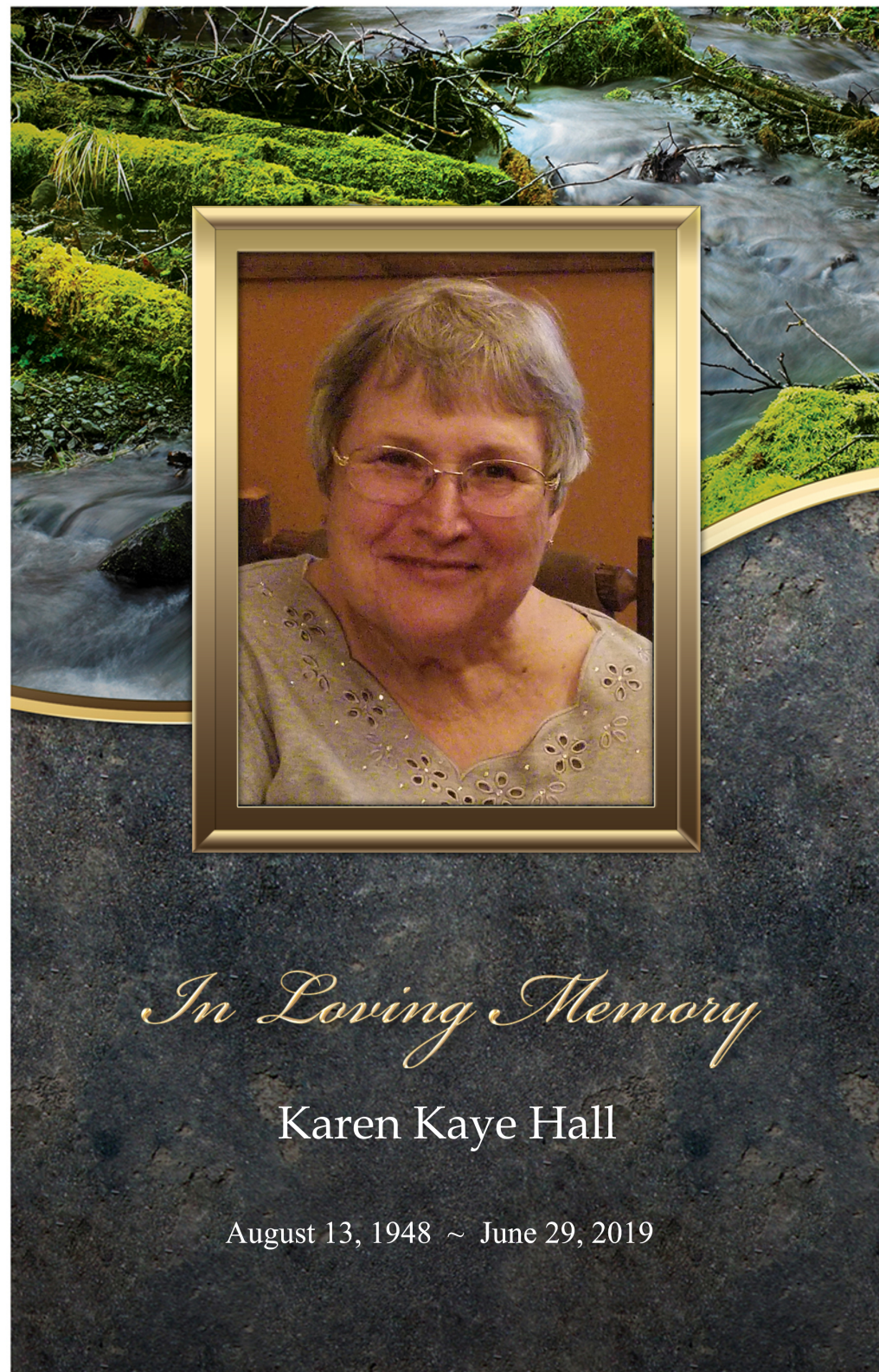
Karen, 70, of Piedmont, SD, died June 29, 2019, at her residence.

Karen is survived by Charles of their home in Piedmont, SD, her husband of 50+ years; her daughter, Leslie Anne Hall-Leipold, and her husband, John, also of the home in Piedmont; her son, Stephen Patrick, and his wife, Angie, of Longview, WA; grandchildren, Mikayla Elizabeth Schmitz and Alexandra Kaye Schmitz of Piedmont, Tarina Claire Nye, Lecea Grace Hall, Devin Patrick Hall, and Brynlea Josephine Hall, all of Longview WA; many nieces, nephews, loved ones, and many, many friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Gene Payne.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.





In Memory Of Karen Kaye Hall

Date of Birth

August 13, 1948
Kansas City, Missouri

Date of Death

June 29, 2019
Piedmont, South Dakota

Service

Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
Rapid City, South Dakota

Clergy

Dr. Josh Bonner
Rev. Garvin Golden

Musician

Dave Leppert

Special Music

"Amazing Grace" - Cindi Hower

Songs

"Redeemed"
"Trust and Obey"

Final Resting Place

At a Later Date
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

A Mother's Farewell To Her Children

When I must leave you, for a little while,
Please do not grieve, and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!