



Karen Koshenina

January 28, 1951 - April 19, 2026

Karen Elizabeth Johnson-Iblings-Koshenina of Upsala, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family on Sunday, April 19, 2026. A celebration of life will be held in the summer and will be announced at a later date. Caring for Karen and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Karen was born on January 28, 1951, to Margaret and Ralph Johnson in Little Falls, Minnesota. She grew up on her family farm in Upsala, Minnesota, with six siblings, and eventually settled in Maple Grove, Minnesota, to raise a family with her first husband, Randy Iblings. She worked as a housewife, a seamstress, a secretary, and a medical records supervisor. In her free time, she enjoyed days at the beach, swimming with her children, Jeffrey and Kimberlee, and getting a good tan. Karen would go on to marry her high school sweetheart, Fran Koshenina. After a few years, they moved back to their hometown of Upsala to a lake place she and Fran built from scratch. Flowers were a passion of hers, and she had a gorgeous garden. Karen and Fran spent summer evenings cruising the lake on their pontoon and having dinner on the boat as the sun set. When not at the lake, they enjoyed traveling the country and visiting all 50 states. Wherever Karen went, she loved meeting new people and making lifelong friendships.

Karen is survived by her husband, Fran Koshenina; her son, Jeff Iblings and

his wife, Regan Saunders; her daughter, Kim Iblings and partner, Ed Matlock; her sisters, Sandy Carlson, Ingrid Johnson, and Gretchen Schaumann; and her brothers, Paul, Steve, and David Johnson. As well as numerous nieces and nephews, and her step-children, Rustie Miller and Sheleine Kepner, and their children.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Ralph Johnson.