



Karis Ann Robinett

July 5, 1991 - May 21, 2024

Karis Ann Robinett, 32, of Lake City, MI finished her earthly race and was welcomed into glory on May 21, 2024, after a short battle with leiomyosarcoma. She was born July 5, 1991, in Owatonna, MN to Glen and Traci (Hall) Robinett.

She was thankful to have been homeschooled from kindergarten through high school and graduated in 2009. Upon graduation, she attended Pensacola Christian College, and was grateful for her employment in their dining services which allowed her to graduate debt-free with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

On December 31, 1996, Karis accepted Jesus as her Savior and began a journey of determined, unshakeable faith. As a child, she loved participating in church activities including AWANA, VBS, Christmas musicals, children's choir, or helping in set up and clean-up of activities.

At the age of 15, she determined to live her life in support and participation in missions at home or abroad. Having a strong, adventurous spirit, she loved foreign missions most of all. Her first trip was to Thailand with Xtreme Impact through Liberty University. In 2008, she joined Operation Renewed Hope, passed their teen boot camp, and was able to join them the same year on a medical mission trip to Cambodia. The results of that trip are still impacting villages with churches that didn't exist back then, to thriving bodies of believers today. This trip fueled her desire to become a nurse. After becoming an RN, she traveled on two more trips with ORH in 2016 to Albania and Peru.

In 2019, she traveled to Kenya with Truth for Today Medical Missions where she met some of the people her grandmother, Ann Hall, had served with over 15 years earlier.

At home, she used her nursing skills at the Reed City Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, and Mary Free Bed at Home. She also used her skills to help friends and family with everything from band-aids, and ear cleanings, to helping her aunt, Wilma Barnhart overcome COVID, and end of life care for her grandfather, James Robinett.

Her spiritual gifts of teaching and giving were not wasted. Whether on the mission field, at home with her nieces and nephews, or in church, she loved teaching children about Jesus through Bible stories, songs, games, and gifts. Her sense of humor was enjoyed by everyone who met her, and she was always ready for an adventure. She loved the outdoors, game nights with friends, watching old movies with her mom while drinking hot cocoa and eating cookies, quoting movie lines with her dad and brother, laughing, chatting, and pulling pranks.

“Auntie” was one of her favorite titles. She deeply loved her nieces and nephews, Elizabeth, Gideon, Adelaide, and Jethro, as well as others who claimed her as their aunt.

She will be greatly missed by her parents whom she honored throughout her life, her brother Levi and wife Lydia Robinett, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and the many lives she has touched.

Services will be held at Evergreen Bible Baptist Church, 1972 Saunders Rd SE, Kalkaska, MI, on Tuesday, May 28, at 12:00 p.m. Family will receive friends that would like to reminisce, grieve, and celebrate prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. at church.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Cemetery

Orange Twp. , MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Bible Baptist Church
1972 Saunders Rd SE
Kalkaska, MI 49646-9367
(231) 258-9101

Service

MAY 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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1972 Saunders Rd SE
Kalkaska, MI 49646-9367
(231) 258-9101

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Amazing nurse, persons and friend. loved working with her at Mary Free Bed! So full of life, giggles and movie quotes and most valued she was shining bright for Jesus. you are missed*

MFB - June 26, 2024 at 03:08 PM

EN

“ *Evan N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karis Ann Robinett.*

Evan N. - May 28, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.*



May 27, 2024 at 09:13 PM

JA

“ *Joanna and Patrick Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karis Ann Robinett.*

Joanna and Patrick Anderson - May 27, 2024 at 09:13 PM

LD

“ Love, Heather, Eric and Aunt Dee Dee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.



Love, Heather, Eric and Aunt Dee Dee - May 26, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LD

“ Love, Heather, Eric and Aunt Dee Dee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karis Ann Robinett.

Love, Heather, Eric and Aunt Dee Dee - May 26, 2024 at 08:25 PM

UB

“ Uncle Stan and Aunt Betty purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.



Uncle Stan and Aunt Betty - May 25, 2024 at 05:30 PM

AB

“ Aunt Ronna, Ashli, Evan, & Brittany purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.



Aunt Ronna, Ashli, Evan, & Brittany - May 25, 2024 at 05:30 PM

TS

“ *The Sturm Family- Sherry, Kelly, Karla, John Michael, and Steven purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.*



The Sturm Family- Sherry, Kelly, Karla, John Michael, and Steven - May 24, 2024 at 01:00 PM

JD

“ *Sometimes I am reminded of the saying it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all. If we never loved anyone we could spare ourselves the hurt that comes with losing what we love. Jesus could have taken that path. Perhaps the pain of being rejected would have been less if he had not first loved us. Actually, if he had not loved us he could have avoided the cross all together. But if we went through life with that mentality, we would risk losing nothing but never live life to the fullest. Love is the high road and the path to victory. It is the very meaning of life even when it feels like a rocky path. I never met Karis but I know that she was loved very much. She was for sure a caring and kind person and a great example of what a Christian should be.*

In Matthew 5:4, Jesus says, “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

Those that mourn the loss of a loved one must have first loved. Love opens the pathway to receive blessings, even when we lose what we love. This is when God comforts us the most.

John deKrafft - May 23, 2024 at 07:45 PM

JB

“ Although there are many to choose from, the memory that keeps flashing in my mind after hearing of Karis’ passing is the memory of our first meeting. We were nine. She walked into the Sunday school room, I remember she was wearing a white bandana on her head and I instantly liked her. Our Sunday school teacher greeted her and asked her her name. She was a little nervous so she meekly replied “I’m Karis.” My ADHD ears heard “Carrots” and I couldn’t believe that a mother would name their child such a ridiculous name.

“Carrots?!”

“Karis!!” She snapped back.

“Like Kerosene?”

She gave me a glare and grumbled “yes.”

I knew then that she was going to be my lifelong friend. Not too many people could love a person who treated them so on their first meeting, but Karis did. Karis was willing to put her feelings aside and show me grace. She was always forgiving and understanding. I felt like I could be honest and myself with her. She was a breath of fresh air to be around and I will miss her dreadfully.

Josie Baribeau - May 23, 2024 at 09:20 AM

TR

Love it! 😊

Traci Robinett - May 23, 2024 at 06:45 PM

RP

“ I have many sweet and special memories of Karis. One that has been replaying itself over and over in my mind since she passed away, is when my siblings and I, the Smith Girls, with Levi and Karis were watching a Thunderstorm from our porch. Karis was nervous that we would be struck by lightning.

For reasons I don't remember, Levi ran out into the rain and Karis ran after him. As lightning flashed she threw herself on top of Levi to shield him from impending doom. They came back wet and unscathed and to the roarious laughter of their friends. She had a good laugh at her overreaction, as she always took teasing with grace and had a sense of humor to match any occasion.

And despite the silliness of her actions it also spoke volumes of her love for Levi. She didn't stop to question if her body would stop a lightning strike from getting to Levi, but she was not about to ponder the situation, if a body would stop Levi from getting struck by lightning, that body would be hers.

On the day I heard of her passing, I was crying, and my son was crying with me. He said “I am glad that you were able to know her for so long.”

To which I replied, “I am too, sweetie. Karis made my childhood sweet.” She really did, and I am so thankful for the random memories that I have (I.e. calling a girl at camp by the wrong name because she could not remember her name was Marcy and not Mercy), and all the precious ones (letters, calls, and in person conversations). I praise God for giving me Karis as a friend.

Rebekah Peycke - May 23, 2024 at 07:49 AM

TR

I don't think I ever heard this story. Thanks.

Traci Robinett - May 23, 2024 at 06:47 PM

RS

I love this memory and keep thinking about it! ❤️

Rachel Steele - May 27, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.*



May 23, 2024 at 07:26 AM

JF

“ *John deKrafft & Family purchased the Beautiful D reams for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.*



John deKrafft & Family - May 22, 2024 at 09:59 PM

JD

“ *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

~2 Timothy 4:8

John deKrafft - May 22, 2024 at 08:59 PM

TR

Thank you, John. That's a perfect verse.

Traci Robinett - May 23, 2024 at 06:48 PM

TF

“ *The Cox and Reedy families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.*



The Cox and Reedy families - May 22, 2024 at 08:54 PM

DS

“ *Even though we didn't know Karis very long, she held a special place in our hearts, as well as her parents. She had the sweetest smile and disposition. She inspired all of us with her devotion to God and her willingness to help anyone, and was not afraid to speak of her devotion to God. She is getting her rewards in Heaven now, and praising the Lord. She will be greatly missed, and we will be praying for the family during this difficult time, for strength and endurance, and peace from above.*

Denny and Loraine Smith - May 22, 2024 at 08:08 PM

JD

“ *Karis won the hearts of so many, so quickly. I will never forget her smile! What an inspiration she (and her family) have been through these difficult days, and now we rejoice she is with the Saviour she loved and service. Our hearts go out to you, Traci and Glen and family and will be holding you up in prayer. Jeanette Dexter*

Jeanette Dexter - May 22, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JR

“ Josh & Ashley Robinett purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Karis Ann Robinett.



Josh & Ashley Robinett - May 22, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Karis Ann Robinett.



May 22, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Karis Ann Robinett.



May 22, 2024 at 03:04 PM