



Karen Toner Adams

May 15, 1946 - February 17, 2025

Karen Toner Adams, age 78, peacefully returned to her Heavenly Home on February 17, 2025, at her residence in Las Vegas, Nevada. She bravely endured a four-year decline following a stroke in February 2021.

Karen was born on May 15, 1946, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Earl and Theda Toner. She was the third of four children. Karen faced many challenges during her childhood, often caring for her siblings when her mother was unable to. She overcame numerous illnesses and injuries that nearly claimed her life. Karen had a deep and abiding love for her father, who instilled in her a strong work ethic and taught her many practical skills she carried out throughout her life.

At the age of 19, Karen met Richard Adams while working at Grandin's Department Store, where he had come to return a pair of pants. Their courtship was brief but filled with joy, often dancing together at church stake dances. Just two weeks after meeting, Richard proposed, and they were married on December 14, 1966. They were blessed with 58 wonderful years together.

Richard and Karen began their life together in Farmington, Utah, where they welcomed seven children: Michael, Matthew (deceased), Jared, Daniel, Julynn, Sharese, and Charles. Later, Richard's job led them to Toquerville, Utah, where they built three homes together. Karen was a gifted homemaker and found great joy in nurturing her family and serving those around her. A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Karen

served faithfully in many capacities, including as Stake Primary President, Relief Society President, Compassionate Service Leader, Scout Leader, and Nursery Leader—a calling she especially cherished. She had a profound love for gardening and was known for sharing the fruits of her labor with neighbors and friends. Karen's life was defined by service; she was always ready with a meal, a visit, or a helping hand.

Karen possessed a remarkable range of talents. She was skilled in sewing, tole painting, plastic canvas, quilting, cooking, baking, and home construction, often working alongside Richard to build and improve their homes. Together, they also raised puppies and cared for many beloved dogs.

Karen and Richard shared a love of travel, exploring the world through cruises and trips with family and friends. Hawaii held a special place in Karen's heart. She also dedicated much of her time to family history work, researching her ancestors and performing genealogy work with great devotion.

After Karen's stroke, she and Richard moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, to be closer to their son Daniel and his wife Heather, who provided loving support and care.

Karen was deeply loved by all who knew her. Despite enduring chronic pain for much of her life, she faced her trials with quiet strength and rarely complained. She exemplified the principle of enduring to the end. Her family finds peace in knowing she is now free from pain and continuing her work on the other side.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Theda; her brothers, Kerry Wade and Owen; and her infant son, Matthew. She is survived by her sister, Susan Weise (David); her beloved husband, Richard; their children, Michael (Melissa), Jared (Michelle), Daniel (Heather), Julynn Bjarnson (Leif), Sharese Hall (Kory), and Charles; as well as 20 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Toquerville LDS Chapel, located at 63 Toquerville Blvd., Graveside services will follow at the Toquerville Cemetery on Cemetery Road.

Cemetery Details

Toquerville Cemetery

1186 S. Toquer Boulevard
Toquerville, UT

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (MT)

Toquerville 1st Ward Chapel
63 Toquerville Blvd
Toquerville, UT 84774

Graveside Service

MAR 1 (MT)

Toquerville Cemetery
1186 S. Toquer Boulevard
Toquerville, UT

Tribute Wall



“ Karen was absolutley amazing. I especially remember her avid gardening and sailing from many years ago.

Brett Sutherland - June 06, 2025 at 12:36 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - March 01, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Toner Adams.



February 27, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Toner Adams.

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“ *Loved Karen & Richard.....my Bride Nancy got Baptized in their pool....Richard sat beside me in Church Choir...she was a great lady...Nancy and I really enjoyed their friendship...sending Light and Love to friends and family for peace and comfort...Love The Wolfs*

Bob Wolf - February 21, 2025 at 12:41 PM