



Karen Diane Rolston

August 30, 1942 - September 6, 2022

Karen Diane Rolston, 80, of Hampshire, passed away Tuesday morning, Sept. 6, 2022, at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin.

She was born Aug. 30, 1942, in Aurora, the daughter of Harry and Violet Johnson. Karen grew up in Elburn and was a 1960 graduate of Kaneland High School. Karen was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lily Lake where she was baptized, confirmed and then married her high school sweetheart, Ned Rolston on Aug. 4, 1962.

Ned and Karen farmed together in Genoa where they welcomed son, Lindsey and daughter, Shannon. In 1984 they built their forever home on the family farm in Hampshire. Karen enjoyed collecting, decorating, and going antiquing with her sister, Vicki. She enjoyed many family vacations to Gatlinburg, TN during the summer growing season while the kids were young. More recent years were enjoyed by many warm wonderful trips to Bonita Springs, Florida. She loved the ocean and all the warm beauty of the beach. Anyone who knew Karen was aware that her world revolved around her children and her grandchildren, baking her special recipes of spritz cookies and Texas sheet cake were always their favorites. Their happiness, safety and experiences were her greatest joy. Her gentle, patient, loving nature made an impact on all she touched.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Lindsey Ryan Rolston (fiancé, Lindsay Nicole Smith); and daughter, Shannon Leigh (Scott) Dalby; grandchildren, Korey Richard (Darian) Ryan, Yanah Sophia Rolston, Drew Rolston Dalby, Allie Karen Dalby, Brylee Madelynn Davis; one great-grandchild on the way; sister, Vicki (Larry) Linden; sister-in-law, Rita (Rolston) Carls; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and husband Ned on Oct. 9, 2016.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 1 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 5N600 Hanson Road, St. Charles, IL. Luncheon will follow at the church.

Visitation will be prior to services from 11-1 PM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Karen's name may be directed to Burlington/Hampshire Food Pantry or the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
5N600 Hanson Road
St. Charles, IL 60175

Memorial Service

SEP 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Lindsey and Shannon and Families, wanted to extend my deepest sympathy in the loss of your Beautiful Mother. She was one of a kind, with her sweet smile and kind disposition, and caring ways. In earlier days when you both were small, we spent a lot of time together watching our children play, lots of fun and giggles. Pray that keeping her wonderful memories close to your heart always, will help to ease your pain. God Bless, with Hugs! Mary Roberts (Doug's E. Mom).*

Mary Roberts - September 18, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Karen Diane Rolston.*



September 16, 2022 at 07:25 AM

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“ *Arun Tewari purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Diane Rolston.*



Arun Tewari - September 15, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Diane Rolston.*



September 14, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ *Your mom was a true 'lady' and in our prayers. We always enjoyed visiting with both of your parents. Our condolences to you. We have a prior commitment the day of the funeral so will not be able to attend.*

Frank & Carol Engel

Carol Engel - September 13, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Karen was my very special friend for 75 years beginning at the Elburn Grade School first grade and continuing through the years, She was a beautiful and kind woman. I will miss her very much and my sincere sympathies to all her family.. She was special and we were blessed to have her in our lives.*

JoAnn Cregier - September 12, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Diane Rolston.*



September 11, 2022 at 04:29 PM