



CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVE OF
Karen "Sue" Wells

January 13, 1949 - October 3, 2025



Karen "Sue" Wells was a fun-loving, adventurous woman who adored her family. Sue's enthusiasm for life was contagious, and her days were filled with laughter, love, and movement. She was loyal, loving, compassionate; a free spirit from the beginning. She was kind and accepting, and she simply saw the good in those around her.

Sue's journey began on January 13, 1949, born to Thomas and Clara in Erlanger, Kentucky. Sue had an older sister, Sharon. Only 18 months apart, Sharon tended to be the calm and reserved one, while Sue embraced a spirited side, always chasing adventure and delighting in a touch of mischief. Sue's journey began at Tichner Elementary, where her friendly spirit helped her form lasting friendships. She later attended Lloyd High School, and upon learning she was expecting her first child, she proudly earned her GED. With love and hope for the future, she and Larry Robinson

married to begin their family. Sue shared a special bond with her parents, and as she navigated the challenges of being a young mother, she found strength in the love of her family. She wholeheartedly embraced her role as a mother and gave it her all. During their sixteen years of marriage, Larry and Sue were blessed with a daughter, Kelley, who brought even more love into their lives. Sue poured her heart into raising Bill and Kelley, cherishing her time at home and the everyday moments that came with being a homemaker. While the kids were in school, Sue began working at Alan's Hair Salon, where her love for people and conversation made her a natural. Outgoing and kindhearted, she found joy in helping and uplifting others.

Memorable trips to Clearwater, Florida were enjoyed to spend time with extended family where she absolutely loved spending time on the beach. The beach was Sue's happy place—where the sand, water, and the warmth of the sun brought her a deep sense of peace and calm. Her dedication to service sparked an interest in becoming a member of the Erlanger Elsmere Emergency Squad. The kids loved spending their summers at the Triple E

Swim Club where she was known to have to rush off on an emergency call to help out. Fate brought Sue and Glen together through the Emergency Squad, and on August 28, 1981, they began their life as husband and wife—a bond that blossomed into 43 years of love and respect. Their love was deep and unwavering. Glen's weekly flowers were a small gesture of a lifetime of devotion, and together Sue and Glen built a bond that only grew richer and stronger with time.



Sue began working for the William Booth Memorial Hospital, working as an EKG Tech, where she was a bright light to all her patients over the years. Throughout her life, Sue found work that fit her perfectly, giving her the opportunity to share her gifts and pursue her passions with joy. Christmas was one of Sue's favorite times of year—a season filled with family gathered around the table, card games, laughter, and the joy of simply being together. Traditions of gathering to sing The Twelve Days of Christmas as they rang ceramic bells are treasured by the whole Wells Family. At their beloved Camp Turnabout along the Ohio River, life's sweetest memories were made—birthdays celebrated and weekends were always enjoyed to the fullest. It was a place to leave the world behind and find joy in life's simple pleasures. Some of their happiest moments were spent on their houseboat, floating along the Ohio River and soaking in the sunshine on long summer days. Sue loved the unplanned moments and the adventures shared with those she loved most. Wednesday lunches with her lifelong friends—JoAnne, Reggie, Valerie, and Joleia—were a highlight for Sue. She cherished their friendship, and together they built a strong, tight-knit circle, supporting one another through every joy and challenge. Sue enjoyed a good afternoon spent at the Horse track, would often substitute her dinner for a piece of cheesecake, and adored spending time with her beloved pet and companion, Sammi. In 1998, Sue joyfully welcomed her first grandchild, Eric. She went on to be blessed with four more grandchildren: Zachery, Devin, Jackson, Peyton, and two great-grandchildren: Willow and Aspen. She attended every recital, game, and special event. Her grandchildren were her pride, her joy, and the brightest light in her days. When Sue's daughter, Kelley's husband was frequently away, Sue poured herself into supporting her daughter and grandchildren, leaving a lasting impression of love and devotion that Kelley will never forget.



Sue, lovingly called “Grandma Sue,” made it a point to be at her grandchildren’s school every Friday, helping wherever needed. All the children felt her presence, and the love she shared left an enduring impression on each of them. Sue loved a good game show, cherry Lifesavers, catching an episode of The Andy Griffith Show, and her travels to the beach with her family. Her signature nail color was pink, and she could instantly bring energy to any room she entered. She was a long-time member and involved at Erlanger Methodist Church, where she grew in her faith and loved connecting with others.



Following Glen's passing in 2023, Sue continued her life with quiet strength and dignity, though the loss of her beloved husband was deeply felt every day. She relied on her strong faith to carry her through the dark days and continued to look for the good every day. Sue rarely sat still for long and was driven by a deep sense of purpose and belonging. She never complained, was fiercely loyal, and never shied away from a challenge. Sue modeled a life of giving generously to others in need, and her kindness did not go unnoticed. Whether it was with family, friends, neighbors, school, or church folks, she fully participated in life. Sue was steadfast and our formidable safety net.

Sue unexpectedly passed away on Friday, October 3, 2025. May her passion for people continue to live in the hearts of the many lives she touched over the years. She lived her whole life with a servant's heart, and we are all the better because of it.

