



Karen J. Benway

October 24, 1946 - October 9, 2020

Albany-Karen J. Benway, 73, entered Eternal Life Friday, October 9, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Albany, she was the daughter of the late Wilbur Severin and Virginia Frances Fanning Kvale.

She was a 1963 graduate of Cardinal McCloskey. She was employed by AT&T for 28 years and for seven years at St. Peter's Hospital.

Karen will be remembered for her loving smile and easygoing personality, always wanting happiness for all and for her love of animals.

She was the beloved mother of John Benway Jr. (Tiffany) and Wendy Blanchard (William); adored grandmother of Kayla and James Benway, and Nathan and Jasias Blanchard; loving sister of Kirk (Nancy), Keith, Kevin (Ruth) and Knute Kvale, and Stephanie and Stephen Sparhawk.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Karen's family Tuesday, October 13, 2020 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the Church from the Hunter Ave Parking Lot; masks and social distancing are required; 150 visitors will be allowed in the church for the Funeral Mass. Delayed streaming of Karen's Funeral Mass is available by visiting YouTube, and navigating to Blessed Sacrament Church Albany NY.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Graceland Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Those wishing to remember Karen in a special way may send contributions to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

680 Delaware Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen J. Benway*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 12, 2020 at 02:09 PM

TA

I regret I never had the pleasure to meet Karen Benway but I know she must have been a phenomenal women to raise John Benway "Bestie", one of the most caring, thoughtful, and compassionate people I know. My deepest and sincerest condolences to the family.

Tanya - October 13, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SM

Beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman

Shelly Mance - October 13, 2020 at 10:08 AM

MS

This is Marie Smith, I wanted to write this right after Karen's passing but I do not own a computer so I am writing this under my friend Nancy Richtmeyer she is helping me. I wanted to send my condolences to all of you and to let you know I am praying for you as you find a way to get through this. Karen held a special place in my heart. We were good friends growing up and I have so many wonderful memories of Karen, my sister Nancy and me. I loved Karen very much and always felt she was a very good friend to me. I will miss her very much.

Marie Smith - December 04, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Karen J. Benway*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Love you Mom Always!*



Wendy Blanchard - October 15, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ *John And Patty Benway lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Benway*



John and Patty Benway - October 14, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Steve, Stephanie and family - We are very sorry about the loss of your sister Karen. Our prayers are with you.*

Joe & Linda Browarski - October 13, 2020 at 07:58 PM

LH

“ So sad to hear of Karen's passing. I have many memories from when I was growing up. I remember one Halloween, she was dressed up as a black cat. I remember the Sunday dinners they had with Nana, who made spaghetti and meatballs on a lot of those Sundays with whatever pie she baked that day too. Watched John and Wendy go from babies to kids to adults.

I hope all the memories you have of her continue to make you smile.

Lisa (Kirtley) Hart - October 13, 2020 at 02:16 PM

SM

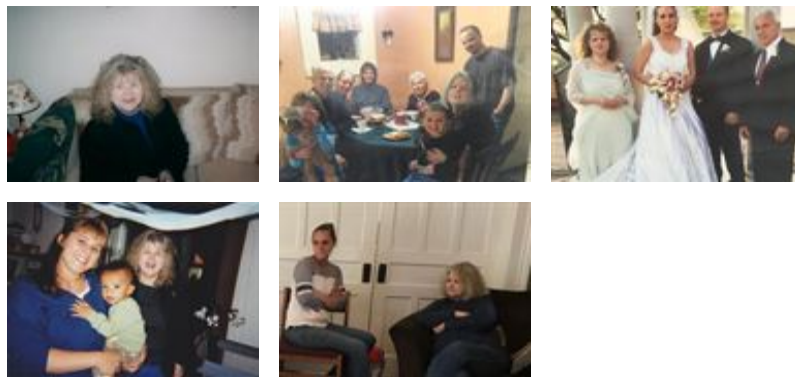
“ Sandi MacCormack lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Benway



Sandi MacCormack - October 13, 2020 at 09:36 AM

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“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 12, 2020 at 02:06 PM

WJ

“ Karen was always a cheerful smile in the office and could always be counted on. She was greatly missed when she left and we are sad to hear of her passing. Much love to her memory from her family at Albany Gl.

WANDA JOHNSON - October 12, 2020 at 10:54 AM

CT

“ Carol Tecchio lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Benway



Carol Tecchio - October 11, 2020 at 11:21 AM

CT

“ I didn't know Karen very well, but I did like her when we met. She accepted my daughter into her family as one of her own, & I am grateful to her for that. My heart goes out to all the members of the family. Take comfort in the fact that she is at peace now & free of pain.

Carol Tecchio - October 11, 2020 at 11:19 AM

SM

“ I remember when it was time for lunch you would make us Kraft mac and cheese. To this day I don't know what you put in it but it was the best and I've tried every way possible but it does not compare to yours. Fly high with the Angels Karen and say hi to Sunshine for. ❤️

Shelly Mance - October 10, 2020 at 09:38 PM