

rural Powhattan, KS



Karla Louise (Strube) Williams, of rural Powhattan, with family by her side, passed away February 13, 2024 at her home.

Karla was born at Horton, August 21, 1946, the only child born to Karl George and Lenna Landon Strube. Karla grew up on farm near Powhattan where she attended Powhattan Schools, later graduating from high school with the class of 1964. She went on to study to be a secretary at Highland Community College. Plans changed as she was 'chased down' while at Highland and married Dale Williams August 27, 1966. She was a stay at home Mom while the children Scott, Sarah and Eric, were home being involved with all their school activities, all the while, while being a devoted farm wife to Dale, furnishing meals to men that were helping.... whatever needed to be done, Karla would gladly do!

As the kids grew and had families, she worked at Hixson CPA, and Silver Lake Bank where she developed friendships that would last a lifetime.....enjoyed working to be with friends! Karla worked several years then decided to become active volunteering. She was a longtime member of the Powhattan United Methodist Church where she served as secretary, Sunday school teacher, and President of the UMW Board; the Hiawatha Community Hospital Gray Lady, Relay for Life, and Hiawatha Hospital Auxiliary serving as Vice President, again making friends that meant so much to her. All the while, busy taking in her families activities. She also so enjoyed volunteering at Window Box Cottage, again seeing old friends, making new ones.

Survivors include her husband Dale, children Scott and Theresa Williams, Mitch and Sarah Gerving, Eric and Dana Williams; grandchildren: Brady (Andrea) Burks, Brennen (Hannah) Burks, Breanne (Hayden) Cross, Mitchell Williams (Alli Reed), Emma (Kyle) Tollefson, Andrew Williams, Ryleigh Williams; great-grandchildren: Rhett, Wren, Isla Burks, Kolbe and Margaret Cross. Karla was preceded in death by her parents, and her beloved older half brother, Jack VanTilburg.

A Celebration of Karla- Eternal Life is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, February 17, at Powhattan United Methodist Church with Pastor Nicholas Marsh officiating. Private family burial will be at later date at Powhattan Cemetery.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha after 10 a.m. Friday where the family will meet from 5 until 7 p.m. that evening.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Karla Williams Memorial Fund to be designated later sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

A special message or note of remembrance may be sent to [www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com)