



## Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee

October 25, 1943 - August 3, 2015

Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee, 71, of Lynch Station died Monday, August 3, 2015 at Virginia Baptist Hospital. She was the wife of the late John William Keesee.

She was born October 25, 1943 in Pittsylvania County, a daughter of the late James Marvin Gibson and Flarine Farmer Gibson and was a retired Pittsylvania County school teacher with 32 years of service.

She is survived by a daughter, Kristin Keesee (DuAnn) of Lynch Station; two sisters, Jackie Scott (Larry) of Gretna and Pam Salony (Mike) of Penhook; a grandson, John David Williams of Altavista; a son-in-law, Dwayne Williams (Sherry) of Altavista; a nephew, Kenyon Scott (Kara) and their children John and Julia of Gretna; and a niece, Sonja Scott of Gretna.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Deirdre (Dee Dee) Keesee Williams.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 5, 2015 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. R.G. Rowland with interment to follow in Mount Hermon United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday at Finch and

Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at her daughter's residence, 32 Northgate Ct., Lynch Station.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Karen Gibson Keesee Scholarship Fund, c/o Gretna High School, PO Box 398, Gretna, VA 24557. Please make check payable to Gretna High School and notate the "Keesee Scholarship" in the memo section.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hermon United Methodist Church Cemetery

171 Mount Hermon Rd.  
Lynch Station, VA 24571

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ I worked with Karen, and she taught my son Robin. The last time I saw her, she was at Walmart in Altavista. She retired before I did, but we still shared school memories. We talked for the longest time. I remember how bored her grandson was, but he stayed there with her. At one point, I could only smile when she read his face, saw his boredom, and without missing a beat, told him that he would wait until she had finished. He shifted into a more comfortable position, sighed, and waited. Grandma had spoken.

*I always thought of Karen as mischievously bold, outspoken, and vibrant but with a serious side as well.*

*I am glad to have known her. And here is irony; for years when I was a child, of course neither of us knew it at the time, we lived only a short distance from each other.*

*Rest easy, Karen. You have earned the right.*

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**Sally Ann Davis Clements** - August 10, 2015 at 12:39 PM

LS

“ I just read in the Altavista Journal about Karen. I was shocked and I'm so so sorry. You have my deepest condolences.

*Linda Farmer Stanek.*



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**Linda Farmer Stanek** - August 10, 2015 at 07:08 AM

JC

“ Jennifer Crews lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee



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jennifer crews - August 06, 2015 at 07:50 PM

HM

“ To Kristin and Family,  
Sorry to hear about the passing of your mom,  
She was a very wonderful woman and  
teacher.I know she's gonna be well missed by  
the family and those who knew her and lives  
she has touched,especially me.I want you and the famiy to  
know,that you are in mines and my family Thoughts and Prayers.



Howard Martin & Family  
Richmond, Va. (Formly Gretna, Va.)

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Howard Martin - August 06, 2015 at 08:32 AM

MD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Karen  
when I first came to Gretna High School in the  
fall of 2000. Her infectious laugh and wry  
humor always made my day. And I will never  
forget the morning of September 11th, 2001,  
when she knocked on my door, and in the hall outside my  
classroom instructed me to turn on my TV. She was  
uncharacteristically unsmiling that day. No, I will never forget Karen,  
and have missed her every day since she retirted. Now go onto the  
next life Karen. See you later.



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Mark DePaulo - August 06, 2015 at 08:06 AM



“ *thinking of the family and all the laughs and smiles* ”

**Amy White** - August 06, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“ *Gayle Coblantz lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee* ”



**Gayle Coblantz** - August 06, 2015 at 07:18 AM



“ *Pam lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee* ”



**Pam** - August 06, 2015 at 06:28 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - August 05, 2015 at 01:26 PM

SS

“ *Sonja Scott lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Sonja Scott** - August 05, 2015 at 11:49 AM

DM

“ *Dale Melton lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Dale Melton** - August 05, 2015 at 03:08 AM

JW

“ *Justin Williams lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Justin Williams** - August 05, 2015 at 03:07 AM

TD

“ *Tatur, Sherry, & David lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Tatur, Sherry, & David** - August 04, 2015 at 09:09 PM

TD

“ *Tatur, Sherry & John David lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



**Tatur, Sherry & John David** - August 04, 2015 at 09:08 PM

MG

“ *Mike & Deborah Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



**Mike & Deborah Gillespie** - August 04, 2015 at 08:58 PM

KT

“ *I was a student of Ms. Keesee's in the early 1980's. She was always kind and showed genuine concern for and interest in me, and in doing so helped remind me that the world was a safe enough place during a time that was very turbulent for me. Thank you Ms. Keesee.*

**Kent Tilley** - August 04, 2015 at 08:55 PM

GM

“ *Grace Mattox lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



**Grace Mattox** - August 04, 2015 at 07:22 PM

GF

“ You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of Karen, a sweet member of the GHS Class of 1961. She always had a beautiful smile when she greeted you. Take care in this difficult time. Gail Ferguson, Class of 1961

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**Gail Ferguson** - August 04, 2015 at 06:54 PM

MB

“ Mona Bennett lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee



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**Mona Bennett** - August 04, 2015 at 05:55 PM

MT

“ Michael, Kim, & Hannah Towler lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee

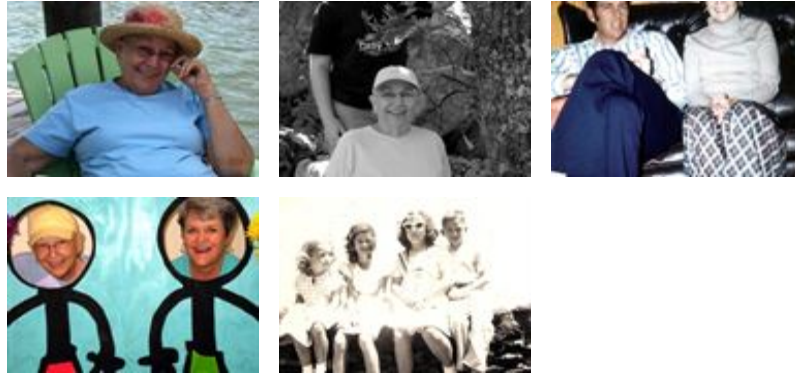


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**Michael, Kim, & Hannah Towler** - August 04, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 04, 2015 at 03:57 PM

KT

“ *Kristy Crews Terry lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



Kristy Crews Terry - August 04, 2015 at 03:26 PM

KT

“ *Such sad news to hear. But what an Angel God has received. Kristin, I hope you know how many lives your Mother has touched. She was such an amazing teacher and friend. I pray for the Family to be able to accept this loss sooner than later knowing that she is now in Hands and Home of our Lord*

Kristy Crews Terry - August 04, 2015 at 03:25 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Pugh lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Sandra Pugh** - August 04, 2015 at 03:16 PM

KC

“ *Kathryn Jeffersp n Cook lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Kathryn Jeffersp n Cook** - August 04, 2015 at 01:55 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Mary Moses-Hicks** - August 04, 2015 at 01:03 PM

LL

“ *Lucinda Mattox. Lou lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Lucinda Mattox. Lou** - August 04, 2015 at 12:26 PM

PT

“ Pam & Fernando Tolitol lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee



Pam & Fernando Tolitol - August 04, 2015 at 11:12 AM

JC

“ so sorry we have all lost a caring and loving friend. I will truly miss my quilting buddy. kristen my thoughts, prayers and love go out to you, duann and all your family. god bless all of you joyce

joyce clay - August 04, 2015 at 10:59 AM

TD

“ Kristin,  
So very sorry to hear about your Mom. She was such a sweet and caring person. I remember the fun we had at church and coming over to y'all's house when y'all lived behind us growing up. You are in my thoughts and prayers. If I can do anything please let me know.  
Teresa Cox David



Teresa David - August 04, 2015 at 09:20 AM

JR

“ Janice & Ronnie Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee



Janice & Ronnie Reynolds - August 04, 2015 at 09:17 AM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



Eddie Puckette - August 04, 2015 at 08:54 AM

TF

“ *Tammy Lynn Finney lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



Tammy Lynn Finney - August 04, 2015 at 08:30 AM

EP

“ *Eddie Pittmon lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



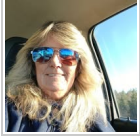
Eddie Pittmon - August 04, 2015 at 08:24 AM

CI

“ *Cynthia And Scott Ingram lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



Cynthia and Scott Ingram - August 04, 2015 at 08:12 AM



“ *OMG I am so sorry for the family and friends of this WONDERFUL woman! Mrs. Keesee was my Sociology teacher in high school and she was also my "favorite!" She was so kind, loving, and caring. Mrs. Keesee inspired so many! May she RIP!*



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**Tina Hall** - August 04, 2015 at 07:53 AM

SK

“ *Sandy & Nancy Kelly lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Sandy & Nancy Kelly** - August 04, 2015 at 07:41 AM



“ *Amanda Haskins lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Amanda Haskins** - August 04, 2015 at 12:06 AM



“ *Beth Yeatts lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Beth Yeatts** - August 03, 2015 at 10:29 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Crawley lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**kathy crawley** - August 03, 2015 at 10:04 PM

JP

“ *Jen & Steph Perrow lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Jen & Steph Perrow** - August 03, 2015 at 09:57 PM

MS

“ *Martha & Buddy Shelton lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Martha & Buddy Shelton** - August 03, 2015 at 09:49 PM

HF

“ *Heather Haywood Falls lit a candle in memory of Karen Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Heather Haywood Falls** - August 03, 2015 at 08:50 PM

SD

“ *Stacey Dalton lit a candle in memory of Karen  
Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Stacey Dalton** - August 03, 2015 at 08:34 PM

RW

“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of Karen  
Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Ralph Woods** - August 03, 2015 at 08:07 PM

SY

“ *Sherri Yeatts lit a candle in memory of Karen  
Rebecca Gibson Keesee*



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**Sherri Yeatts** - August 03, 2015 at 07:24 PM

SY

“*Mrs. Keesee was one of my teachers at Gretna High School in the 1980s, and she was remarkable in every sense of the word. I hadn't seen her in nearly 30 years when I happened to run into her in Altavista several years ago. She recognized me immediately and gave me a big hug. I don't know why I was surprised because Mrs. Keesee loved her students and she was born to teach. I will never forget the impact she made on my life and the beautiful person she was. May God bless her family and everyone who grieves this tremendous loss.*

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**Sherri Yeatts** - August 03, 2015 at 07:23 PM