



## Karen Godail Arena

December 3, 1964 - February 20, 2014

Karen Godail Arena, born December 3, 1964, passed away on February 20, 2014 at the age of 49. Beloved wife of David L. Arena of nearly 20 years. Loving mother of Justin and Jason Arena. Daughter of Milton "Bing" Godail and Sandra Wagner Godail of Baton Rouge, LA. Sister of Milton "Jimmy" Godail, Jr. (Peggy) of The Woodlands, TX and Stephen Godail (Sonia) of Baton Rouge, LA. She was also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was born in Myrtle Beach AFB, SC. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1983, and then obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and her law degree from Louisiana State University. A resident of River Ridge since 1999. She was employed as an attorney with Cimini & Associates, and was formerly employed as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. She was a former member of Team in Training (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) and Team Diabetes. She was an avid soccer player, runner and triathlete. Her passion was her family and doing for others.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, 10021 Jefferson Hwy, River Ridge on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. Visitation will begin at the church at 10:30 a.m. Interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road  
St. Rose, LA 70087

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church  
10021 Jefferson Highway  
River Ridge, LA 70123

## Funeral Mass

FEB **25**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Godail Arena*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *David, I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss. I pray for God's peace and strength to get you, the boys and all your loved ones through this difficult time.*

*Blaine Anderson.*

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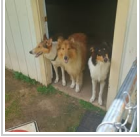
**Blaine Anderson** - March 03, 2014 at 09:11 AM



“ *I learned of Karen's death today, and my heart aches for David, Karen's sons, and her parents. I was blessed to have Karen as my law clerk when she was in law school. She and David were clerks at the same time, and I like to think I helped contribute to their romance. Karen was smart, cheerful, hard-working, and pleasant to everyone. She was an asset to our office (EBR District Attorney's Office), and after her graduation from law school she distinguished herself as an attorney. She died too young, but she definitely left her mark on all who came into touch with her. She was a blessing! Hugs to all.*

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**Janis Kile** - March 02, 2014 at 05:17 PM



“ *It was my privilege to meet Karen through Health Steward. This online community became friends, became family. I pray God's peace for the Arena family.*

*Pastor Ray McNames  
Beaumont Texas*

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**Pastor-Ray McNames** - February 26, 2014 at 02:47 AM

FR

“ *Sandy, Bing, David & their families,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time.*

*Sheila & Fred Robnett*

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**Fred Robnett** - February 25, 2014 at 06:14 PM

LT

“ *To the Arena Family: May the God of all comfort support the family and friends during this time of grief – 2Corinthians 1:3,4.*

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**LeJeune Tillage** - February 25, 2014 at 03:00 PM

PC

“ *Sandy, Bing, and Karen's family,  
Our deepest sympathy to each of you. Karen and her family lived next door to us while she was a young child. She was so special and the sweetest little smile. Our hearts hurts for your lose. God bless each of you.  
Cade and Pat Carter , Baton Rouge.*

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**Pat and Cade Carter** - February 24, 2014 at 03:52 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Cutrer lit a candle in memory of Karen Godail Arena*



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**Cindy Cutrer** - February 24, 2014 at 11:38 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Karen Godail Arena.*



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February 24, 2014 at 11:36 AM

MJ

“ *To the Arena Family:*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during these very difficult times. Remember, earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Put your trust in God, He will keep you.*



*The Johnson Family: Marc, Sabrina, Myles and Maya.*

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**Marc Johnson** - February 24, 2014 at 11:09 AM



“ I met Karen through the Health Steward site back in 2005. Met her face to face at a few Health Steward gatherings in Florida and Tybee Island, Ga. She was a person that was full of life. I admired that in her. She was also very sweet, caring and would help out anyone! My heart goes out to her family and they are in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. Our hearts are heavy at this untimely loss but Heaven is so blessed to have her. Till we meet again Karen...you will be missed on this earth by many!! <3

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**Melodie Squitieri** - February 24, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ I only actually met Karen once, on Tybee Island, several years ago, at a Health Stewards Gathering. However, we communicated within the HS forum for several years... My heart goes out to the family for your sudden loss, and grieve with you, remembering Karen as a kind, caring person, determined to live life with an intensity that was as unique as it was motivating and inspiring to so many of us! - Dave & Mary Ann Weber, Ontario, Canada (Dave, HS-40)

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**Dave Weber** - February 24, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, it is at times difficult to receive the comfort we search for. In times like these I know I can find comfort in God's word. In John 5:28,29 He tells us " Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." As the God and Father of tender mercies, He wants you to find comfort in Him through prayer ( 2 Cor 1:3 ).

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**Dan Lawrence** - February 24, 2014 at 05:30 AM

ED

“ I remember back in 90's when our Coed soccer league needed a new registrar and Karen volunteered. That was who she was, always willing to lend a hand to others, especially to help put a smile on someone else's face.

*I remember our weekly practices, heck twice a week, always smiling a such a good sport. Class on and off the field. I'm glad to have called her friend and teammate.*

*Prayers for Karen, David the boys and all those who mourn her loss.*

*Eddie*

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**Eddie Davidson** - February 23, 2014 at 08:45 PM

AL

“ *Bing,*

*I fell speechless for such a unspeakable loss that happened to you and your family. My heart and prayers are with you. May you find your strength in Him.*

*-Alicia Li*

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**Alicia Li** - February 23, 2014 at 07:36 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Karen Godail Arena.*



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February 23, 2014 at 04:33 PM



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Stephanie Roussel - February 23, 2014 at 04:06 PM



“ Stephanie Roussel lit a candle in memory of *Karen Godail Arena*



Stephanie Roussel - February 23, 2014 at 03:58 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Karen Godail Arena*.



February 23, 2014 at 02:53 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Karen Godail Arena*.



February 22, 2014 at 11:44 PM

Jl

“ David, Justin and Jason,  
We are all so sorry for your loss. It is never easy to lose a loved one, let alone such a wonderful wife and mother. We will be praying for you and are near if you need us for absolutely anything!

*Mike and Jill Downes & Brent and Blake Schneckenburger*

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**Jill** - February 22, 2014 at 09:54 PM

SH

“ To the entire Godail Family, I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Karen's passing. She was such an incredible beautiful person inside and out. We will all miss her terribly. God must have a needed an angel who was kind, beautiful, and strong. I am thankful to God that I had the pleasure of growing up with her and calling her my dear friend. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With Love,  
Sherri Wharton Hadskey

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**Sherri Wharton Hadskey** - February 22, 2014 at 09:36 PM

AB

“ Justin, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers. If you ever feel the need, you can talk to me about anything at school.

*Andrew Butler and family*

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**Andrew Butler** - February 22, 2014 at 03:52 PM

CA

“ Dear Family, I offer my deepest sympathy for your devastating loss. Please know that you're in our prayers. As you reflect on the many beautiful memories that Karen left to cherish, may they ease your hearts in the difficult days to come. May God soothe your aching hearts with his loving promise to reunite you together again in the future Paradise when there will be no more sickness, pain or even death. (Revelation 21:4, 5) Always remember that God knows your pain and the many tears that you cry. (Acts 24:15)

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**Candis** - February 22, 2014 at 03:24 PM

 Cindy Ezernack

“ Sending my love and prayers to Karen's family. When I met Karen, the one thing that impressed me the most was her smile. I am grateful to have met this wonderful lady. My love is being sent to her friends and family. Hugs and kisses to her boys

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**Cindy Ezernack** - February 22, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Godail Arena.



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February 22, 2014 at 01:18 PM