

Karen Ellen Christensen (1942-2010)



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Karen Ellen Christensen, born July 11, 1942, in New London, Connecticut, passed away Oct. 19, 2010 at St. Mary's Hospital in Apple Valley, Calif. She was a resident of Barstow for 61 years.

She graduated from Barstow High School in 1960 and received a Bachelor Degree from Whittier College in 1969, and Masters Degree from Azusa Pacific College. She earned an Administrative Credential from California State College, San Bernardino.

She is preceded in death by parents, Elmer Thomas Christensen and Mary Ellen Christensen; and brothers, Charles Stephen Christensen and Richard Gene Christensen.

She is survived by sister, Cindy Little (Joel Little) of Savage, Minn.; brother, John Walter Christensen (Cynthia Christensen) of Lancaster, Calif.; nephews, Joel Little and Adam Little; nieces, April Johnson and Stephanie Lenthall; and five great-nephews.

She taught from 1969-1972 at Montara Elementary School, teaching 3rd & 4th grade combo class and 5th grade; 1972-1981 at Lenwood Elementary School - Miller Unruh Reading; 1981-1985 Cameron Elementary School - Projects Resource Specialist; 1985-1996 Lenwood Elementary School - Projects Resource Specialist, Miller Unruh Reading; 1996-2005 Skyline North Elementary School, taught 2nd grade, 3rd grade, Reading Teacher; 1977-1984 - Adult Education/reading, spelling, and vocabulary; 1984-1993 - Adult Education/Coordinator. She was a longtime member of Barstow Teachers' Association, Grievance Coordinator for Barstow Teachers' Association. Karen also was the Coordinator for the G.A.I.N. Program during several summers where adults could earn their high school degree. Classes were held at the old McKinney School at the Marine Corps Logistics Base and at the Marine West Credit Union on Yucca Street. This was a G.E.D. preparation program.

During her retirement, Karen was active at Merrill Gardens Assisted Living Facility. She was known as the reading lady, reading books aloud to other tenants and running a trivia club.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., at the Calvary Chapel, Barstow.

In lieu of flowers a donation to the [American Heart Association](https://donate.americanheart.org/ecommerce/aha/aha_index.jsp),
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Arrangements by Mead Mortuary, 760-256-5671.

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