

HESTER, WHITTED & DAYE FUNERAL SERVICE

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Ms. Karen Elizabeth Cates

Ms. Karen Elizabeth Cates, age 49, departed her Earthly life and entered eternal rest on Friday, May 8, 2026 at Person Memorial Hospital in Roxboro, North Carolina. She was a native of Person County, born on June 16, 1976.

Karen was a graduate of Person High School - a proud member of the "Class of 1995". She attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Karen was a gifted artist who loved to draw.

Karen was preceded in death by her father Walter Cates, Jr. and sister Anita Cates.

Ms. Karen Elizabeth Cates leaves to cherish her memory her mother Bonnie Jean Bumpass Cates of Roxboro, North Carolina; sisters: Beverly Cates, Sandra Cates and Jennifer Cates, all of Roxboro, North Carolina; nieces: Cierra Thorpe of Greensboro, North Carolina; Ayanna Thorpe-Nelson (spouse: Trenton) of Spring Lake, North Carolina; and Yakira Thorpe of Danville, Virginia; nephew Spencer Cates of Roxboro, North Carolina; great-nieces: Ya'vani and Ya'lannie Dunn of Danville, Virginia; great-nephew Jiraya



Nelson of Spring Lake, North Carolina; aunts: Bobbie Herbin, Gladys Newman, Barbara Harris, Queen Clayton, Virginia Cates, Jackie Hamlett-Whitaker (spouse: Myron) and Mary Ann Pickett; uncle Wally Torain (spouse: Karen); and numerous additional loving relatives and friends.

Public Viewing

Thursday, May 14, 2026
1:00 PM until 6:00 PM

(The Family will be present from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM.)

**Hester, Whitted and Daye
Funeral Home Chapel**

603 South Main Street
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Funeral Service

Friday, May 15, 2026
1:00 PM

(A Visitation will be held from 12:30 PM until 12:59 PM.)

**Greater Cleggs Chapel Community
Missionary Baptist Church**

2601 Surl Mount Tirzah Road
Timberlake, North Carolina 27583
Phone: (336) 364-8207
Reverend Herbert Bass, Eulogist

Burial

**Greater Cleggs Chapel Community
Missionary Baptist Church
Cemetery**

Timberlake, North Carolina