



Karen J. Schmidtke

February 23, 1941 - January 8, 2024

Karen J. Schmidtke, 82, of N. Fond du Lac, formerly of Mellen, died on Monday, January 8, 2024 at St. Agnes Hospital, with family by her side.

She was born on February 23, 1941, the daughter of Wesley and Eleanor Dense Jones. On April 9, 1960, she married Lyle R. Schmidtke. He preceded her in death on October 18, 2020.

Karen worked at Bestt Roller for several years. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing bingo and going to the casino with her son Mike. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Karen offered a helping hand to anyone who needed it, and was a generous person who always put others first.

She is survived by her children: Scott, Rick (Dee), Tom (Diane) and Mike (Chauncey); her grandchildren: Mikayla Christine, Kelly (Joe), Brooke, Tommi (Alex) and Tim (Erica), her great grandchildren: Harland, Audrey, Odin, Titus, and another on the way. She is further survived by many siblings, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother Marie Jones, her husband, her granddaughter Elizabeth, and her daughter-in-law Kathleen.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 10:00 - 12:00, on

Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial Services will be held at 12:00, on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, with her son Reverend Scott officiating. Inurnment will take place at Cayuga Cemetery, Town of Morse, at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at SSM for their care of Karen, her special friend Mary Hernandez, and the North Gate Community.

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family, on-line guestbook can be found at www.kurkifuneralchapel.com. 920-921-4420

Cemetery Details

Cayuga Cemetery

Town of Morse, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

JAN 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

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31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Tribute Wall

DP

“ We have many fond memories of Karen! She lived in the apt. right above us, and made us feel so welcome when we moved in. And she always worried whether she was making too much noise or if something fell (only heard it once, she dropped something heavy!) Such a lovely and generous person! We send our prayers and sympathy to her wonderful and generous family, who were so nice to us here at the apartment building.



Dianne and Andy Pesch - January 27, 2024 at 02:30 AM

KF

“ My dearest Aunt Karen,

Many memories with my daughter Desiree and many cousins (too many to list) gatherings for Easter. You will be sadly missed. Peace be with you Aunt Karen. Send our deepest condolences to family.

Kim Thompson and family - January 26, 2024 at 06:09 PM

JP

“ Jeff Page purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.



Jeff Page - January 26, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MF

“ *Morgan and Cheryl Jones and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen J. Schmidtke.*

Morgan and Cheryl Jones and family - January 25, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.*



January 25, 2024 at 04:40 PM

DI

“ *To my dear sister Karen*

You will always be remember for your giving heart and your love for your family.

You will always live in my heart for your kindness. So many great memories and laughter with you. Especially the sister weekends. Lots of good food, wine and laughter. And the holidays for sure. Lindsey will always remember the McDonald visits when she was young having breakfast after church with her Aunties and Uncles You will always have a special place in our hearts and will be missed. We will continue to reminisce to keep your memories alive. Love Diane and Charles Reiter and Lindsey

Diane - January 24, 2024 at 01:11 PM

DI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diane - January 24, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.



January 22, 2024 at 09:06 PM

LJ

“ Love, Tiffany, Jason, Julie & Jan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen J. Schmidtke.

Love, Tiffany, Jason, Julie & Jan - January 22, 2024 at 09:06 PM

BM

“ Bridgett M. purchased the "Memories of you" garden stone for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.



Bridgett M. - January 21, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.*



January 18, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ *I didn't have one specific memory with Karen. I would just like to give my sympathies to her family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Joan Rady.*

Joan Rady - January 17, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.*



January 15, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.*



January 14, 2024 at 01:07 PM

MH

“ Karen with her little friends "Joey, Penny, & Roxy



Mary Hernandez - January 13, 2024 at 11:42 AM

MH

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Mary Hernandez - January 13, 2024 at 11:37 AM

MM

“ Our prayers go out to the Schmidtke family. Karen was a special lady.

Michael & Susan Moore - January 12, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen J. Schmidtke.



January 12, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Karen



Kelly Lynn - January 11, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Karen



Kelly Lynn - January 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM