



Karen Marie Olson

January 11, 1943 - November 27, 2018

Karen M. Olson, 75 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at St. Cloud Hospital. A Celebration of Life will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Scott Pederson officiating. A visitation will be held from 3-6 P.M. on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Karen Marie Venem was born on January 11, 1943 in Cloquet, MN to the late Adrian and Lola (Keagle) Venem. She grew up in Mahtowa, MN and attended school in Barnum, MN where she graduated with the Class of 1961 and later attended Bemidji State University. Karen was united in marriage to Keith Olson on January 12, 1963 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Winger, MN. In 1966 Keith and Karen moved to Little Falls, MN where they made their home and raised their three children. She worked for many years at Silker's Studio in Little Falls and managed the books for the family business, Aluminum Products Company. Karen had many hobbies, interests, and talents that she enjoyed. She enjoyed playing the stand-up bass, creating one of a kind artwork out of stained glass and collecting antiques. She was a devoted attendee at the yearly Bluegrass Festival, Renaissance Festival and Red Wing Pottery Convention. Karen was a founding member of the Little Falls Dandee Lions service club. She will forever be remembered for the love she

showed to her family, many friends, and pets she had throughout the years. Karen was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Karen is survived by her loving husband, Keith Olson of Little Falls, MN; children, Kory (Sheila) Olson of Little Falls, MN, Kelsi (Gary) Stacken of Merrifield, MN and Kindra (Jerry) Liebhard of Annandale, MN; sister, Sharon (Robert) Hoppe of Moose Lake, MN; grandchildren, Kody (Marlee) Olson, Reid (Angelica) Olson, Anna Liebhard, Jake Liebhard, and Reece Liebhard.

Karen was preceded in death by parents, Adrian and Lola Venem.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 30, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ *Karen Marie Olson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Keith, Kelsi, Kory and family,
You all are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Such a fun, kind loving person.*



Lance Chisholm - December 03, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *Keith and famiy- Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Denny and Karen Frank*

Denny Frank - December 03, 2018 at 09:43 AM

LW

“ Keith, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Karen was a Wonderful Woman and will be deeply missed.

Lenny and Doreen Walderon

Lenny Walderon - December 01, 2018 at 09:34 PM



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JM

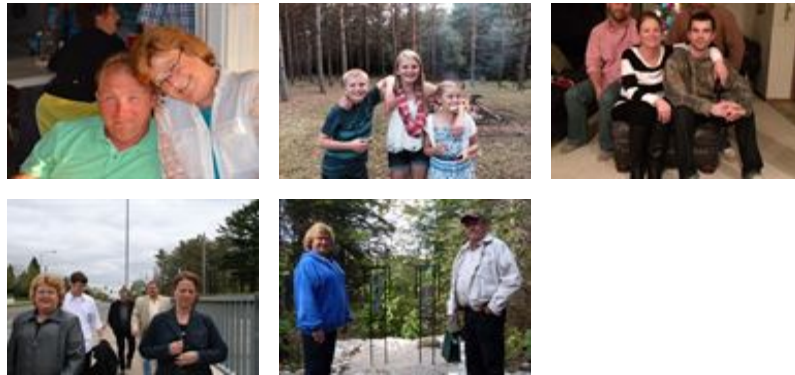
“ Judith Meyer purchased the *Rose Remembrance* for the family of Karen Marie Olson.



Judith Meyer - November 30, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



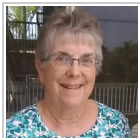
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VJ

“ *Uncle Kieth, Kory, Kelsey and Kindra, I can't tell you enough how sorry I am. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Auntie Karen was my favorite auntie ever. I will miss her. I know I haven't seen her for a long time but knowing she was there erased the miles. I am sending the biggest hugs to all of you.*

Love, Vicki and family

Vicki Johnson - November 30, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find peace and comfort thru your memories of Karen*



Karen Haaland - November 30, 2018 at 07:38 AM

DQ

“ Debra Quinn sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Debra Quinn - November 29, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Olson.



November 29, 2018 at 01:46 PM

JM

“ JILL MACKISSOCK lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



JILL MACKISSOCK - November 29, 2018 at 10:10 AM

JM

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Olson family

JILL MACKISSOCK - November 29, 2018 at 10:10 AM

SO

“ *Sandy Wright-Olson And Bryan Olson lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Sandy Wright-Olson and Bryan Olson - November 28, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *Such a great lady. She had an infectious laugh that would make you smile. She will be missed !*

Kim DeDomines - November 28, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Olson.*



November 28, 2018 at 07:01 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Sandy Nelson - November 28, 2018 at 04:36 PM

SN

My condolences to Keith and the family.

Sandy Nelson - November 28, 2018 at 03:37 PM

SS

“ Steven & Jean Schultz lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Steven & Jean Schultz - November 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM

DM

“ I was 20 years old, a new bride, when I first met Karen. My husband and I had just moved into our house, eager to start a family. I was standing on our kitchen counter, tacking down shelf paper in our upper cupboards when I saw a blonde woman through the kitchen window, tapping on our back door. She saw me and I waved her in. She peeked her head into the kitchen and said, "Hi. I'm Karen Olson, your backdoor neighbor, and just wanted to welcome you to the neighborhood. If there's anything you ever need - a can of soup, eggs, a cup of sugar," she laughed, "just ask. Our door is always open." That's when I knew we had moved into the right house. I liked her immediately and knew we would become good friends. And we did. That was 43 years ago and we still live in the same house. Dear Keith, Kory, Kelsi, Kindra: Our hearts go out to you. Our beloved Karen will be dearly missed. "If there's anything you ever need, just ask. Our door is always open."
Duane & Judy Meyer

Duane & Judy Meyer - November 28, 2018 at 02:44 PM

SS

“ Susan And Jim Sylvester lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Susan and Jim Sylvester - November 28, 2018 at 02:23 PM

JJ

“ Jerry & Karen Jacobson lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Jerry & Karen Jacobson - November 28, 2018 at 02:22 PM

LJ

“ Lorraine Janski lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Lorraine Janski - November 28, 2018 at 01:24 PM

LJ

“ Keith and family, my deepest sympathy to all of you. Karen was a dear friend and such a fun, kind loving person. She will be missed.

Lorraine Janski - November 28, 2018 at 01:19 PM

SR

“ You have our heartfelt sympathy. Rick and Sharon Radl



sharon Radl - November 28, 2018 at 12:47 PM

 Herbie Daigle

“ *My heart is heavy and my thought and prayers go out to the Olson family*



Herbie Daigle - November 28, 2018 at 12:29 PM

JY

“ *To Keith an Family, Our hearts are heavy, to one of our best happy hour friends an bass player. We will miss you dearly Karen. Jeff an Mary Yasgar*



jeff yasgar - November 28, 2018 at 11:32 AM

TK

“ *Terri Knutson lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Terri Knutson - November 28, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *It is with a heavy heart that i see this. My thoughts are with the entire Olson family in this time of grief. She shall never be forgotten.*

Timothy Haggerty - November 28, 2018 at 10:59 AM

SC

“ *" Sorry for your loss" Tim & Sandy Cash*



sandy cash - November 28, 2018 at 10:56 AM

SW

“ *Karen was a real leader, and will be missed, by many. Peace! RIP*



Stan Dee Wielinski - November 28, 2018 at 10:28 AM

TL

“ *Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Tom Ledbetter - November 28, 2018 at 09:58 AM

RS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Olson family, Cherish those memories you had with her and May God Bless you all, during this time of grief.*



Roger and Michelle Schneider - November 28, 2018 at 09:40 AM

GZ

“ Greg And Wendy Zylka sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Greg and Wendy Zylka - November 28, 2018 at 09:31 AM

TC

“ Sympathies to Keith and the family and for your loss! Our good neighbors! God's blessings to you all!

Tom & Molly Cotton - November 28, 2018 at 09:25 AM

EL

“ So sorry. She will be missed dearly.



elaine ledoux - November 28, 2018 at 09:21 AM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.



Courtney & Brandon Schneider - November 28, 2018 at 09:12 AM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - November 28, 2018 at 08:54 AM

MR

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*



Mary Jo Retka - November 28, 2018 at 08:51 AM

KS

“ *Ken And Regina Scherping lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Ken and Regina Scherping - November 28, 2018 at 07:25 AM

WW

“ *Wendy Waltman sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Wendy Waltman - November 28, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ Keith and Karen's garage was a source of many a great wednesday night music memories.

To Keith and their entire wonderful family: we are sorry for your loss, and we extend our prayers for the peace of God to be with you in your time of grief.

MARK AND STORMIE

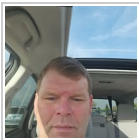
Mark Petersen - November 27, 2018 at 11:25 PM

BR

“ Thanks Keith and Karen for all the memories !
God bless your family



bryan - November 27, 2018 at 11:06 PM



“ Keith, Kelsi, Kory and family,
You have my prayers and regards at this time. From death unto life the mystery of faith is revealed. As I age, there is many good friendships interrupted by death. The old characters pass away, the new ones take their place. The cycle continues. May there be a bluegrass band to greet her in heaven.

Bob Suszka - November 27, 2018 at 08:49 PM

JH

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Olson family 🙏
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Jim Linda Hilmerson - November 27, 2018 at 08:28 PM

WH

“ Keith & Family - I am saddened for the loss of Karen. Of all the women I've known, she is one of the most respected as a mother, wife and auntie-in-law. I wish I had let her know that.

Wendy Hoppe - November 27, 2018 at 07:29 PM

RA

“ Richard And Teery Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Richard and Teery Atkinson - November 27, 2018 at 07:06 PM

DA

“ DK & Anna lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



DK & Anna - November 27, 2018 at 06:47 PM

CM

“ *Curtis And Manu lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Curtis and Manu - November 27, 2018 at 06:35 PM

LP

“ *Linda Paycer lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson*



Linda Paycer - November 27, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Keith and family. Karen was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Aaron, Heidi and kids*



Heidi Strickland - November 27, 2018 at 05:32 PM

BR

“ *So sorry to hear this. Prayers of strength and hugs to the family! BreeAnn Rakow*



BreeAnn Rakow - November 27, 2018 at 04:11 PM

BL

“ Our hearts, thoughts & prayers are with all of you! Karen was a treasure to all who knew her & we will miss her so much! I always find comfort in this message: In the love that surrounds you, may you find strength...In the memories you cherish, may you find peace. God bless our friend, Karen & her family.....



Brad & Dawn Laager - November 27, 2018 at 04:01 PM

LD

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and praying for peace in this very difficult time. She was an amazing person and an incredible neighbor. She will be missed.
Laura & Mark Dunlap

Laura Dunlap - November 27, 2018 at 03:52 PM

TO

“ Tomas Laurie, Carlos & Caleb Ochoa lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Tomas Laurie, Carlos & Caleb Ochoa - November 27, 2018 at 02:41 PM

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Tomas Laurie, Carlos & Caleb Ochoa - November 27, 2018 at 02:16 PM

SJ

“ Karen will be so deeply missed, there just are no words to describe the impact she had on people. Our hearts are breaking, thinking of you all. Much love, Brad and Sheryl Johnson



Sheryl Johnson - November 27, 2018 at 02:08 PM

TR

“ Tony & Annette Rekowski lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Olson



Tony & Annette Rekowski - November 27, 2018 at 01:27 PM

KB

“ So very sorry for your loss.



Kim Barnes - November 27, 2018 at 01:06 PM

ED

“ So sorry for your loss
Sincerely Middle School Kitchen.

Elizabeth Duscher - November 27, 2018 at 12:34 PM

FL

“ Fred And Judy Leisenheimer lit a candle in
memory of Karen Marie Olson



Fred and Judy Leisenheimer - November 27, 2018 at 12:23 PM