



Karen Kay (Johnson) Hogan

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Karen Kay (Johnson) Hogan, age 67, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2025, surrounded by love.

Born on October 10, 1957, she was the cherished daughter of Richard “Dick” and Violet “Vi” (Doddema) Johnson. A 1976 graduate of DeWitt High School, Karen went on to attend the University of Northern Iowa, where she earned her degree in education. After graduation, she moved to Texas to begin a fulfilling and impactful 30-year career in teaching. Her legacy in education is marked by kindness, patience, and a deep dedication to helping students grow and succeed.

Karen’s greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her son Kevin Weiss, who held a special place in her heart. She will also be dearly missed by her sister Michelle Reimler of Eldridge, Iowa; her sister-in-law Rachael Johnson of Rhodes, Iowa; and her brothers-in-law Danny Howe of New Liberty, Iowa and Lonny Sievers of Dixon, Iowa.

Karen was a devoted grandmother, lovingly known as “Nana.” She cherished her grandchildren Sarah and Landon, and she was equally proud to be called Nana by her bonus grandchildren Luka, Katherine, and Jerry. Being Nana was

one of her greatest joys. She loved spending time with the kids, whether on shopping trips, visits to their home, or just sharing stories about what they were up to. She was proud of each one of them and always lit up when talking about their accomplishments and personalities. The love she felt for them was deep and lasting, and she treasured the moments they shared together. She also loved and cared deeply for their parents, Mikey and Laura Thane.

Karen is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charlie Hogan; her parents, Dick and Vi Johnson; her brother Kendall Johnson; and her sisters Bobette Howe and Diane Sievers.

Karen and Charlie shared a deep love for music and spent many joyful years as DJs at local venues and events. Both played guitar and loved nothing more than picking up a mic for a night of karaoke and laughter. Music was a constant thread in their life together, and their love of entertaining left lasting memories for many in their community.

After retiring from the classroom (El Campo ISD), Karen embraced a new adventure—joining the team at Two Chicks Quilting in August 2019. She quickly became a mentor and friend to younger staff, always eager to share her quilting knowledge and encourage others to find joy in the craft. Karen had a special passion for teaching kids' classes, helping the next generation of quilters gain confidence and creativity.

She affectionately “adopted” Nicole and Julie Mercer—along with all the Chicks—as her work family and proudly took on the title of the “Sassy Chick,” known for her wit, warmth, and one-of-a-kind personality. Karen loved connecting with customers, many of whom became dear friends, and always lit up when hearing about their latest quilting projects.

Her love of quilting extended beyond the shop as well. Many of her former

teaching colleagues were also quilters, and together they made cherished memories in her beloved Quilting Cottage. Seeing those friends walk through the doors of the shop always brought a smile to her face.

Karen's life was filled with purpose, passion, and people. Whether in a classroom, behind a DJ booth, being Nana or gathered around a sewing table, she made those around her feel welcomed, valued, and loved. Her warm smile, clever humor, and generous spirit will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A Celebration of Life will be held to honor Karen and the joy she brought to this world. Visitation will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 16th at Top Hand Events (The OLD location for Two Chicks Quilting located between Top Hand Feed & Dairy Queen) 8938 Hwy 59 N, Ganado, TX. The Celebration of Life service will begin at 6 p.m.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." — 2 Timothy 4:7–8

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 16. 4:30 PM (CT)

Top Hand Events
8938 Hwy 59 N
Ganado, TX 77962

Celebration of Life

OCT 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Karen became a dear friend to my family. I'm blessed to have some quilts made by her. She was a wonderful lady. My sincerest condolences to the family. Regards - Michelle Lopez*

Michelle Lopez - October 21, 2025 at 03:49 PM

VQ

“ *Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Karen Kay (Johnson) Hogan*



Vicky Quijas - September 26, 2025 at 10:37 AM

TR

“ *Terry Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Karen Kay (Johnson) Hogan*



Terry Rutherford - September 25, 2025 at 11:08 PM

GS

“ *Glenn-Debbie Sczech lit a candle in memory of Karen Kay (Johnson) Hogan*



Glenn-Debbie Sczech - September 25, 2025 at 10:51 PM

DS

“ *David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Karen Kay (Johnson) Hogan*



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - September 25, 2025 at 06:12 PM