



Jana Karney Lee

January 23, 1970 - June 29, 2024

Jana Karney Lee, 54 of Orange Beach, Al passed away on June 29th at her residence. She was a member of The Island Church Orange Beach. Jana graduated from London Central High School in High-Wycombe, England and received her degrees from Auburn University and the University of West Alabama. She recently retired from the Orange Beach City School System with 31 years of dedicated service to students at Long Cane Elementary School, Bottenfield Middle School, Clay-Chalkville Middle School, Mt. Brook Jr High School and Orange Beach Middle School.

Jana's husband, her children and her family made her proud and is what her world revolved around. She could always be found enjoying her children's sporting events and performances along with yelling, "War Eagle" for her beloved Auburn Tigers. Jana was an active member of the Birmingham Theatre community for many years along with being a talented singer. As an educator, she loved her students and was always a strong advocate for the best needs of the children placed in her care. She had a profound impact on the lives of so many students and has continued to serve as a mentor and friend to many of them well into their adult lives. Her unwavering support and belief in her students along with her nurturing, encouraging and inspiring presence is a legacy that will continue to guide those whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Maddie Lee. She is survived by her husband of 22 years Michael Lee, her children John Michael Lee, Sam Lee and Addison Lee, her parents David and Jan Karney of San Antonio, TX siblings J.T. Karney (Stacey) of Homewood, AL, Julie Holland (Reg) of San Antonio, TX, Jeremy Karney (Natalie) of San Antonio, TX, nieces and nephews Katelyn Wright, Cameron Holland, Elyssa Holland, Sawyer Karney, Payton Karney, Jackson Karney, Ryan Lee and Eric Lee along with many loving uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday July 9, at 2:00 PM with the Pastor Fred Franks officiating at The Island Church on Canal Road in Orange Beach. The family will receive friends from 12:00 until 2:00. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in her memory to www.rumpshakerinc.org for Colorectal cancer awareness or to the Food Pantry at

The Island Church.
25550 Canal Rd.
Orange Beach, AL 36561

You can also give to the food pantry online by going to www.theislandchurch.tv and navigating to the give tab.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

The Island Church
25550 Canal Road
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Tribute Wall

JT

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of one of the most inspiring teachers I ever had. She believed in me when I didn't believe in myself and was the first person to tell me I needed to do better as a young man and use the talents God gave me. Her impact on my life will never be forgotten. She was truly one of a kind and always in your corner right or wrong. I'm also sending love and prayers to one of my favorite principals and coaches. A great father, a great man, and someone who shaped so many of us along the way. Wishing peace and strength to the family and everyone feeling this loss. - Julian Taylor

Julian Taylor - May 30, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Michael and family, I was in the Apple store today and waited on by one of your students from CCHS. He shared that you had visited the store and he'd had an opportunity to talk with you. He shared about Jana's passing, and I was shocked. I didn't know of her cancer or struggles and am so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful mother and counselor, and I remember many times sitting in the balcony close to your family at Shades. I'm so sad to hear that she's no longer with us and know how you and the children must miss her. Please know that I am praying that you all will feel God's peace and comfort as you grieve her loss. I think of Sam and how he played with my grandson Riley and am guessing he's a senior this year. I wish him and his brother and sister well in this time without their mother and pray for you as you are there for them. God bless.

Meg Brooke - January 23, 2025 at 12:38 AM

KN

“ I just heard about Jana’s passing, I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Jana through the Counseling Association and enjoyed working with her and getting to know her. She was a kind and caring person. Since her cancer was discovered, I have prayed for her and your family, I pray now that God wraps his loving arms around you and your children and gives you peace during this difficult time.

Katharine Nichols - July 29, 2024 at 02:55 PM

KA

“ I’m so deeply sorry. I was so lucky to have Jana in my life starting during our years at London Central. She was more than a friend to me - she was a mentor. The world is a better place because she was in it. Sending you all so very much love.

Kim Mezeske Armstrong - July 20, 2024 at 11:42 AM

TS

“ I have wonderful memories of Jana, words are just not enough. Such a beautiful family. There can be no doubt that God is holding you and your children close.

Teresa Sellers

Teresa Sellers - July 14, 2024 at 06:39 PM

MB

“ I am grateful GOD crossed our paths. Janas strength and love for her family was evident. She helped and touched the lives of so many children during her career. Her positive bright light will be missed.

Melissa Bryant - July 09, 2024 at 12:52 PM

DZ

“ Deepest Sympathy, The Zimmerman’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jana Karney Lee.

Deepest Sympathy, The Zimmerman’s - July 09, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jana Karney Lee.



July 09, 2024 at 10:59 AM

FW

“ Jana was a former coworker and a friend. She was a bright light and so willing to help. She will definitely be missed by many! I’ll continue to pray for the family; she loved you all so much!

Felicia Willingham - July 08, 2024 at 10:07 PM

LB

“ Jana had such a beautiful spirit. I will always remember watching the beginning of your relationship - computer messages and parking lot conversations. A lot has happened since you jumped the broom. You are a beautiful family that will always make her proud. Prayers for you all and War Eagle Forever.



Lisa Boyd - July 08, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ Teri Nash lit a candle in memory of Jana Karney Lee



Teri Nash - July 08, 2024 at 03:57 PM



I always thought the world of Jana Lee (I also always liked calling her by her full name). She was kind, hilarious, talented, and just one of those people you want to be around. I remember spending hours in the choir room at BJH with her, discussing anything and everything. She is missed, but left a legacy of kindness, love of Jesus, and family.

Teri Nash - July 08, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LA

“ Mr Lee. I am so sorry on hearing the passing of Jana. I remember so much of the 2 of you when I worked at Bottenfield Middle School with you both. Wanted to write and send my deepest condolences. My heart is just in pieces for your family.. My God place his loving arms around you all. And comfort you and the kids... Your friend in Christ Linda Anderson

Linda Mae Anderson - July 08, 2024 at 03:54 PM

SS

“ Sonya G. Smith lit a candle in memory of Jana Karney Lee



Sonya G. Smith - July 08, 2024 at 02:38 PM

BC

“ *Billy & Vainda Collins lit a candle in memory of Jana Karney Lee*



Billy & Vainda Collins - July 08, 2024 at 12:11 PM