



Cara Alane Acton

January 16, 1949 - April 3, 2020

Cara Acton passed away April 3rd, 2020 at 4:08 PM at the Bailey Family Community Hospice at Flagler Hospital. Cara was surrounded by her loving family when she left her pain behind and went to the eternal light.

Cara is survived by her husband Bill, sons Stephen, Leo, and Patrick and their families including three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Cara is also survived by her sister Candace Hammonds of South Webster, Ohio.

Cara was born January 16th, 1949 in Birmingham Alabama to Roy and Vivian Lockhart. She was the first of their two daughters and the sisters were the joy of Roy and Vivian lives. Cara's father was a successful Aetna General Agent and her mother was very active in community charitable organizations.

Cara graduated from Shades Valley High School class of 1967 and attended Jefferson State Junior College for two years focusing on Theater and Stage Craft. While there Cara was introduced to her future husband Bill Acton by mutual friend Eric Kontzen.

Cara and Bill had a whirlwind romance during turbulent times. The free-spirited young couple eloped to San Francisco and got married in Golden Gate Park February 23rd, 1970 with only hippie friends in attendance. Eldest son Stephen was born later that year and the young family settled in Oakland California where Bill became a success in musical instrument sales and marketing. Cara was first a mother and homemaker, but she worked many part-time jobs throughout their working life to help make ends meet. Cara worked as a banker, an authorized JBL speaker technician, a food service

worker, and a retail and shipping manager for twenty years before retiring in 2015.

Cara was active in the community serving in many positions on the John Adams Elementary PTA including two terms as president. She received the Principals Award for her volunteer efforts 1982 through 1984. Cara also served as a Cub Scout Den Mother, a school playground monitor, and a volunteer with a big heart and a winning smile.

Cara was, by all accounts, one of the sweetest personalities anyone ever met. She made friends quickly and meaningfully wherever her husband's work moved the family. Cara's friends all say she was a loving and open person. She created sharing and caring relationships with all who would respond. The friendships she made have lasted decades. Her oldest friend from school is Debby Gosdin, now of Fort Worth, Texas. After more than 60 years, Debby still considered Cara her best friend. To know Cara was to love her. She will be missed by her friends and family around the country and the world.

A visitation will be held from 1-3 pm on Tuesday, April 6, 2020 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. In keeping with the CDC Coronavirus guidelines we will restrict the number of guest to 10 persons during the visitation. We ask that guests with a surnames beginning with letters A-M come between the hours of 1 to 2 pm, and guest with surnames beginning with letters N-Z come between the hours of 2 to 3 pm. If you are high risk or feeling ill, we ask that you please stay home.

For those interested in honoring Cara's memory, her favorite local charity was:

The St. Augustine Humane Society

1665 Old Moultrie Rd

St. Augustine, FL 32084

www.staughumane.org

St. John's Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cara Alane Acton*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 06, 2020 at 04:26 PM

JR

What a wonderful life she had! Such great pictures! I am honored to have her as my cousin and will truly miss her! Sending love to all of you! I love you Cara! Thanks for the memories.

Jan Rabon - April 06, 2020 at 05:56 PM

LS

That was great!! She was always so sweet to me. She was more like a sister than a sister-in-law. I will always keep her in my heart.

Laura Stewart - April 06, 2020 at 08:44 PM

CT

Fabulous Person fabulous pictures always smiling Always loving always kind can't even remember not having a happy time around Cara. Such lovely children and grandchildren charming parents such wonderful memories. Love you so much Cara Will miss you till I see you again. Proud to be Your sister-in-law Carol Acton Trotman

Carol Acton Trotman - April 07, 2020 at 01:47 AM

RA

I met Cara years ago when I first moved to Corona. She was a beautiful, generous and kind person. So sorry for your loss.

Rebecca Adams - April 07, 2020 at 08:11 AM

IC

Cara was a lovely lady, always friendly and kindhearted. I'll miss her happy smile this summer at water aerobics. Our community has lost a good one. God bless you, Cara.

irene Congdon - April 07, 2020 at 08:23 AM



It's been a long time since I saw Cara, but I have some good memories of the early years in Oakland when my (then) husband (Bill's brother) & I would visit. I remember Stephen as a young lad and Leo as a toddler. Cara was a sweet person and obviously a warm and caring mother. I know she leaves a big hole in many hearts. I pray that memories will help ease the grief and faith carry you through the days.

Ellen Acton

Ellen Acton - April 07, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Cara Alane Acton.*



April 08, 2020 at 12:43 AM

JR

“ *Jan Rabon lit a candle in memory of Cara Alane Acton*



Jan Rabon - April 07, 2020 at 08:17 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon & Gary Sunda - April 07, 2020 at 12:18 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of
Cara Alane Acton.



April 06, 2020 at 09:42 PM



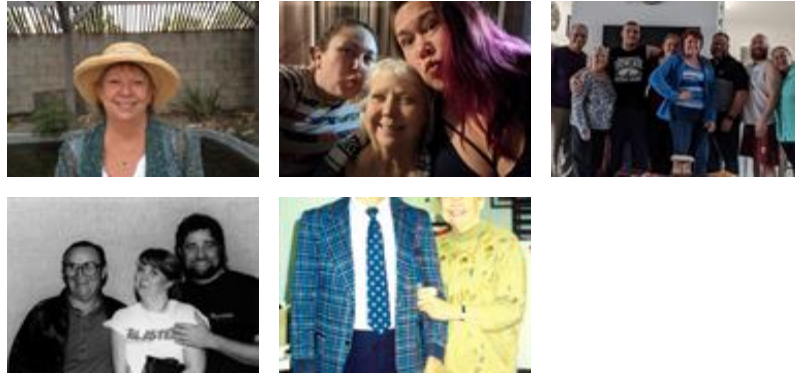
“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the
family of Cara Alane Acton.



April 06, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ 178 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 06, 2020 at 04:25 PM

AW

“ So very sorry to here about your mom, Leo. She left a great legacy in you.

Aaron Watkins - April 06, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Cara Alane Acton.



April 06, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Cara Alane Acton.



April 06, 2020 at 01:02 PM

SK

“ We always loved having her visit us at the Circus! We will miss her dearly!

Simone Key - April 06, 2020 at 01:01 PM

MY

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family. No words can offer comfort but may Cara's love and memory be a light for you in the coming days.

Marty Young - April 06, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cara Alane Acton.



April 06, 2020 at 12:44 PM

TI

“ I met Cara 8 years ago at a Support Group at Mayo Clinic and we connected instantly. Her outgoing personality shone like a diamond. She always had a smile on her face. We played MahJongg together and got together as a foursome as well. While the last few years after she moved to Florida we didn't see each other she was still and always will be in my heart. She will be missed greatly. I hope her memory will be a blessing to all that knew and loved her....RIP my dear friend <3

Tina - April 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

DH

“ So many wonderful memories to remember. Thanks for the night's that will live on forever. So glad to say both you and Bill were great friends. Rest gently my friend. My God bless you and your family in their sadness. You had the sweetest heart I know. Love you and love to the family.

Donna Holmes - April 06, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cara Alane Acton.



April 06, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cara Alane Acton.



April 06, 2020 at 11:08 AM