



Karen J. Wasko

February 15, 1949 - March 17, 2023

Our hearts were broken when Karen passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 17, 2023. She was a remarkable woman who knew no boundaries for her kindness, loyalty and love for her family and friends.

Karen was married to her childhood sweetheart Robert “Bob” Wasko for 52 years. They fell in love 58 years ago and will be soulmates forever. Cherished mother of Nicole and Kelly Wasko, she instilled in her daughters what every mother wants: to have your children love everyone unconditionally, be humble and kind.

Karen was a loving and devoted daughter to Rose Marie Sirovatka and was preceded in death by her father, Charles Sirovatka and her father -in-law and mother-in-law Charles and Doris Wasko. Dear sister of Candace Mitchell, Nancy Glavin and the late Mark Sirovatka. Dear sister-in-law of Charles (Wanda) Wasko. Loving aunt to Michelle Warren, Tom (Kristin) Glavin, Mike (Haley) Warren, Dan Glavin and Amy (Brigid) Wasko. Great Aunt to Sierra, Allison and Patrick. Cousin to Donna and Allen. Honorary Grandma Karen to her bonus grandson. Loving companion to her dog Remi and her fur grand babies.

Karen grew up in the Village of Summit and dedicated her life to serving her community. For 10 years she had been the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police in McCook, IL. For 12 years she worked in the Human Resource Department at Argo Community High School District 217, and most recently had been a Trustee for the Village of Summit, a position she held

since 2014. Karen will be greatly missed and forever remembered by her many friends, co-workers, fellow trustees and everyone in the village for her warm and inviting personality, her integrity, fairness, and devotion.

Due to the severity of this tragic accident that took Karen and terribly injured Bob, after 7 months we are finally able to honor Karen and celebrate her well lived life. A Memorial Visitation in Celebration of Karen will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 West Archer Ave.(55th street just west of Harlem). On Friday, Family and Friends are invited to meet at the funeral home at 9am. We will go in procession from the funeral home to St. Joseph Church, 7240 West 57th Street for a 10 AM Mass to officially commend Karen to Heaven. In lieu of flowers please visit: <http://everloved.com/life-of/karen-wasko/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial Visitation

OCT **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
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Visitation

OCT **20**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life Memorial Mass

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
7240 W. 57th Street
Summit, IL 60501

Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen J. Wasko*



Foran Funeral Home - October 19, 2023 at 10:45 AM

MA

I didn't know Katen but my Mom did , what a special woman w/ the kindness and loving heart.Prayers to the family!!Sincerely, Mary Polito and Lisa Alberts

Mary Polito and Lisa Alberts - October 19, 2023 at 07:32 PM

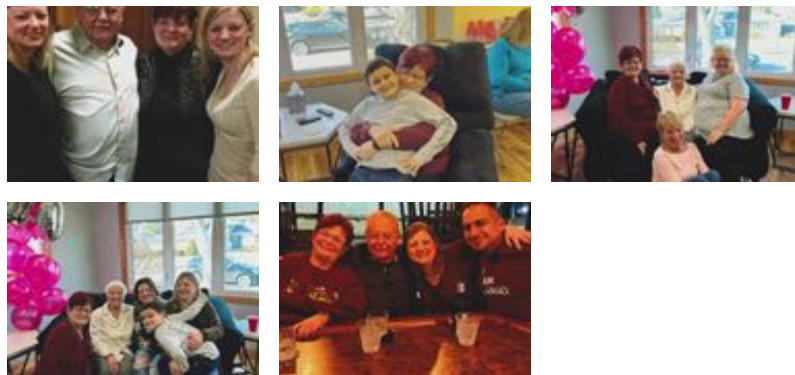
MA

Karen

Mary Polito and Lisa Alberts - October 19, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *208 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Foran Funeral Home - October 19, 2023 at 10:35 AM

FS

“ I worked with Karen in the Administrative Center at Argo High School. She was a wonderful Human Resources Director whi was extremely good at her job and was liked by everyone. Her keen sense of humor was always appreciated and her smile would light up the office. A very kind and caring person whi was so proud of her family. I know she will be missed by all of her many friends but Bob and her daughters keep her legacy alive! May you rest in Peace Karen.



Frank Stout

Frank Stout - October 16, 2023 at 07:54 PM

KW

Thank you so much. You're one of the Wasko Family's favorite people Dr. Stout. Your kindness means so much to us.

Kelly Wasko - October 20, 2023 at 12:51 AM

GJ

“ One of the nicest people who you could ever meet, I saw Karen just before she passed and am thankful for the time we were able to spend together talking.

Heartbreaking, that's all I can say.

God Bless and RIP.

Gordon J. Nord Jr. - September 23, 2023 at 02:49 PM

RW

Hi Gordy thank you for the gracious words take care of yourself Bob retired fire chief Summit FD

robert wasko - September 28, 2023 at 05:32 PM

KW

Thank you so much for the kind words

Kelly Wasko - September 29, 2023 at 01:09 PM

KM

“*Karen was a dear High School friend. We doubled to senior prom with her and Bobby and went to Wauconda together the day after. I thought the world of Karen and Bobby. Such a fun and sweet couple. I left Illinois many years ago, but Karen and I would touch base occasionally, the last time just 3 weeks before God took her to heaven. She was well loved, blessed with her daughters who were her pride and joy and spent happy years with the love of her life, Bobby. She still had plans, the upcoming election, kitchen renovation...always looking forward. She can now rest easy knowing she left the legacy of her strong, independent girls, her service to her community and the love of a very, very good man. Karen, I love you and will always miss you.*

Karen L Mennite - April 04, 2023 at 09:35 AM

KW

Thank you for your kind and beautiful words.

Kelly L Wasko - April 05, 2023 at 01:19 PM

RW

Hi Karen it is with a heavy heart I'm writing you I still think of Karen telling me she has kept in contact with your and remember our younger days I love you guys and would like to keep in touch I'm still on the mend but hope to be able to get around better soon love you guys you can text me at (708)514-8075

robert wasko - September 28, 2023 at 05:29 PM

WT

“ I lived 2 doors down from Candice and Karen on 72nd Court. My earliest memory of them is playing with them in their sandbox. I don't even know if Mark was around yet. Other than that, being friends with Bobbie for many years, I would see both of them in my later life when some of us would get together to play poker. I moved to Florida, but we still got together occasionally to meet and play poker, and enjoy each other's company. Sending this with much sorrow, and prayers for the entire family. Wayne Tipner

Wayne Tipner - March 30, 2023 at 03:27 PM

KS

I have known Karen since high school. Sometimes years pass before we reconnect, but time stands still, and we pick up where we left off. She has that kind of personality. I will miss you my forever friend. As Kelly said " we got this mom, relax" so Karen, relax! The boss says so.

Kathy (kay) Agnew Studenroth - March 30, 2023 at 09:13 PM

RL

Have not been able to accept this horrible news concerning the passing of Karen & probably never will.
We became teenage friends living across the street from each other in Summit remembering how she would shout out to me when I missed a spot cutting my parents lawn.
Being new to the teenage dating scene I gathered up enough courage to ask her out on my first date, but to her surprise it wasn't to see a movie, I introduced her to night time rodent shooting on Summits famous Landfill, she never let me forget it.
We had gathered together yearly for poker games among five of us from High School & many dinners, with our spouses.
She will always be in my heart & hopefully she will not remember our first date in the after life.
You Will Be Missed!

Love, Ralph & Peggie

Ralph LeGrand - April 02, 2023 at 10:08 PM

SL

Karen was a dear friend. We both attended the same High School. We were part of the poker games and I can remember all the fun times we had together. Karen was a "Classy Lady" and will remain in my heart forever. God needed another angel in heaven. Prayers and Comfort to Bob, her daughters, and her family. Love, Sue Linas

Susan Linas - April 02, 2023 at 10:29 PM

TC

Karen was a beautiful individual and so loved. We went to high school together and maintained our friendship for 56 years. I love you and my prayers are with you. Love you. Tc

Teri Corcoran - April 03, 2023 at 07:06 PM

CR

I met Karen in 1963 as freshmen in high school. It's been so nice talking with her over the last few years. She was always so concerned how everyone was doing. She had a big heart. She was so happy her girls were taking her to Florida. I'm so happy I had the privilege of knowing her for many years. My prayers go out to Karen & her family. God bless you. Love, Carole

Carole Rinaldi - April 03, 2023 at 08:38 PM

KW

Thank you. We are heartbroken and cannot imagine going without her so we cancelled. We will go again someday in her honor.

Kelly L Wasko - April 05, 2023 at 01:20 PM

KW

Thank each and every one of you for your kind and loving words. Love, The Wasko Family

Kelly L Wasko - April 05, 2023 at 01:23 PM

DS

My husband Scott and I were lucky to meet Karen and Bob thru mutual friends and had many fun times at our poker parties also I worked for the dentist Karens lovely mother went to and also the family. She was a lovely person inside and out ; kind , passionate and hardworking with a smile that lit up the room! We will forever miss you our beautiful friend!
Doreen & Scott

Doreen Stanko - April 06, 2023 at 05:37 PM

LO

I knew Karen from living next door to her on 58th Place in Summit, when I was a young girl. We moved next door to them when her brother Mark was 13 years old. She was a very kind and courteous woman. I remember when she and Bobby got married and her leaving the house in her wedding dress. Rose was so proud of her. Rose and my mom, Mary Tabor have kept in touch since they moved to KY in 1996. I am still in shock of hearing the news of her passing from the letter my mom recently received from Rose. My thoughts and prayers are with Bobby, her daughters and Rose (mother), Nancy (sister) and Candy (sister) I pray that in time God eases your pain and brings you peace and joy in knowing that Karen is in the arms of Jesus our Savior. She will forever be watching over you. One day, she will be waiting at the Gates of heaven to welcome you home! God bless you all.

Lisa Orton - May 02, 2023 at 10:46 AM

KN

I knew Karen when we worked together at Daniels restaurant in Bridgeview on 89 th. and Harlem. I just look back at all the fun times we had working together if it was one shift or two shifts we always managed to have fun .One day my husband came in with me for dinner and she waited on us and she asked if we wanted more coffee and my husband put his hand over his cup and went ahead and started pouring it on his hand but she done that for a joke . We just all laughed about it .She sure was a great person and so is her husband Bob.She will always be looking down and watching over all of you .Are prayers are always with all of you .RIP Karen !!

Karen Novak - September 18, 2023 at 05:19 PM

JM

Karen's dad and my mom were siblings, there was a little bit of an age difference, but years later we would get together at Aunt Rose Marie's home. There are a lot of great memories. It is still hard to believe she isn't here physically anymore. But I see her in Nicole and Kelly.

Judy Miller - September 21, 2023 at 07:42 PM

RW

To all who have commented and on the love of my life you comments are so great to read I'm having a difficult time with the sudden loss of my wife she was my rock I am so glad to hear from so many of her dear friends love all you guys stay in touch e-mail (marshal9502@hotmail.com)

robert wasko - September 28, 2023 at 05:39 PM

LG

I came to know this family later in their lives. I did not have the privilege of meeting Karen or Bob in person. Yet. And that yet makes me wish with all my heart that we could go back in time. For I sensed a kinship with Karen after learning so much about her. That , I have met their daughters. I can say without doubt that they represent her well and are her legacy left here to continue on together with Bob. Strong, independent, kind, and caring. She left these gifts to our world. Thank you Karen and wishing well to you Bob. Surround yourselves with love and memories.

Linda Grider - September 30, 2023 at 12:21 PM

NW

We has so appreciated all of the wonderful thoughts, comments and wishes everyone has sent. My mom touched so many lives, we missher dearly.

Nicole Wasko - October 04, 2023 at 01:05 PM

BW

I knew Karen from work. She was always so positive and helpful to all who worked at Argo. It is sad to lose someone so well loved. God has a special place for those like Karen in heaven.

Beth Whittinghill - October 04, 2023 at 02:53 PM