



Karen Ernst

November 9, 2021

Karen Ernst, 80, died peacefully surrounded by her children on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at Brethren Village. Born in Beverly, MA, Karen was the daughter of the late Ralph and Edith Palm Reid and the wife of the late John “Jack” Ernst who died in 2015.

Growing up in New England, Karen never stopped being a Yankee at heart. She spent her high school years living in North Carolina and during summer visited her Aunt Alma at Crane Beach in Ipswich, MA. After graduation, she went on to the University of Maine earning her bachelor’s degree.

She married Timothy Robbins and lived in Ithaca, NY, later moving to Lancaster where she was a stay-at-home mom, she then joined the workforce as a medical technician for Rheumatology Associates.

Karen was a proud granddaughter of Swedish immigrants and a very loving mother to her three children, she was very affectionate, and would crawl into bed and give cuddles. She tirelessly involved herself with all the activities her children participated including becoming a gymnastics judge.

If you heard music playing you could expect Karen dancing right along, some of her favorite artists were Hall & Oates, Johnny Mathis, and Barry Manilow. She was a self-taught artist and very creative in needlepoint, knitting and

margetta. Karen designed her own clothing and did tole painting. After marrying Jack, she was obsessed with golf and loved the beach especially Myrtle Beach. She was an amazing friend with a strong sense of humor, and she loved to laugh. She enjoyed sweets especially pastries. Her cats held a special place in her heart.

Karen is survived by a son, Keith Wyatt Robbins (Sarah), Louisville, KY, and daughters, Gayle Alden Hogg (Chip), Kennelaw, NJ and Kristina Alma Robbins (Nick Higgins) of Los Angeles, CA, six grandchildren: Henry and William Robbins, Alden and Henry Hogg and Finlay and Scarlett Higgins.

Memorial Service and Luncheon will be held at the Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club, 2615 Columbia Ave, Lancaster PA, 17603 on Friday, May 13th at 11:00 am

Memorial donations in Karen's name may be made to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125, Aids Foundation, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
3131 Columbia Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lancaster Tennis & Yacht Club
2615 Columbia Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Ernst*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Ernst.*

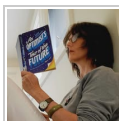


December 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Knowing Karen at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in the 1980's and '90's was a wonderful experience for us and our children. Karen's kind and open personality was so welcoming and encouraging. A beautiful spirit. We were blessed to have know her.*

Bill & Leigh-Ann Powers - December 02, 2021 at 11:29 AM



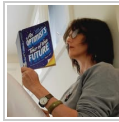
Than you for your kind words Bill and Leigh-Ann. It was my mother's mission in life to be useful and of service. I'm sure she felt equally as blessed to provide comfort and encouragement to you.

Gayle Robbins - May 02, 2022 at 07:56 AM

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“ I want to express my condolences to Karen’s family. I was saddened to learn of her passing away. She had a wonderful, shining personality. I was Jack’s financial advisor for many years and got to meet with Jack and Karen periodically. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Alan Loss

Alan Loss - November 29, 2021 at 02:21 PM



Thank you for your kind words Alan.

Gayle Robbins - May 02, 2022 at 08:01 AM

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My deepest sympathy to the family of Karen Ernst. Thinking of the family on Friday. Karen & I so enjoyed our trips to NYC fabric district. She & I shared our sewing talents together. We bought fabric in Philly. I sewed a jacket & bias skirt, and she sewed the same, but using each other's fabrics. Wore the outfit to church last week, thinking of Karen. Thanks for sharing Karen with me. We shared many fun & learning times together. Nancy C. Groff, RN/BSN.

Nancy C Groff - May 02, 2022 at 11:43 AM