



Karen Irene East

November 27, 1942 - December 8, 2025

Karen East, of Thomasville, passed away on December 8, 2025.

She was born on November 27, 1942 in Miami, FL to the late Edna and Hector A. Williams. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Scotty East, son Johnathan Grice, and sister Gail Loveland.

In her younger years, Karen enjoyed competitive dancing and gymnastics. She later danced with Jose Greco, an experience she often remembered proudly. As an adult, Karen was extremely successful- working in different careers throughout her life as an administrative assistant then owner of “The Hour Glass” boutique. In retirement, she and Scotty enjoyed traveling and RVing together.

Karen was devoted, big hearted, talented and thoughtful. She always made sure her mother was taken care of and would give to anyone in need without hesitation. She loved to spoil others, whether in gifts or love. She had an eye for fashion and shared trends with others often. She was also a constant, generous supporter of Juvenile Diabetes, a cause dear to her heart. She not only loved people but also loved her four legged companions dearly- Meow Meow, Pugsley, and Boo.

One of Karen’s greatest joys was flying. She was a proud pilot and was

happiest in the air. She spent many hours flying all over the Southeast in a Cessna 152.

Karen is survived by her sister, Sandra Williams Walter; her brother, Author Gower Williams; nieces Whitney King, Ashley Smith, Ashley Carugati, Anisley Williams, Leslie Loveland, and Joanne Loveland; nephews Blair Loveland and Chip Walter; great-nieces Kaci Loveland, Alexandra King, Annabelle Smith, and Georgia Walter; and great-nephews Griffin King, Tazewell King, Avery Smith, and Dominic Carugati.

Karen will always be loved and remembered, her sweet spirit never too far away.