



Karol Matthews

September 16, 1946 - November 11, 2024

Karol Matthews (formally Klingler), of Murrieta, CA passed away in the early morning hours of November 11, 2024 at the age of 78. She was a graduate of Riverside's Polytechnic High School in 1964. After high school Karol studied Art but went onto earning a degree in Child Psychology. She married Thomas Matthews in the late 1960's and moved to Florida to raise a family. She moved back to Riverside, CA in 1988 to take care of her ailing mother and never left the Inland Empire. She had many talents and was an accomplished artist, seamstress, and beloved Ballet/dance instructor. Karol taught dance for over 50 years with the last 22 of those years spent teaching dance at the studio she owned along with her daughter; Studio 31 Dance Center in Murrieta, CA. She enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, collecting antiques, and watching HGTV. Karol is preceded in death by her parents Opal & Gerald Klingler, her first born child Kristin DeAnn Matthews, and her younger brother James Brant Klingler. She is survived by her daughter Kellie Matthews; son Michael Matthews; 2 grandsons Jordan and Robert Matthews; brother Bruce Klingler; as well as nieces, nephews, and many cherished friends. Services are arranged by Preston & Simons Mortuary in Riverside, CA with the memorial service being held at Thee Olde Chapel located at 3478 14th Street, Riverside, CA on December 13, 2024 at 11:15 am. Increment immediately following at Olivewood Memorial Park, 3300 Central Ave, Riverside, CA at 1:00 pm. The family welcomes all who wish to attend to share their final respects to such a beautiful soul. **In lieu of flowers, you are encouraged to

sponsor a child at any dance studio in your area so that they can find the love of dance that “Miss Karol” felt was so important in a child’s life.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (Pst)

Thee Old Chapel
3478 14th St
Riverside , CA 92501

Celebration of Life

DEC 13. 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM (Pst)

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Riverside , CA 92501

Burial

DEC 13. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (Pst)

Olivewood Memorial Park
3300 Central Ave
Riverside, CA 92506