



Karen T. Broholm

May 5, 1960 - October 22, 2021

Karen T. Broholm, age 61, of DeMotte, IN passed away Friday, October 22, 2021 at the University of Chicago, Illinois.

Karen was born May 5, 1960 in Hammond, Indiana to John and Phyllis (nee Zencka) Elo. After graduating from Morton High School, she attended Purdue where she earned her Associate's degree. Karen married Mark Broholm on June 25, 1983 in Hammond and he survives. She was a secretary with the Kankakee Valley School Corporation and a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Karen enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, and nature. She especially loved traveling, her grandchildren, and spending time with her family.

Karen is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Mark Broholm; children: Melanie (Michael) Pieper, Dan (Nicole) Broholm; her mother, Phyllis Elo; brothers: John, Phil, Tim, and Brian Elo; sisters: Gail Reno, Diane Buche; grandchildren, Max and Lucie; many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, John Elo.

The family will hold Private services at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in Karen's name to St. Jude Children's

Hospital.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Our love and prayers are with you Melanie and family. Your mom was impressive and left a lasting impression on me of what it means to be a great mom. I now get to see that awesome mom wisdom in you, Melanie Rae. Learning from you has also made me a better mama to my kiddos so I would say her her love and mothering has left a great legacy. I know you must be very proud to have been loved and brought up by Karen. I praise God that she is in Heaven with our maker and no longer in pain or great suffering. We continue in prayer for rest and peace for all of her loved ones. We love you
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Ali Marrow - October 28, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ Our deepest Sympathy to Mark and the entire family. We didn't see Karen often but always enjoyed her sweet and caring nature. She had a special gift for making the people around her happy and comfortable. Her loss is a great tragedy that will be felt by many.

Steve Butler - October 28, 2021 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ My sympathies to Mark and the family. Karen and I were friends since High School. We had many. many get togethers when our children were growing up. She was such a kind and caring person. We had lost touch over the years, but my heart breaks to hear she has passed away.

Chris Pauer Bernotus

chris bernotus - October 26, 2021 at 08:31 PM

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“ *Mama Broholm, she was sweet but, also knew when to be tough.*



Nicole Broholm - October 25, 2021 at 02:51 PM

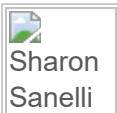
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“ *We've shared many precious moments together but, the silly ones were always my favorite. I'm going to miss your laugh and your warm smile.*

I love you.



Nicole Broholm - October 25, 2021 at 02:40 PM



Sharon Sanelli

Loved working with Karen. Fun, competent, understanding and always had our backs. It was clear she loved her family a great deal and I'm certain she will be missed.. Wonderful person all around.

Sharon Sanelli - October 25, 2021 at 05:52 PM

KM

My heartfelt sympathy to the Broholm and Elo families. Karen was one of the kindest people I've ever known or worked with. Always a good word and a cheerful smile. A beautiful person taken way too soon. I will miss her and I know she be missed by many more.

Kim Mount - October 25, 2021 at 07:42 PM

CE

Karen always had a smile and was very helpful to everyone. I liked working with her at DeMotte Elementary and she had a great work ethic. She will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family.

Claudia Earnest - October 25, 2021 at 08:57 PM

JW

My prayers and sympathy goes out to the family. You always had a nice smile for everyone when I seen you at Aunt Carol and Uncle Ray's house for Thanksgiving. Rest in Peace.

Joanne Wright - October 26, 2021 at 07:53 PM

TL

Karen always did a wonderful job at KVIS and I enjoyed her so much. Prayers to all of her family. I have added her name to the list of saints that will be recognized at our church Nov 7 on All Saints Day. Her name will be called and a bell rung Theresa Landis

theresa e. landis - October 29, 2021 at 04:37 PM