



## Kari Keziah Helms

January 10, 1985 - April 26, 2015

Kari Alisha Keziah Helms of Indian Trail, with her family surrounding her, left this earthly home for her heavenly one on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

The infectious blessing of love and laughter that was Kari began in Charlotte 30 years ago on January 10, 1985. One of three daughters born to Robert and Bonni Keziah, Kari grew up in Matthews, graduated from Butler High School, and finished her degree in Interior Design at CPEC. Her love of people quickly earned her success at Starbucks in Sycamore Commons where she was the store manager. While she might not always remember your name, she remembered your drink of choice. In addition to her bright smile and cheerful greeting, regular customers often found their customary order ready and waiting for them when they walked into her store after parking their cars.

Kari's love of life extended well beyond her career. She could often be found going to the mountains, visiting the beach, and doing all of the antiques she could between the two. She collected Starbucks mugs from the world over, and her collection of over 50 was on display for anyone who stopped by her house to visit. Kari also loved sports such as football and softball. She was even known to enjoy fishing as long as she didn't have to take the fish off the hook! Ever the original and independent spirit, she left her family's allegiance to North Carolina and became a Duke fan.

Most of all, Kari loved the people in her life. She met a young man named Justin Helms who was that perfect fishing partner as he happily unhooked her fish. He turned out to also be the perfect partner in life and she was blessed on November 9, 2013, to marry and share the last year and a half of her life with him as his wife.

Also left with unforgettable memories of Kari are her parents; two sisters: Crystal Keziah of Dallas, TX, and Kaila Keziah of Matthews, NC; her favorite four legged canine child, "Murphy"; a nephew through Justin, Jordan Hathcock; uncles: Scott (wife Julie) Keziah of Matthews, Tom (wife Claire) Skinner of Charlotte, and Ron (wife Brenda) Skinner of Homestead, FL; and her great aunt Faye (husband Jerry) Benton of Mint Hill, NC. Too

numerous to mention, Kari's spirit blessed the lives of numerous other family members, friends, and her church family at Hickory Grove Baptist Church and she is survived and fondly remembered by all of them. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Kari's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of being a part of the celebration of her life. Her family will receive friends at the funeral home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, from 4 pm to 8 pm on Thursday, April 30. and from 1 pm until the time of service on Friday. Please bring your favorite stories and memories of Kari to share. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 pm on Friday, May 1, in the funeral home chapel. Following the service, the family will gather with out of town guests for food and fellowship in the funeral home reception hall. With her spirit gone on to her heavenly creator, Kari's earthly remains will be cremated and interred at a later time.

Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts, prayers, and support. You may also take a moment to share a message, photo, or video of Mrs. Helms on her tribute wall. Please note that all submissions are reviewed and approved before appearing on the tribute wall so please allow time for that to take place.

For automatic alerts to updates on Kari's website, please select "Subscribe to Updates" under the "MORE" tab above. Thank you for continuing to support the Helms and Keziah families.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kari Keziah Helms*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Kari Keziah Helms*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Alyce Maddocks lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms*



**Alyce Maddocks** - May 02, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ *I remember our Beiswenger Family reunions where I first met all of the extended family including the Keziah Family. For several consecutive years we'd make the long two day drive from upstate NY to Pipestem State Park, WV. Kari & Crystal were usually the first to show up knocking on our hotel room door, greeting us with rosey-cheeked smiles and hugs. We felt so happy and loved!!!!*

*A white water rafting adventure down the New River Gorge led us to giant "Jump Rock" which we climbed up and leapt off into the cold water far below! The rafting tour group mis-planned and we waited a very long time for the water and lunch they were providing for us. I thought we'd all pass out but we finally got the lunch at the end of the trip around supper time. It turned out fine.*

*While paddle boating on the lake, we were swarmed by the biggest fear inducing green flies I have ever seen. We screamed and started pedaling as fast as we could go trying to get away quickly - back to shore. If you've ever been in a paddle boat you know we were about as fast as a slug in molasses. We laughed so hard it only made our pedaling more difficult.*

*We always enjoyed each others company even if we were just hanging out together doing nothing. So many wonderful memories made with Kari and the Keziahs to treasure always! Sending you my love....*

*~ Roxanne Yeager ~*

**Roxanne Yeager** - May 01, 2015 at 10:21 PM



“ I didn't know Kari well, but the few interactions I had with her at Starbucks were wonderful. She had a bright smile and was so helpful to see that her store donated desserts for a Matthews Free Medical Clinic fundraiser.  
To her family and friends-- I'm so sorry for your loss and hope you'll enjoy hearing how many lives Kari touched.

Kara Lopp - May 01, 2015 at 03:37 PM

TF

“ Our deepest condolences ..May the Good Lord comfort you all and provide you with the strength and love to get through this very difficult time

The Spangler Family - May 01, 2015 at 12:47 PM

OT

“ TO: THE FAMILY OF KEZIAH & HELMS FAMILY  
From: Officer Turner

To: B. Rotation

Please accept my apology for not being able to attend the Home going service for your loved one .

You have my deepest Sympathy and my prayers go out to your families.

Be Blessed

Officer C. Turner

OFFICER TURNER - May 01, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



May 01, 2015 at 09:16 AM

MI

“ *What an amazing young woman! She brought so much happiness to my daughter and I each morning we would visit her at Starbucks. Beautiful smile, great personality, and LOVED having conversations with Annabelle. I also looked forward to bringing her Starbucks mugs from my travels - she loved to collect those.*

*From my family, it is an honor to have known her, and may she rest in peace with a Venti SKVL at her side. God Bless Kari, her husband, her family, and her friends.*

*Regards,  
Michael, Melissa, and Annabelle*

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**Michael** - May 01, 2015 at 08:21 AM

BF

“ *Barbara Seh and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



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**Barbara Seh and family** - April 30, 2015 at 04:21 PM

SB

“ *Sherry Brooks lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms*



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**Sherry Brooks** - April 30, 2015 at 02:17 PM

KC

“ *Katie, Madison, Desiree, Nicole, Jammy, and Carolee purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



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**Katie, Madison, Desiree, Nicole, Jammy, and Carolee** - April 30, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



April 30, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



April 30, 2015 at 10:31 AM

DN

“ *We will so miss her beautiful smiling face at Starbucks. She made us feel special each and every time we saw her and are saddened to learn of her passing. Our prayer for her loved ones is that your hearts will be mended.*

**Del & Anita Newhouse** - April 30, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



April 29, 2015 at 06:18 PM

JP

“ *Jamie Peigler lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms*



**Jamie Peigler** - April 29, 2015 at 05:05 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Guerrio lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms*



Sherry Guerrio - April 29, 2015 at 05:03 PM

CT

“ *So sweet Kari with that beautiful smile and warm heart. I worked with her at Lane Bryant and Pier One. It was always special getting my morning coffee from her and be greeted by such a warm and gentle soul. You will be missed by me.  
My thoughts are with her husband and family*



Carole Teller - April 29, 2015 at 04:06 PM

PE

“ *We will always remember how your sweet smile would light up a room. Your friendship at both Pier1 and Starbucks will always be treasured. Your Pier1 family will miss you Kari...*



Pier1 employees - April 29, 2015 at 02:23 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Christenbury lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms*



Beverly Christenbury - April 29, 2015 at 01:48 PM

BC

*My deepest sympathy to Kari's family and friends.*

Beverly Christenbury - April 29, 2015 at 01:50 PM

RY

“ Roxanne Yeager purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



Roxanne Yeager - April 29, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



April 29, 2015 at 10:56 AM

DA

“ Deborah A. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



Deborah A. - April 29, 2015 at 05:48 AM

GF

“ Gilbert and Rebecca Sotelo from Dallas, Tx Crystal's Friends purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



Gilbert and Rebecca Sotelo from Dallas, Tx Crystal's Friends - April 29, 2015 at 12:11 AM

Donna Shropshire

“ Donna Shropshire sent a virtual gift in memory of Kari Keziah Helms



Donna Shropshire - April 28, 2015 at 10:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



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April 28, 2015 at 09:33 PM

PW

“ *Pat Wayne Friends With Lezanne Wallace lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms*



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**Pat Wayne friends with Lezanne Wallace** - April 28, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



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April 28, 2015 at 06:14 PM

JS

“ *Josh and Tracy Strawn purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



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**Josh and Tracy Strawn** - April 28, 2015 at 03:54 PM

TH

“ *Kari had the sweetest most gentle way about her. I always loved seeing her because she always brightened my day with her contagious smile. My thoughts and prayers are with those that loved Kari. I know she is making French presses in heaven. You are missed sweet girl.*

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**Tara Hewitt** - April 28, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



April 28, 2015 at 02:14 PM

TL

“ *Kari, you will be missed. I will always cherish your spirit and smile every time I was around you. Prayers for all the Keziah and Helms families, as well as all who will miss her deeply.*

**Trey Long** - April 28, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



April 28, 2015 at 12:39 PM

FM

“ *Frank J Rivera MD* purchased the *Sacred Cross Bouquet* for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



**Frank J Rivera MD** - April 28, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.



April 28, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



April 28, 2015 at 09:35 AM

GR

“ *Kari was such a beautiful young lady - so full of life and love. Justin, Robbie, Bonni, Crystal & Kaila you will be in our thoughts and prayers for peace, comfort and understanding at this sad time in your life.*

**Gail Robinson** - April 28, 2015 at 07:43 AM

GR

“ *Gail Robinson lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms*



**Gail Robinson** - April 28, 2015 at 07:41 AM

JH

“ *Kari and I were in French class together at Butler high school and used to go riding together after school before she took me home. She was such a wonderful friend and a beautiful light in this world! I will miss you Kari, love you girl? praying for peace for your family.*

**Jennifer Binkley Henderson** - April 28, 2015 at 07:28 AM

DE

“ *Kari I loved your personality and your Big Beautiful smile....I have ask why so many times ...It's so hard to understand ...you're such a Ray of sunshine and so special to everyone .... The Good Lord just had to have you...Love you and miss you always and forever ❤️ Debbie Keziah*



**Debbie** - April 28, 2015 at 04:25 AM

EH

“ *We are praying for your family! I know she will be missed greatly!*

**Elizabeth Hamilton** - April 27, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kari Keziah Helms.*



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April 27, 2015 at 09:30 PM

AK

“ *Kari and I were childhood friends. I don't think I ever saw her without a smile across her face. She could light up a room with her smile! We had so many laughs and amazing fun times together back then. There is no doubt in my mind that she's with our Lord and Saviour now and while we are all mourning her passing, in heaven they are rejoicing her arrival. That smile I will always remember Kari, you were a wonderful friend and while we drifted apart as we grew up, the memories we made will stay in my heart forever!!*  
*-Amanda Kendall*

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**Amanda Kendall** - April 27, 2015 at 09:02 PM

MH

“ *Such a sweet spirit, her smile was infectious. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

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**Melissa Hodgson** - April 27, 2015 at 09:01 PM

“ *I'll never forget our friendship, no matter how much time past or not we never skipped a beat. You helped me through some of my hardest moments and shared in some of the best. Although right now this doesn't make any sense to me that you aren't here, I know one day I'll see you again. Our prom was the best :)*



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**Shay Clinkscapes Pellicone** - April 27, 2015 at 09:01 PM

LL

“ Rob, Bonnie, Crystal and Kaila your family is in our thoughts and prayers. I am praying for God to hold you tightly and give you peace in knowing that Kari is safe, healthy and happy at His side. Hold on to all the beautiful memories that have been created through her 30 years here on earth. She will be a beautiful guardian Angel for all of you. Love and prayers Fred and Linda Lowder

Linda Lowder - April 27, 2015 at 08:45 PM

Sharon Anderson

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Sharon Anderson - April 27, 2015 at 08:03 PM

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Sharon Anderson - April 27, 2015 at 08:00 PM

Sharon Anderson

“ Sharon Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Kari Keziah Helms



Sharon Anderson - April 27, 2015 at 07:33 PM

Sharon Anderson

You are going to be missed Kari!! Will always cherish the times we all had together. It is so hard to think of you not being here. You left this world way to early!!

Sharon Anderson - April 27, 2015 at 07:36 PM

BW

“ I have known this family for more about twenty years. There is not a more loving, caring family out there. I know that Kari is in paradise with her Savior and I would not call her back for any reason other than selfish ones. I love you all and am praying for you to know a peace that passes understanding.



Babs Walker - April 27, 2015 at 07:22 PM

TF

So many people are hurting from her loss but we can not change Gods plan...Kari will be greatly missed.

Teresa Furt - April 28, 2015 at 12:08 AM

Ashley Gessler

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Ashley Gessler - April 27, 2015 at 07:19 PM

Sharon Anderson

“ Sharon Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kari Keziah Helms



Sharon Anderson - April 27, 2015 at 07:02 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the album Kari Keziah Helms



Sharon Anderson - April 27, 2015 at 06:49 PM

BM

*Bonni, Kaila, Rob, Crystal & Kari Keziah celebrating Robs 60th Birthday Party August 30, 2014 what a wonderful party*

**Bonni Keziah.....Kari's momma** - May 14, 2015 at 09:19 PM



*“ I already miss you so much Kari. My heart hurts beyond imagination. You were a light that was always on. I love you too much.*

**Kim Harden** - April 27, 2015 at 06:06 PM