



Pruitt, Karen (McGehee)

1940-2025

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Karen Pruitt, 84, of Decatur, went to be with her Lord Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, in Denton. The graveside service will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Bowie, on Monday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m.

Karen was as fierce and approachable as she was elegant and beautiful. She was mighty fierce and made friends everywhere she went. Most importantly, she was a woman who loved and feared the Lord.

Karen was born on Nov. 5, 1940, to Weldon Russell and Lorene (Dickson) McGehee in Slaton.

A lifelong learner and avid reader, she attended Southland High School in Southland, as part of a 12-student senior class before graduating from Lubbock Christian College.

United in marriage to Edward Samuel Pruitt in 1985, Karen was happily married until his passing in May of 2008.

A longtime resident of Bowie and Decatur, Karen was an owner-operator of an oil and gas production company for many years, and a member of the Church of Christ in Bridgeport.

A beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many, Karen will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Weldon and Lorene McGehee, and her husband, Edward Pruitt. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Cary Cowdrey and wife, Jamie of Decatur; and Russell Cowdrey and wife, Diana Gutierrez of Coppell; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Dennis McGehee of Idalou; two sisters, Sharon Sales of Lubbock and Patsy Barker of Slaton; extended family and a host of friends.

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