



## Ms. Karen M. Shortt

September 6, 1962 - July 27, 2025

Karen Marie Shortt departed this life on July 27, 2025, at Ballad Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee. She was born on September 6, 1962, in Richlands, Virginia, to James and Vertie Shortt.

Karen graduated from Grundy High School and worked as a hair restoration tech at DK Hair Solutions, formerly Apollo Hair. She had the heart of an artist and dabbled in many different crafts and hobbies throughout the years. She enjoyed spending time with her grandbabies more than anything else. Karen was caring, giving, and radiated love not only for her family but for anyone who crossed her path.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Vertie Shortt; paternal grandparents, Robert and Pluma Shortt; maternal grandparents, Nora and Ira Stiltner; and sister, Kathy Shortt.

To cherish her memory, Karen leaves behind her children, Tara Nicole Shortt, Brandon Woodson, and Mindy Harrison; grandchildren, Nicholas Smith, Kole Smith, Kane Smith, and Korraline Woodson; father, James Shortt; brother, John Shortt; uncle, Terry (Sherry) Shortt; her nephew and neice that she raised as her own, Shannon Owens and Tracy Costello Cross; and many more family and friends.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.

219 E Millard St

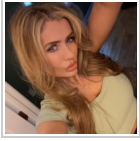
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# Tribute Wall



“ You will be missed more than you ever know.  
Thank you for being my mom ... when you  
didn't have to be. ❤️



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**Mindy Ann** - August 18, 2025 at 02:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Karen M. Shortt.

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August 16, 2025 at 10:14 PM

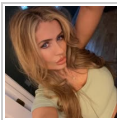


“ In all my 50 years in the business world, I never had a more  
dedicated, pleasant and harder work than Mrs. Karen.  
She is greatly loved at our clinic and she will be greatly missed.

-Dr. Kidd-

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**Dr. Phil Kidd** - August 16, 2025 at 08:51 PM



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**Mindy Ann** - August 18, 2025 at 02:09 AM