



## Kari Heil

February 25, 1976 - January 17, 2006

Kari Leigh Heil, 29, a loving wife and mother, passed from this life Tuesday, January 17. ♂??? Funeral: 10 a.m. Saturday at Mansfield Church of Christ, Mansfield. ♂??? Kari was born Feb. 25, 1976, in Portales, N.M., the daughter of Ronnie and Jill Hawkins Firestone. She graduated from Abilene Christian University, where she was part of many organizations. She was a member of the GATA Sorority, ACU Theatre and The Light Singing Group. She was SingSong hostess in 1998. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Bob Hawkins. ♂??? Survivors: Husband, John Russell Heil; beautiful daughters, Maryn Hailey Heil, 5, and Elizabeth Parker Heil, 6 months; parents, Ronnie and Jill Firestone and Bob and Barbara Heil; sister, Kelli Lara and husband, Jason; grandparents, Fern Stewart and Betty Hawkins; aunts and uncles, Brad Hawkins and wife, Karen, and Tommy Firestone and wife, Pam; brother-in-law, Robert Heil and wife, LeighAnn; sister-in-law, Meredith Heil; and numerous other family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ As you walk this path of sorrow, May it comfort you to know that friends will be walking with you.  
You're always in our prayers.  
Don & Janie Kluesner

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**Don & Janie Kluesner** - February 13, 2006 at 09:11 PM

SS

“ Kari was a very warm and loving person. She brightened everybody's day just by being around her. She will truly be missed. We send our love and prayers!

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**Shaun and Tammy Standard** - January 25, 2006 at 07:40 PM

AF

“ My prayers are with your entire family. I knew Kari in Carlsbad, I cherish the memories of babysitting her as well as helping her with cheerleading tryouts. I know she grew into a fabulous adult and her light will be missed. I say a prayer daily for the entire Heil/Firestone family. May God bless you during this very difficult time.

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**Amy Marcho Fulcher** - January 25, 2006 at 07:31 PM

MB

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss, and like everyone else we are at a loss of words. We pray that God surrounds his angels around each and everyone of you, especially the girls. We will continue to lift each of you up in our prayers. Michael & Michelle

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**Michelle Brannan** - January 25, 2006 at 02:32 PM

MB

“ I was so saddened to hear about the death of Kari. I remember her beautiful smile and her outgoing personality. I had the pleasure of growing up with her at Sunset Church of Christ. I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to her family and had I known ahead of time, I would have definitely come to the service. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with Ronnie and Jill and the rest of the family, including her precious children.

Love Always,

Michelle (Missy) Burnside

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Michelle (Missy) Burnside - January 25, 2006 at 08:38 AM

LB

“ Ronnie, Jill, Russell and family... we are simply at a loss for words to comfort you during this very difficult time. Kari was such a beautiful person inside and out and leaves a legacy of joy and fond memories for us all. Remember all of the good times and let that live on as music in your hearts. You all are in our thoughts and prayers and may the Lord lift each of you up as only He can. Love, Frank & Linda Burnside

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Linda Burnside - January 25, 2006 at 08:30 AM

DC

“ Like so many others we feel like we have lost a daughter. We all raised our children together and Kari was like one of our own. She had Such a beautiful voice and so much vitality. we will always remember a sweet angel, forever beaming whenever she came into a room. And now that beauty and vitality lives through her precious babies. Thank you Kari for letting us share a part of your life. We had alot of good years watching you grow and turn into a beautiful loving wife and mother. I know you are now probably singing with God in his glorius choir and though we will miss you terribly, we have the hope of seeing you again in Heaven. We love you Kari,  
Ron and Diana

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**Diana Clem** - January 23, 2006 at 07:05 PM

GS

“ We want you to know how sorry we are for the pain you are going thru. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Remember how much we love you and loved Kari.

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**Gary and Beca Standard** - January 23, 2006 at 04:24 PM

TS

“ We are so very sorry for the Loss of Kari . Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time and always.  
Marilyn and Terry  
Stade

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**Terry and Marilyn Stade** - January 21, 2006 at 07:28 AM

MJ

“ Dear Ronnie, Jill, Kelli & family. Our hearts are absolutely breaking with yours. Words cannot express our heartache and sadness. Please know that we are with you in thought and prayer constantly. If there is anything we can do . . . please let us know! We love you all. God is our strength . . .

Love,  
Michael, Becky and girls

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**Michael & Becky Joiner** - January 21, 2006 at 07:01 AM

DW

“ Ronnie-Jill there are no words that will make you whole again. There are no real answers except Gwenette is right she was loved and she touched alot of people's lives through her love of life. I will always remember her as bubbly and always with a smile on her face.

I have confidence in our God and your love for him that you will reach out for his love, peace and comfort. Through his love and his strength you will learn to be whole again. My love and prayers are always with you. Amy, Tracey & Rachel (Fell) send their love and prayers as well.

Debbie Walker

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**Debbie Walker** - January 20, 2006 at 06:38 PM

GB

“ Please know you are in our prayers and forgive me for lack of words to express my sincere sympathy. Kari will be missed by many BUT most important is knowing how much she was loved! I feel certain that she never doubted how VERY much you loved her! May you feel our love and be strengthened as you go through the days and months ahead. God IS with you! Gwenette

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**Gwenette Bradley** - January 20, 2006 at 04:25 PM

MS

“ I will ALWAYS REMEMBER KARI FOR HER DELIGHTFUL SMILE AND HER SINGING AN ACTING ABILITIES. YOU ARE A SPECIAL FAMILY. I KNOW YOUR HEARTS ARE BREAKING. LOVE AND PRAYERS - MILLIE -

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**Millie Samuels** - January 20, 2006 at 02:02 PM

TG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Tom & Vicki Goff** - January 20, 2006 at 01:52 PM

LP

“ I was so saddened to hear of Kari's passing, and my thoughts and prayers are with her family as you all struggle with the pain of her loss. The Firestone girls were the first kids I ever babysat, way back when you lived in Lovington. I have to say they they were always my favorites! Kari was such a cute, sweet little girl! My most prominent memory of Kari is how much she loved to play Candyland! She would always get it out the second Ronnie and Jill left, and would play as long as I would keep on playing. To this day, I can't play that game with my own kids without thinking of Kari!

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**Lisa (Fitts) Powell** - January 20, 2006 at 11:52 AM

JC

“ I can't quit thinking of Kari since I heard the tragic news of her loss. I think of her as a little girl at church. I admired her so much. Kari's outer beauty was the first thing you noticed, but it was her sweet smile and her wonderful personality that made me look up to her so much. I wanted to be like her. Kari was just enough older than me that we didn't really know each other well, but I looked up to her as a role model. My heart aches for the family that she left behind. You have already been and will continue to be in my prayers.

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**Jill (Lunsford) Crandall** - January 20, 2006 at 11:31 AM

MO

“ Our hearts were deeply saddened to hear about Kari's passing. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love to all,  
Mike & Lorie Owens  
Carlsbad, NM

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**Mike and Lorie Owens** - January 20, 2006 at 09:44 AM

TK

“ This world, however beautiful, was never meant to be the place we would call home for eternity. He has built a mansion where His children will abide, where you are free from pain and suffering, forever at His side. And even when our choices, are less than He would ask, He knows when human courage is unequal to the task. We have a loving Father who knows what is best, and He lifts us to a place of peace and rest. We cannot judge what happens, though tears and questions start, We only see what's visible--God sees into your heart. There are so many things we cannot explain, and it breaks our Father's heart to see His children's pain, so in loving arms He has bore you to a quiet place apart, where He mends your wounded spirit, and heals your broken heart. And though you have left your earthly dwelling, and left our present sight, we will all be together, someday, in our Father's home above, a better world of majesty and light, where we will thank Him for His mercy, and praise Him for His Love.

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**Tina Kincaid** - January 20, 2006 at 09:19 AM

PW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve. We were blessed to have photographed Kari's wedding and are so saddened at her premature passing. May our God of comfort bless and sustain you in the days to come without Kari and renew in all of us the hope of the joyful reunion to come.

*Paul & Brenda White*

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**Paul & Brenda White** - January 20, 2006 at 08:45 AM

JS

“ Kari and her family are always an inspiration to me. I just want the family to know that you are constantly in my thoughts and prayers, may God comfort you during this tragic time of your life.

*Jo*

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**Jo Scheel** - January 20, 2006 at 08:08 AM

BR

“ My thoughts and prays are with you.  
Your family is very special to ours!

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**Brady** - January 20, 2006 at 07:42 AM

JT

“ We grieve with you and wish we could be there to just hold you as no words would be good enough.

*Love, John & Kay*

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**John & Kay Tigert** - January 20, 2006 at 07:33 AM

JS

“ *Ronnie and Jill--  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you so much during this very difficult time. We know how special Kari was and how much she will be missed. Please know that we will pray on your behalf for healing and understanding. May God comfort you during your grieving.*

*All of our love--  
Jamey and Weslyn Standard*

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**Jamey and Weslyn Standard** - January 20, 2006 at 06:35 AM

DR

“ *Just want you to know that we will keep you in our prayers that knowing others care will help you in the days ahead. God's blessings to you & yours.*

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**Don & Willene Roberts** - January 20, 2006 at 05:52 AM

YB

“ *Kari was such a sweet person, with one of the most beautiful smiles. I will always remember her from school as the one with the beautiful smile...She was sweet to everyone...*

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**yolanda blair** - January 19, 2006 at 09:16 PM

DB

“ Dear Ronnie, Jill, Russell Maryn, Elizabeth and families,  
We cannot think of words to express our sorrow in the loss of your  
loving , Kari. We know God's love will help everyone to overcome  
the heart ache ,and our love for each other will help us to remember  
the spirit from God that Kari has within her heart.  
We love you and your families and may our prayers for you be  
God's will.

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**Don & Linda Bigham** - January 19, 2006 at 09:14 PM

MS

“ Ronnie, Jill and all of Kari's family, Please know that you all are in  
our prayers.  
May God bless you all and give you peace.

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**MIKE & ANITA SALER** - January 19, 2006 at 08:45 PM

LM

“ To the Firestone family: Our prayers are with you during this most  
difficult time. Lean on the Lord and not on your own understanding.  
We love you. The Mitchells, Carlsbad, NM

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**Larry, Lorie, Alex, & Aleice Mitchell** - January 19, 2006 at 08:12 PM

GM

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. As we remember her,  
she was such a loving little girl. We pray to God that he will give you  
strength to get through this.

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**Glen & Peggy Moore** - January 19, 2006 at 08:09 PM

GM

“ Kari Heil

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**Glen & Peggy Moore** - January 19, 2006 at 08:07 PM

JF

“ I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I remember Kari as a beautiful, sweet little girl when y'all lived here in Lovington. Our prayers and love are with you all.

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**Jan and Gary Fitts** - January 19, 2006 at 07:05 PM

MS

“ Our daughters, Stephanie and Jessica, thought the world of Kari. They loved to go to Choir shows to watch her perform in Show Choir. They signed up for Cheerleading clinics because Kari was a cheerleader. She babysat for us some when we first moved to Carlsbad in 1989. We went to ACU to watch her in Sing Song. Our family is saddened by the loss of Kari. Mark, Linda, Jessica & Craig Schinnerer; Stephanie & Fred Ybaben

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**Mark & Linda Schinnerer** - January 19, 2006 at 06:59 PM