



Karen V. Parsons

November 28, 1939 - May 27, 2023

Karen V. Parsons (nee Van Nice) was born on November 28, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri to Harry and Virginia Van Nice. Karen passed away peacefully on May 27, 2023 at the age of 83.

Karen's abundant love and joy for her family and God made her the most precious wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. They were the center of her life. Karen always had encouraging words and hugs for everyone. She had a contagious laugh and a smile that would light up your day!

Karen is survived by her cherished husband of 45 years, Marvin Parsons, her 6 children, Debra (Bill) Besselman, David (Janice) Blevins, Diane (Scott) Pinkman, Dan Parsons, Laurel (John) Belcher, Sara (Jim) Ward, twelve grandchildren and her dear sister, Sunny Van Nice Oberkramer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter, 9370 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132 or at <https://www.alz.org>.

On Thursday, June 1, 2023 a Private Graveside Service and burial took place at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri.

A Memorial will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

First Free Evangelical Church Chapel

1375 Carman Road, Manchester, Missouri 63021

Memorial Visitation at 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

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JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I loved Aunt Karen so much! I loved her warm hugs and her laugh! One of my favorite memories is singing Christmas carols while she played the piano during family get togethers. She was a treasure and we will miss her immensely!* ”

Virginia Ostrye - June 06, 2023 at 04:06 PM

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“Karen was a treasure; a rare treasure. I am not a family member, but her radiant smile and quick embrace certainly made me feel included in her wide circle of love and acceptance

She shared a genuine interest in others, resulting in laughter or her being an empathic listener. I can visualize her intently leaning forward during a conversation as she gave you her undivided attention

Karen truly celebrated other people's good news and accomplishments often capped by her heartfelt exclamations of "Wonderful, that's just Wonderful!"

Karen was delightfully curious- reflecting in her seeming to be on Standby for any new adventure whether it be near or far

Because of Karen, I also gained a Friend-Sister in Debra. I will forever be grateful

Karen's Consistent Kindness was a hallmark of who she was. Throughout many years I can honestly state I had never ever heard her speak unfairly nor unfavorably about anyone. What an incredible woman

The joy in which she embraced life will be a Continued Beacon for many, including me, as we navigate our own personal journeys

Thank you Karen. You will be an Ongoing Reminder of how "Wonderful" the world is, and can be, if we were more like you

With great affection and respect- Patti Carbol

patti carbol - June 05, 2023 at 05:20 PM

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Debra Besselman - June 05, 2023 at 07:33 PM

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Your depiction of Karen really resonated with me. Thank you for your kind and enlightening words.

janice blevins - June 06, 2023 at 08:19 AM