



Karyl Sue Vermillion

December 18, 1953 - May 12, 2026

Karyl Sue Vermillion, age 72, of Monett, MO passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Oak Pointe in Neosho, MO after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born in Monett, MO on Friday, December 18, 1953; daughter of Curtis and Betty Jean (Belch) Kelly. Karyl was a 1972 graduate of Pierce City High School. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Missouri Southern State University (MSSU). Karyl married Jim Vermillion on Friday, June 23, 1978, in Monett, MO. She retired as a kindergarten teacher from Cassville School District. Later, she taught first grade at Berean Christian Academy in Monett, MO. She loved teaching and enjoyed seeing her students learn and grow. Halloween was always a favorite holiday because she would see her students and former students. Karyl loved the pool, beach, tanning, and warm weather. She enjoyed sweets such as ice cream and sweet tea. She was a very good cook and baker. She always had time to shop with her family or play a game of cards (i.e. Uno, Skip-Bo, etc.) with them. She loved to clean house and enjoyed entertaining others. Karyl was a life-long democrat. She was active in the National Education Association (NEA) while teaching. She was a member of Liberty United Methodist Church. She will be missed by many!

Surviving are the following: her husband, Jim who is in the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, MO; one daughter, Krista Vermillion of Springfield, MO; one brother, Kerry (Stacy) Kelly of Jenks, OK; one sister, Kathy (John

Dawson) Conley of Pierce City, MO; seven nieces and nephews, Sean Kelly, Kaitlyn Kelly, Trey Kelly, Breeghan Kelly, Kaylee Creech, Jim C. Conley, and Kelsy Hall; and several more nieces and nephews by marriage; as well as former students; and many friends.

Those welcoming her to heaven include her parents, Curtis and Betty Jean Kelly and two dogs that she loved so much, Maci and Dottie.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Funeral service will be at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, May 16, 2026, beginning at 2:00 PM with Chaplain Robert Mattingly officiating. Burial will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, MO.

Memorials may be made to the Pierce City backpack program in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 Southwood Road
Springfield, MO 65804

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
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lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Karyl at baseball games when Brendon was in high school. She was a fun person. Condolences to Krista and Kathy and family.

Mary Ann Cox - May 25 at 09:45 AM



“ This is so sad to just see. Mrs Vermillion was my kindergarten teacher '91-'92. She remembered me after I moved out of state and went back to visit many years later. She was definitely my favorite teacher. She was the sweetest lady I've ever met. She will greatly be missed.

Megan Canfield - May 17 at 01:01 PM

RS

“ Growing up in Pierce City during the 60's and 70's was pleasant. Along with Karyl, her brother and sister we neighborhood kids rode bicycles on the street and played ball on the vacant lot. During the winter we sledded down central hill. Those were good times.

Randy Staponski - May 15 at 08:40 PM

LS

Krista - so very sorry to see this . I was gone all that week, so received the message about your mom while I traveled to see our daughter. Please know you were in my thoughts and prayers .

linda sitton - May 22 at 06:49 AM