



## Karen M. Smith-Sfara

May 27, 2013

Albany-Karen M. Smith-Sfara, died Monday, May 27, 2013 in St. Peter's Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Albany, Karen was the daughter of the late Raymond and Dolores Mrozowski Smith.

Karen was a graduate of Siena College. She was a Regional Sales Manager for Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville, CA retiring after 25 years of employment. Karen was a founding member of the Albany Chefs Food and Wine Festival. She was also vice president of the Board and has raised \$290,000 for Wine and Dine for the Arts. She also served on the board of The College of St. Rose, and the March of Dimes. Karen enjoyed reading, fashion and traveling.

She was the beloved wife of Vincent R. Sfara; dear step mother of Vincent R. Sfara II (Michelle) and Michelle A. Sfara-Brooks (Patrick); step grandmother of Leo, Gianni, Samantha and Anthony; niece of Doris M. Smith and Evelyn Malek (Wally); several nieces, nephews, cousins survive, along with her beloved dog, Cristal.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at St. Peter's Hospital, especially the Second Floor for all their compassion, love and care extended to Karen during her time there.

Funeral services Friday, May 31, 2013 at 11:00 am in the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow the Mass at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, May 30, 2013 4:00 pm to 7:00pm in the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany.

Those wishing to remember Karen in a special way may send a contribution to either The Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY 12208 or Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

## Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen M. Smith-Sfara*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Karen M. Smith-Sfara*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Vince, please accept my sincerest condolences from me and my family.##imported-begin##Paul Rock##imported-end##*

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May 30, 2013 at 08:02 PM



“ *Dear Vince, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. I know you loved her.  
My deepest sympathy to your Dad, you, Michelle and your family.  
May she rest in peace.  
Most sincerely,*

*Hilde##imported-begin##Hilde Steinmann##imported-end##*

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May 30, 2013 at 09:43 AM



“ Vince, Vince Jr., and Michelle,

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Take care of yourselves.*

*Elena*

*(Diana and Chris Keller's daughter)##imported-begin##Elena Keller-Arone##imported-end##*

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May 30, 2013 at 07:23 AM



“ Dear Vincent and Family: We are greatly saddened to learn of your dear Karen's passing. We have many fond memories of fun times together. We will be out of state for the services; however, we will hold you, your family and dear Karen in our thoughts and will be close to you in our hearts. With much love, Larry and Mary Brin##imported-begin##Larry and Mary Brin##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 03:27 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Karen's passing. She was a tour-de-force....in life, in everything she did. She radiated passion and enthusiasm.  
My thought upon meeting her the first time so many years ago was "That's the kind of woman I want to be".  
Charming, funny, quick-witted, elegant. She was all those things and so much more.  
Prayers and peace to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Mary Ellen Shea ##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 03:22 PM



“ Vince, I was so very sad to hear this, but I will always cherish the memories of the good times we had together. I know you will hear many wonderful stories about Karen in the coming days and weeks, and hope you will take pride and comfort in the many reminders of the profound impact she had on those whose lives she touched.##imported-begin##Mary Beth Allen##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 12:59 PM



“ I am so sorry, She was a shining light. The lives she touched are poorer for her passing.  
Sam M. Micalizzi##imported-begin##Sam Micalizzi##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 10:16 AM



“ Vincent, I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Lynn Larson##imported-begin##Lynn Larson##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 09:13 AM



“ Dear Vince,  
Barbara and I are truly sorry to learn of the passing of Karen. Our condolences to you and your family at this time of great pain and fear. Karen's journey has ended here on Earth, but has just begun in Paradise. She will always and forever be with you.  
Barbara and Jamie Slater##imported-begin##Barbara and Jamie Slater##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 09:10 AM



“ My sincerest sympathies go out to you and your family. Karen was a kind and generous woman and I know how much she will be missed. May you always find peace and joy in the wonderful memories you will always have.##imported-begin##Karen Mercado##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 08:41 AM



“ Dear Vince,  
Mike and I want you to know how deeply saddened we are at the passing of your 'beautiful wife and companion", Karen. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers ...##imported-begin##Donna & Mike Rene##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 07:48 AM



“ My deepest sympathy at this sad time. Karen was a dear friend and a wonderful person. My love and condolences to Vincent, Vincent, Jr., Michelle - and the grandchildren. I am thinking of you - Dale##imported-begin##Dale Crisafulli##imported-end##

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May 29, 2013 at 06:23 AM



“ Vincent,  
I am so sad to hear this news. Karen was a ray of sunshine in my world and to many. I know you are surrounded by love and prayers and I send mine to you as well. Many hugs my dear friend.  
Dona##imported-begin##Dona Frank##imported-end##

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May 28, 2013 at 08:59 PM



“ *Dear Vincent,  
Words cannot express how terribly sorry we are for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace, Karen and God speed - Rest Well.*

*Sincerely,  
Chris and Alison Knauf##imported-begin##Alison & Chris  
Knauf##imported-end##*

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May 28, 2013 at 07:36 PM