



Karen Majors Obituary

Mrs. Karen S. Majors, 48 of Marlborough Ave. in Albany died October 13, 2005 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be Monday 11 AM at Kimbrell-Stern. Rev. Tom Pollock officiating. Inurnment will follow in Crown Hill Mausoleum with honors by the Albany Police Department. Mrs. Majors was born in Valdosta, GA, and lived a number of years in Colquitt Co, GA. and has lived in Albany 28 years, where she was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, served 25 years with the Albany Police Department and was Secretary of Majors Electric and Mechanical Co. Inc. She was a member of the Dougherty Rotary Club, served as board member for Liberty House, Fraternal Order of Police, Police Benevolence Association, Georgia Women in Law Enforcement, International Association of Hostage Negotiators and graduate of Leadership Albany. She was also a lover of wood working and fishing, and excelled at anything she put her mind to. Mrs. Majors was a 1975 graduate with honors from Moultrie High School, 1977 graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice. During this time, she also served as Associate editor of the college newspaper. In 1983 she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Albany State College (Now Albany State University) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Mrs. Majors was currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Georgia Chief of Police Command College at Columbus State University. During her tenure with the Albany Police Department Mrs. Majors served in various divisions. In 1980 she was

hired as a patrol officer for the Albany Police Department, 1983 served in the Community Relations Division, 1987 she was promoted to the rank of Corporal and transferred to the Juvenile Division, 1991 promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Criminal Investigative Division, 1994 Assigned to the Albany Metropolitan Major Offender Task Force, 1996 assigned to the Administrative Division as Internal Affairs Investigator, 1997 promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to the Uniform Division, 1998 she was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned as the Uniform Division Commander and in 2002 she was assigned as the Criminal Investigations Division Commander. She served several years on a special assignment with the FBI Ammo Task Squad and was a certified composite drawing artist. Mrs. Majors also served as commander for the Hostage Negotiation Team and also began the Citizen's Academy in 1997. Mrs. Majors received recognition and awards from various agencies, which include on September 27, 1988 she was nominated for Police Officer of the Year for the Peace Officers Association of Georgia, October 6, 1988 she received a Certificate of Special Recognition from the Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, October 16, 1997 she was recognized as Officer of the Month for dedicated and professional service to the citizens and visitors of Albany; and 2002 she was recognized by the SOWEGA Council on Aging, Ombudsman Program as an "Angel in Blue" for her continued commitment in the "Safe Return Home" Project. She also received numerous letters of commendations from the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dougherty County Sheriff's Office, Norfolk Southern Railroad Police, and Metro Dade County Florida for her work in apprehending and arresting wanted fugitives. Above all of Karen's accomplishments the one thing she was most proud of is her children. Survivors include her husband Mark Majors of Albany, daughters, Mary Katherine Majors and Elizabeth L. Majors both of Albany, parents, Gerald and Carolyn Salazar of Redlands, CA, brothers, Danny Salazar of Redlands, CA, Michael Salazar and his wife Denise of Redlands, CA, special uncle, Ronald Wilson of Ocala, FL , mother-in-law, Dorothy (Mama Dot)

Majors of Albany, sister-in-laws, Charlotte Howell and her husband Danny of
Leesburg and Claire Ph

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Majors Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Karen, you were an excellent role model for the Albany Police Department and for your girls that you talked about so compassionately. To all the family of Karen, we know your pain and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

JT and Nancy Powell - October 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *in memory of a friend, i did not know of his passing, until i read it in the paper. sorry to see another friend of the coble crowd pass. please forgive me and wilma for not coming to funeral. signed wilma & jackie*

JACKIE ELKINS - October 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mark and the girls, I wished we would have know the seriousness of the situation before this time. I can remember some of the times standing in the front yard at Em's house and her telling one of her jokes. She is such a wonderful person and I am so sorry for your loss. If there is anything you need or the girls, you know the girly things in life please let us know(Em, Mandy, and Heidi)we will try to do our best for you. We love you all dearly. heidi Tennison*

heidi tennison - October 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dearest Mark, Mary, Elizabeth and Dot,
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during
these difficult days. May you sense the peace and comfort that only
God can give at a time like this. We love you,
Dub & Carleen

Dub & Carleen Flowers - October 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ What a loss the family has suffered. I will be praying for all of you to
find the peace. She will always be missed

Joan Harris - October 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ IN PEACE YOU WILL NOW GLIDE ABOVE US ALL MY DEAR
SISTER, MY LONG TIME MENTOR IN LIFE. YOU HAVE
EXCELLED IN ALL THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. YOU
HAVE MADE AN IMPRESSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE MARK ON
YOU CHILDREN AND YOUR HUSBAND. COUNTLESS ARE
THOSE YOU HAVE TOUCHED IN MANY WAYS AND GUIDED. IF
EVER THERE WAS A LEGACY YOURS IS AND WILL BE ON TOP
OF ALL...MUCH LOVE TO YOU SIS, WATCH OVER US
ALWAYS...
DANNY

DANNY SALAZAR - October 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our heartfelt sympathy is with all of Karen's loved ones. She will be
greatly missed by the friends who came to care for and respect her
over the years.

Buzz and Jean Calek - October 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I don't know if you remember my family, but my son, James, went to school with your daughter at St. Teresa's. I am so sorry for your loss. My mother passed in 2000 of breast cancer and I recently lost my step-father to lung cancer. If there is anything my family can do for you or your children please let us know. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Scharnikow Family

John and Michelle Scharnikow - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Mark, Mary and Elizabeth: I will always treasure the memory of our visit a few weeks ago. She looked so beautiful. Please remember that you are still part of the Wilson family that Karen loved so much.*

Pam Wilson Morgan - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ **WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO MARK, THE GIRLS AND MAMA DOT. WE WILL PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY DURING YOUR TIME OF SORROW.**

KENNY AND PAM MOSS - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I will always remember Karen as someone who was dedicated to her profession and her family. In the midst of all of the APD personnel issues, she made it a point to insure me that she would never do anything to embarrass the Albany Police Department, the City of Albany, or me. She strongly believed in the commitment she made to serve our citizenry.

As a mother and wife, she often spoke passionately about those commitments as well. I fondly remember how, after years as an investigator, she told me how she walked into her daughter's classroom in uniform one day. Her daughter responded, "So, Mommy, you really are a police officer!"

You have my deepest sympathy during this time of bereavement. I hope you are consoled by the fact that she gave life her all.

Janice Allen Jackson - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Mark, Mary & Elizabeth & Mama Dot, your family is in my prayers. She was a wonderful one of a kind person. I enjoyed the times I spent with her.

LISA VALIS - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. We had the pleasure of meeting Karen just a few months ago and she was so kind. She made a lasting impression on our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you adjust to her home-going.

Ray & Kay Bradley - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I first met Karen at Murphy's Dance studio where our children danced together. We had great times there and I just loved her. She always seem to have a bright smile with a great sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by everyone one who knew her. May god be with you at this time. Cheryl

Cheryl Haley - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mark & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know God will help you through this time.

Larry & Donna McDuffie - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that there are HUNDREDS of people praying for you during this hard time.

Jeanne Brooks - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

J9

“ We salute Major Majors!

Julia J. Rainey and Staff @ Albany 911 - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ You are in our hearts and prayers. The Pierson Family

Mary Ellen Pierson - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

V(

“ Mark, Mary, Elizabeth, & Mama Dot,

My heart is still so heavy since Karen's death. I know that work will never be the same for me ever again, and simply because she's not there. I missed her so while she was away, and never ever dreamed that she wasn't coming back. I saw her getting tired, talked with her about it so many times, I hoped for a cure, but now I see one was not to be. Instead God chose to put His arms around her and whisper ?Come to Me?.

With tearful eyes we watched her go, and saw her pass away.

Although we loved her dearly,

We could not make her stay.

Her GOLDEN Heart stopped beating, her hard working hands made to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, that He only takes the best.

Major was the best! She was.

Valisa M. Oliver-Goolsby (Val) - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Mark, Mary, and Elizabeth, we are so sorry to lose Karen. My memories are of last summer when we celebrated Uncle Ron's birthday, and of course the summers' in Hartsfield. Karen was special. Anytime the girls want to visit, let me know, Love Jen and Steve.

Jenny and Steve Ripley - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Mark, girls, and Mama Dot,
I am so sorry for your loss. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to meet Karen & each of you. Karen was a wonderful person & will be greatly missed by many. My prayers are with you all, Angie

Angie Townson - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I appreciate all Karen did to make Albany a better and safer place. She will be greatly missed.

Ken Hodges - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dear Mark and Family,
In the short time Elizabeth and I had the opportunity to get to know Karen we could easily see why she was loved and respected by so many people. She was a very positive and loving person all the time. We will always hold on to the special times we shared with the two of you.

Love and prayers,
Tom & Elizabeth Ragsdale

Tom & Elizabeth Ragsdale - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We pray that God's grAce will see you through this difficult time.

Jimmy Curry - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Mark. You did not know me. But I knew Karen. She was one of the first to begin the 457 deferred program in 1995 when I was with Nationwide. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate contacting me. My sympathy to you. I cannot totally know how you feel since I have not lost a mate. God be with you. Sam Hartline
439-8995

Sam Hartline - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

The Katz Family

Chuck Katz - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. karen was a great person. She always made me laugh. I met Karen for the first time at the dance studio, our girls danced together. My thoughts and pryers are with you and your family at this time. May your soul rest in peace and remember we will meet again in heaven.*

Wendy Blount - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *I consider it a privilege and honor to have worked and been associated with Karen. She is a fine, professional public servant. I will never forget her patience, kindness and offer of wisdom when I was the new kid on the block. May God Bless Karen and her family.*

Stan Thomas - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *May the comfort of friends and family be your strength now and in the days ahead. Wishing you God's peace.*

Reese, Daun and Maegan Culp - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Please convey my sympathy to the family...*

Angeline M (Williams) Salter - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Majors Family,
My thoughts have been with you since I read the paper Thursday. I did not know Maj. Majors was ill. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I had the opportunity to meet Maj. Majors when she came to Alice Coachman to read to our students for Read Across America Day in March, 2003. I thought she was a caring and committed person and, from what I have read about her, my impressions were correct. I am so sorry for your loss. I will hold you in my prayers.
Melissa Keefe

Melissa Keefe - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mark,
My prayers are with you and your family during these difficult days.
John

John Sikes - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Sincere sympathy to family

Pat Norton - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Hi, Mark. It's Karen's Aunt Barbara. I'm so sorry about Karen. I knew she was a hard working focused and determined young woman, and I'm so proud of all her accomplishments...not only in her career but also in being a good wife to you and a great mother to Mary Elizabeth and Catherine. I wish I could be there for the services. My thoughts will be with all of you on Monday and for all the days after that.

Barbara Wilson - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Mark, may God be with your family during this time and always. You and the girls are in our hearts and prayers.*

Jim S. - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Jeanette and I want to express our sympathy to the family. May our Lord bless each of you.*

Randall Lee Kelley - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *Thinking of you at this time, May God comfort you and your fsmily in your time of need.*

Wendell & Vivian Whitaker - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *May you rest in peace, Karen, and I pray that God will hold your family close as they go thru the difficult days ahead.*

Ann Morton - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, rest and abide with you all.*
Aileen H. Gay
Hartsfield, Georgia

Aileen H. Gay - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I had met Ms. Majors when I used to own Cuzin's Bagel and Deli. She was a wonderful person and customer. Always full of life. My thoughts are with her family. I am very saddened by her untimely death.

jeff rosenfeld - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Mark, You and the girls are in our thoughts and prayers. We were so sorry to hear about Karen.

Patsy and Robert Gerbert - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I met Karen when I worked with the Albany Fire Department. Karen was an inspiration to everyone she came into contact with. My thoughts and prayers will be with each of you.

Sam Knighton - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Mark, may God bless and comfort you and your family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Lt. Jim Brackin & Family - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mark & Family:
My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time;
however know that God is able and will see us through our trials
and tribulations. Mark, Mary Catherine, Elizabeth, Mommy Dot and
Family know that Karen loved each of you. Stay prayerful and God
will supply all of your needs.*

Love, Major Griffin & Family

Major Wilma Griffin & Family - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *We were so saddened to hear of your loss, and we will continue to
hold you and the girls in our thoughts and prayers. With love.*

Bill and Tina Dodgen - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *There are no words that can express my sorrow for the loss of this
person who was my friend and inspiration.*

Angel Bradford - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Mark and girls,
So sorry to hear of your loss. I met Karen at the breakfast group on
Friday mornings. She was a wonderful person. May God hold you in
the palm of his hand.*

*Love,
Kathy*

Kathy Nelson - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ You have our heartfelt sympathy. Bruce and I will be out of town and will miss visitation, but know that you and the girls are in our prayers. Please know that if there is anything you need, we are right next door.

*Bruce and Chris Heldreth
4822 Marlborough*

Chris and Bruce Heldreth - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Sorry to hear of the lose of Major Majors..i got to know her when i attended the first Citizens Police Acadamy...she will be missed

Curtis Gilpin - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Mark and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Karen has been a blessing to my mother and family. She will truly be missed. Mark, you and the kids are in my prayers.

Rita Brown Cline - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Mark, Mary, and Elizabeth, and Mama Dot:
We are so sorry to get the news. Karen/your mom was certainly one of a kind and will be missed very much. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. Know that we are here for you. God bless and take care of you.

Alison Stanton and family - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Our love and prayers are with Mark, Mary, Elizabeth and their family. Karen was a beautiful, brave, and kind lady with a truly loving heart. We will miss her more than words can ever say, but we know that she is in a peaceful, wonderful place with our Lord. May God be with you all and give you peace and strength.

Linda and Mike Johnson - October 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I was saddened by the news and want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Kelli Burton - October 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM