



Karen Kathleen Kelley

Karen Kelley, 57, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 13, 2024, in Gillette, WY, of natural causes.

Karen Kelley was born on December 9, 1966, the daughter of Judy (Golightly) and Glen "Tiny" Bell, Jr., in Great Falls, MT, where she lived until 1974, when the family moved to Gillette, WY. She graduated from Campbell County High

School in 1986. Karen welcomed her first child, Trinita, in 1987. Karen married James Kelley in 1990, and together they welcomed two children, Trevor in 1990, and Tiffany in 1992. In her teen years, Karen proudly competed in gymnastics in the Special Olympics, earning numerous medals. Karen took great pride in the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. She would brag about her family to anyone who would listen. She loved her trash T.V. and would spend hours watching and discussing *Real Housewives*, and *Gypsy Sisters*, with her daughter. She loved going for walks, intricate coloring books, and perfecting her reading and writing skills.

Karen loved her children, grandchildren, sister, and extended family and will be sorrowfully missed by all.

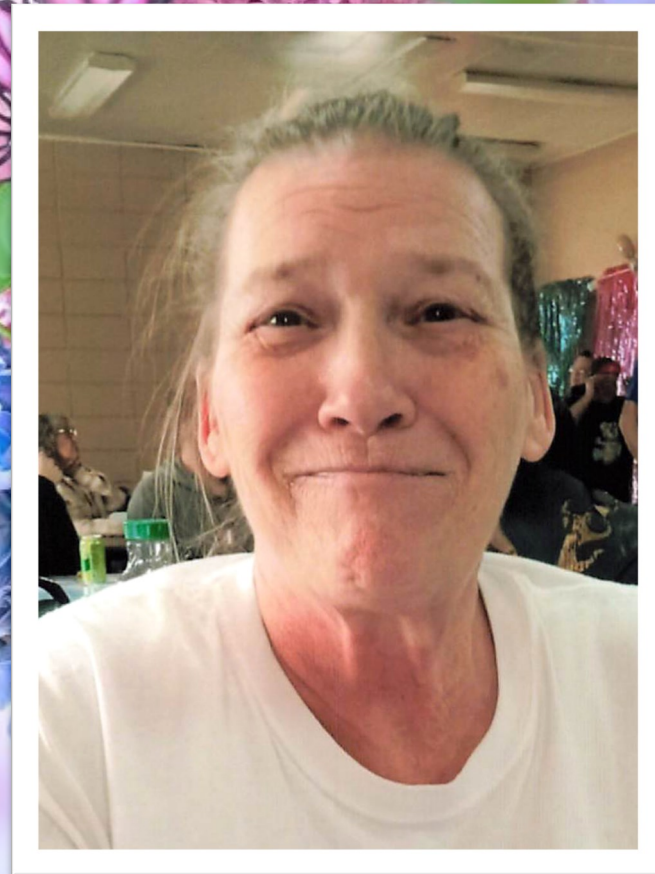
Karen is survived by her estranged husband: James Kelley, of Weatherford, TX; one son: Trevor Kelley, of Weatherford, TX; two daughters: Trinita (Jimmy) Thompson, of Gillette, WY, and Tiffany (Thomas) Kelley, of Weatherford, TX; sister: Melissa Bell, of Gillette, WY; twelve grandkids: Gaven Thompson, Olivia Thompson, Everly Thompson, Veronica Thompson, Jack Allinger, Madelyn Kelley, Hadlee Kelley, River Kelley, Kye Kelley, Victoria Brokaw, Ryan Brokaw, and Tessannee Brokaw; nieces: Breiann Bruns, and Jamie Bell; nephews: Will Bruns, Chris Bell, and Nick Bell; and several great nieces and nephews.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents, Glen and Judith Bell, brother, Gordon Bell, and paternal and maternal grandparents.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and a meal at La Qunita Inn and Suites, following the service.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



Karen Kathleen Kelley

December 9, 1966 ~ April 13, 2024

*I cannot say and I will not say
That she is dead, she is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of hand
She has wandered into an unknown land;
And left us dreaming how very fair
Its needs must be, since she lingers there.
And you-oh you, who the wildest yearn
From the old-time step and the glad return-
Think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here
Think of her still the same way, I say;
She is not dead, she is just away.*

-James Whitcomb Riley

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Karen Kathleen Kelley*

Born

December 9, 1966
Great Falls, Montana

Died

April 13, 2024
Gillette, Wyoming

Graveside Service

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 11:00 a.m.
Mt. Pisgah Cemetery
Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant

Jim Thompson

Musical Selections

"There You'll Be"
"Let It Be"

Final Resting Place

Mt. Pisgah Cemetery
Gillette, Wyoming

