



## Karen Marie Thomas Creech

September 13, 1943 - November 2, 2025

Mrs. Karen Marie Thomas Creech of Lilburn, Georgia received her angel wings Sunday, November 2, 2025. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Linwood "Sam" Creech.

Mrs. Creech was born in Union City, Tennessee to Martha and James Thomas. She grew up in Jackson, Tennessee where she attended the City of Jackson schools and graduated from Jackson High School. Following high school, she attended the University of Tennessee and was a member of the ZTA Sorority. She later graduated from a private Methodist University, Lambert College. After graduating from college, began her career as an elementary school teacher within the DeKalb County School System in Georgia where she retired after 32 years. During her time as a school teacher she also obtained her master's degree from Georgia State University.

Karen was a loving mother, grandmother, and recently a great grandmother, as well as a devoted wife. Karen enjoyed spending time with family, socially entertaining friends, gardening, reading and especially Christmas.

She is survived by her daughter, DeeAnna Cole of Roswell, Georgia; son, Shane Creech and daughter-in-law Kelly Creech of Buford, Georgia; Four grandchildren, Brady Cole of Watkinsville, Georgia; Mackenzie Creech, twins Micah and Noah Creech, all of Buford, Georgia; One great granddaughter,

Hazel Cole of Watkinsville, GA.

She is also survived by two brothers, Jimmy Thomas of Everett, Washington and Joe Thomas of Powder Springs, Georgia. She also had two nephews, Mike and Jake Thomas and one niece, Kate Woll, all of metro Everett, Washington.

Cremation services will be performed as she wished.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025 with arrivals 2:00-2:30pm followed by memories sharing and concluding with celebration including music, light hors d'oeuvres and beverages at the Chapel on Lanier/Lake Lanier Islands in Buford, Georgia. Family and friends are invited to share stories, laughter, and love in her memory. Casual attire is welcome.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel on Lake Lanier  
Lake Lanier Islands  
Buford, GA 30518

# Tribute Wall

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Dee Cole - November 19, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MC

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Mackenzie Creech - November 11, 2025 at 07:26 PM

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Jim Thomas - November 11, 2025 at 12:27 AM

“*Memories. Most of my memories of Karen are from our childhood. She was eight years older, so I remember mostly her teenage years pre-college. I remember her learning to drive on two-lane roads all around West Tennessee. Dad loved taking us all on family Sunday drives. We'd visit relatives and the Reelfoot Lake picnic area. She would practice diving, with Dad constantly telling her to keep her eyes open when another vehicle was approaching us. That's very scary for an eight-year-old when you are on a two-lane bridge with a truck coming toward you. I assume she opened her eyes just enough.*

*I remember some of the boys she dated. They seemed like "greasers" to me; but that was in the time of Elvis's hey-day. She was a huge fan. Whenever we went to visit our Grandmother in Memphis, she'd always want to stop and watch the gates at Graceland to see if HE would be coming or going. I don't recall ever seeing him.*

*I remember she liked to scare me. Her talk of ghosts or "bad guys" upstairs in our bedrooms kept me very concerned around bedtime for quite a while. I remember she and her best friend Regina (? I think) were "baby-sitting" me (I was 12, so it couldn't have been too bad). They decided they wanted to go see a movie so they took me to see Hitchcock's *The Birds*. I loved it. Mom was NOT happy tho. I think she was grounded for a little while.*

*When i was 16, I had a wreck in her brand new baby-blue Ford Mustang. Damage to the door and front fender. Just got insurance coverage that morning. She was not happy with me! I heard about it for years. I don't think she ever really forgave me for that.*

*I remember how generous and supportive Karen and Sam were when I graduated college and Linda and I moved nearby to look for work. It was a rough couple months and they helped us by inviting us over for meals and Sam providing some work. It certainly helped to have family near.*

*Not really a memory, but I'd like to express how much I appreciated her care and support of our Mom in her final years. After relocating to the west coast, our communications was pretty much limited to the telephone. I hope I was able to provide some level of support for*

*what must have been a stressful time.*  
*Jimmy*

**Jim Thomas** - November 11, 2025 at 12:25 AM

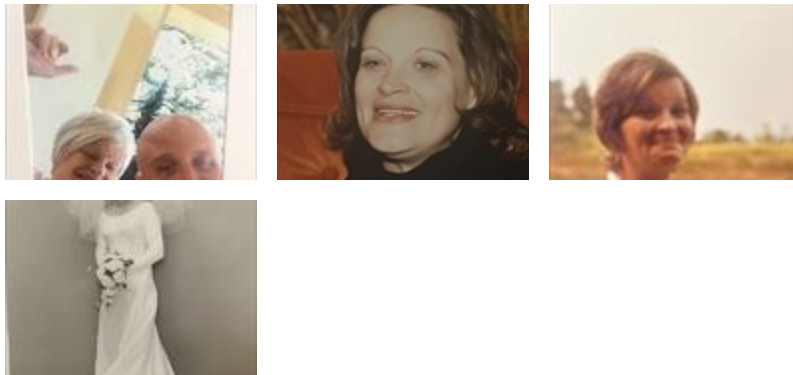
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*Thank you Uncle Jimmy. Made me giggle.*

**Dee Cole** - November 11, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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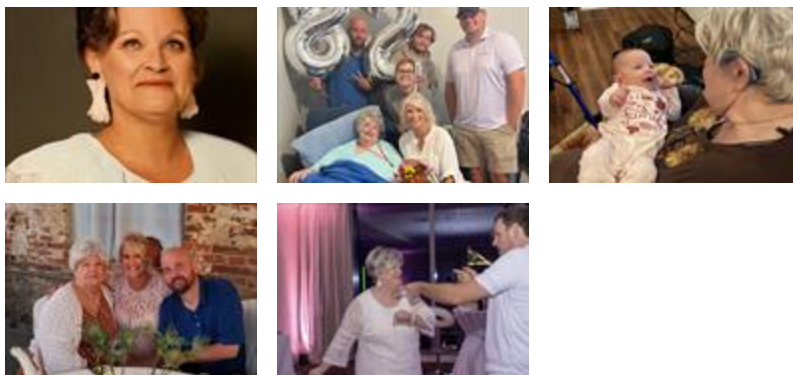
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**Shane Creech** - November 10, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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**Dee Cole** - November 07, 2025 at 03:13 PM