



Karen Kay Digby

January 16, 1944 - April 15, 2026

Karen Kay Digby, of Highfill, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at home. She was born January 16, 1944, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas to Bud Canady and Ruth Nadine Main Canady. She married Charles Henry Digby on August 17, 1963, in Highfill, Arkansas. Karen was a middle school teacher and retired from Gentry Public Schools. She loved painting, art classes, driving around to see the sights, and her greatest joy, helping raise grandkids. Karen was preceded in death by her mother and father, Ruth and Bud Canady.

She is survived by her husband, Charles, of the home; daughter Shawna Kay Digby, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; son, Stacy Charles Digby and former wife, Tina, of Gentry, Arkansas and Jay, Oklahoma; one granddaughter, Keira Nicole Digby, of Gentry, Arkansas; one grandson, Jonathan Morgan Digby of Gentry, Arkansas.

A visitation is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ I taught with Ms. Digby during my beginning years as an educator. I remember her as a welcoming veteran middle school teacher with smiles and laughter for everyone.

Karen Highfill - April 24 at 05:13 AM

GB

“ I met Karen online many years ago due to a mutual interest in genealogy. She was my second cousin twice removed, which is a pretty remote relationship I suppose. For quite a while we shared information and theories, playing detective in a small way. She was always generous with her time and was a lot of fun. It's kind of strange how someone you never meet in person can still become a good friend. I will miss her. Gary Beeler, San Ramon, California.

Gary Beeler - April 17 at 05:32 PM

CH

“ Cyndi Steele Holt purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Karen Kay Digby.



Cyndi Steele Holt - April 16 at 08:11 PM

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“ Cyndi Steele Holt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Kay Digby.

Cyndi Steele Holt - April 16 at 08:11 PM

KB

“ Used to teach school with Karen in Gentry. She was a spitfire & kids loved her. One of my favorite memories was her desk— it was a MESS. However, she always knew where everything was located. We used to tease her about it a lot. She was a special person and I loved her very much.

Katherine Browne - April 16 at 07:39 PM

LR

“ Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Karen Kay Digby



Liz Reading - April 16 at 05:20 PM

TB

“ Oh my, so many memories. She was a wonderful story teller. I remember her reading us the Best Christmas Pageant Ever. I was excited for the movie a few years later. And it was truly disappointing after Mrs Digby's rendition.

She was also a friend. She was always taking Shawna and me to somewhere. 4H, dance, and band. Her car was usually a mess but we had so much fun! Rest in peace.

Tina Brinkley - April 16 at 04:56 PM

PC

“ Had her as a teacher was very loved. I was raised up knowing her and her husband

Pamela Elliott Cross - April 16 at 02:28 PM