



## Kara Dove-Ona Shearer

March 6, 1981 - October 27, 2025

Kara Dove-Ona (Swayne) Shearer, 44 years of age, of Peebles, Ohio, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Hospice of Hope Ohio Valley Inpatient Center, in Seaman, Ohio.

Kara was born on March 6, 1981, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Richard and Valerie (Shoemaker) Swayne. Kara worked as an Intervention Specialist serving as the Cross-Categorical Teacher in the Peebles Elementary School of the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District. She was very actively involved as a member of the Peebles Church of Christ. Kara loved to sing, especially as a member of the worship team at her church. She adored her close friends and family, especially her boys.

In addition to her parents, Kara is survived by her sons, Marcus and Malachi Shearer, both at home. She also leaves her sisters, Deborah Swayne and Francesca Salvatini, of Columbus; as well as her maternal grandmother, Evelyn Shoemaker, of Peebles. Kara will be missed by her many aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Kara was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Theron Shoemaker; and her paternal grandparents, Dean and Shirley Swayne.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family.

A celebration and remembrance of Kara's life will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, with an open house from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm, at the Peebles Church of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the

University of Cincinnati Barrett Center for Pancreatic Cancer Studies, 3151  
Bellevue Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Wallace-Thompson Funeral  
Home. Please visit us at [www.wallacethompsonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wallacethompsonfuneralhomes.com) to leave  
words of comfort for the family in our online guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Peebles Church of Christ  
6050 Steam Furnace Road  
Peebles, OH 45660

# Tribute Wall

RL

“ Kara fought a very hard battle for a very, very long time. She was a sweet, kind loving lady who will be in the heart of many for years to come. I know many of us will stop and say to our self, “What would Kara say about this...” “How would Kara handle this...?” She had a very unique way at looking and thinking on things. May God rest her soul and help guide her boys in years to come. 🙏



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**Robin Lucas** - November 08, 2025 at 10:44 AM

CS

Kara was such a sweet person. She handled her cancer diagnosis with grace. I pray for her family, especially her 2 boys. Kara will be missed. 😊 Carolyn Scott

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**Carolyn Scott** - November 09, 2025 at 12:05 AM

RA

“ Kara was my first friend when I arrived in Peebles in 1999. She held my hand tightly throughout my ten-month stay as an exchange student and helped me make even more friends. She was the kindest to me; genuine, caring, and full of light.

*For 26 years, we celebrated each other's successes, milestones, and even our hardships. There was always love between us, even when months went by without speaking just pure, enduring friendship, the kind you only find once in a lifetime.*

*Kara was a true reflection of her wonderful parents. Valerie and Richard, your love and guidance shaped both Kara and Deborah into the amazing humans they became. I hope you know how much I love you, and that I'm holding you and Kara's boys deeply in my thoughts and prayers. You are not alone in your grief or sorrow; I am here, as are so many others, holding you close to our hearts.*

*Kara, my sweet friend, I will miss you forever for exactly as long as I will cherish our friendship. Fly high, knowing that you profoundly touched the lives and hearts of everyone lucky enough to have known you.*

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**Raquel** - October 28, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kara Dove-Ona Shearer.



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October 28, 2025 at 12:48 PM

RK

“ Richard and Vallerie, my prayers are with you and the family. Cancer has taken too many lives. I remember Kara coming to the CTC while you were there Valerie and she always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say to whomever she saw. She will be missed by all.

Rick Kuhn - October 28, 2025 at 12:42 AM

JJ

She sure put up a good fight! She will be missed. Such a wonderful person!

Jeannie Shoemaker Justice - October 28, 2025 at 08:52 AM

FP

So very sorry for the loss of your precious and beautiful daughter and mother. She was a wonderful servant of the Most High God. She is waiting for you in heaven. Prayers for you all for God's comfort and strength.

Fonda Pertuset - October 28, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BG

“ Richard and Valerie my heart breaks for all if you. Kara was a true inspiration with daily prayer when I was going through the darkest days of my life as I was losing my husband, Chris. When Chris passed Kara continued to pray for me as I prayed for her. She will be forever remembered as a bright shining light and angel on earth. My love to each of you.

Bobbi Grooms - October 27, 2025 at 10:13 PM

AS

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Kara was such a caring person and was loved by everyone who knew her. She will be deeply missed. My prayers go out to her family and two sons during this difficult time. May God watch over and take care of them all in the days ahead.



*Alice & Ron Schmidt*

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**Alice & Ron Schmidt** - October 27, 2025 at 07:20 PM

MK

“ Kara was the example of what knowing God’s love really means. She enjoyed it to the fullest, and then used it to fill others cup with her love and God’s love. She knew what it meant to truly be one of God’s children, a beloved daughter of Christ. I have not been able to see her in many years but I always enjoyed the daily devotionals she shared. Whether she knew it or not I’m sure those devotionals touched many other lives.

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**Matthew Kuhn** - October 27, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kara was a sweet lady, friend, mother, and daughter. Prayers for the boys and family and the days ahead. Heaven gained a beautiful angel.



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**ReSheena Shiveley** - October 27, 2025 at 02:33 PM

KA

*Kara will always be remembered for her faith, kindness and her loving and selfless spirit. She has been an inspiration for all who have known her and she will remain a guiding light for her boys and family forever. Wrapping all whose lives she touched in love, hugs, and prayers, especially her dear family. 💖🙏*

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**Kaijade** - October 27, 2025 at 09:58 PM