



Karen Klein

February 13, 1962 - May 21, 2019

Wantage - Karen Klein, age 57, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice in Fredon while surrounded by her loving family. Born in Ridgewood, Karen was raised in Waldwick and lived in Prospect Park and Clifton before moving to Wantage in 1993. She was a graduate of Montclair State College and had been the Music Teacher at the Sussex Christian School in Sussex for 21 years. Karen was an active member of the Sussex Christian Reformed Church and the New Jersey Music Educators Association. She enjoyed making jams and jellies, Borzoi (Russian Wolfhounds), attending the Tanglewood Music Festival and especially enjoyed spending time at the Jersey Shore with her family and friends. She was predeceased by her mother Claire (Hamersma) Chaparian in 2018. Karen is survived by her husband of 38 years, Duane; her son, Nathanael at home; her daughter, Rachael at home; her father, Leon Chaparian of Waldwick; her sisters, Cathy Clark and her husband Mark of North Haledon, Cindy Saunders and her husband Bill of Hawthorne, and Kristen Cross and her husband Kevin of Charlottesville, Virginia; her six nephews that she doted over; and her loving canine companions. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Friday, May 24, 2019 from 2-4 and 7 -9 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Memorial services will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, May 25 at Sussex Christian Reformed Church, 49 Unionville Avenue, Sussex. Private interment at George Washington Memorial Park will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests

that memorial donations may be made in Karen's memory to the Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

**Private Interment will be held at George Washington Memorial Park
at the convenience of the family**

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
Sussex, NJ 07461
(973) 875-3272
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Visitation

MAY 24. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

MAY **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sussex Christian Reformed Church
51 Unionville Avenue
Sussex, NJ 07461

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Klein.*



May 24, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ *Jen and I are deeply saddened by the passing of Karen. When we first met her in Orlando after making a big move and starting new jobs, she made us feel so welcome. She had a huge heart, and shared it freely. Our thoughts and prayers are with Duane and family.*

Troy & Jen Mannino

Troy Mannino - May 24, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karen Klein.*



May 23, 2019 at 05:02 PM

JV

“ Duane, Nathanael, and Rachel .. we are so saddened to hear of Karen's passing, although we know she went from light into Light and rejoices fully healed in Heaven. My sister Beth has often kept us informed on Karen's journey, and I remember visiting her and your children in Sussex when our Grandpa Fridsma turned 100 years old. May God just wrap His arms around you at this time. You are in our prayers. -Bill and Judy (Fridsma) Vriesema.

Judy Vriesema - May 23, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SI

“ My dearest Brain & family,
I am so very sad to hear about Karen's passing. Sending you love and light during this difficult time.
May she rest in peace.
With deepest sympathy,
Sidney Sollazo

sidney - May 23, 2019 at 10:46 AM

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Elizabeth Ostling - May 23, 2019 at 08:13 AM

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Elizabeth Ostling - May 23, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ Dear members of Karen's family and her sisters and Dad and their families, ottott remember the trip to Disney that Karen planned for her Mom and we had such a wonderful time with lots of great memories,. I've learned to count God's blessings every day cause life is so fragile and short. So happy Karen and her Mom Claire are rejoicing together but so hard for the wonderful family. With thoughts and prayer, Dottie Balkema

Dottie Balkema - May 22, 2019 at 11:54 PM

CH

“ Karen was one in a million. She always had her faith no matter what. She loved her God and her family. Always with a smile. One special , talented , loving human being. Never to be forgottenCarol Healey

carol healey - May 22, 2019 at 10:29 PM

HA

“ High School..grade school..wigi board..whatever we did we were happy..i luv you for all the joy you brought me...my heart is broken..

Holly abma - May 22, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Klein.*



May 22, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ *Emil and Ann Prunk and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Karen Klein.*



Emil and Ann Prunk and Family - May 22, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ *Duane, Cathy and family - My heart and prayers are with you at this very difficult news.
Karen welcomed me into your home up on the 'mountain' of Wallkill. We shared bear stories, leaving for work in the dark - and coming home in the dark... and my favorite... you all took me to my first (and last) Heifer sale! I enjoyed Karen as 'Cathy's sister' and 'Duane's wife' as I worked w/ you both, but she welcomed me as if I were directly HER friend. Thinking of her fondly and sadly today. Prayers and much grace to all of you during this time.*

Marisa Ogden

Marisa Ogden - May 22, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ *My friend Karen Klein has passed on into a better place where there will be no pain anymore. Karen always brought smiles and laughter wherever she went. I cannot express how much I will miss her in my life. I will miss our frequent chats about how much food David eats. Or could she wear anymore mix matched tops or our favorite I am not buying one more piece of temptations. All QVC related! Our trips to the shore and beach house, the mountains, Tanglewood and so much more! Great memories!*

Claire DePrisco Pidi, Nancy and I will miss you. Four forever friends.

Peace my friend. Keep your smile upon us all. Love you my friend



Sue Alessi Kosturko - May 22, 2019 at 05:51 PM

LD

“ *A very gracious person. Loved by all. I have this girl since a teenager and lots of great memories. I will think of her when I go to a marching band competition. She was there for me in times of sorrow and happiness. I will truly miss her and she will forever b in my heart. My heart felt love and thoughts to Duane Rachael and Nathaniel and to her sisters. May the memories keep her spirit going and find you all comfort.*

Linda Davies

Linda Davies - May 22, 2019 at 05:16 PM

PM

“ *A brave woman and an extraordinary family. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Peter McGrade - May 22, 2019 at 04:25 PM

SW

“ *So very sorry to hear about your loss of Karen. May she rest in peace. Sandee and Craig Van Der Wende.* 🙏🙏

Sandra Van Der Wende - May 22, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *We will always remember Karen's love of music and how she blessed our children at Sussex Christian School. God's peace and comfort to all the family. She fought long and hard and is home with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*
Love, Jeff & Tracy VanderGroef & Family


Tracy VanderGroef - May 22, 2019 at 02:48 PM

BD

“ *Karen was also always so supportive of the book series Rachael & I created together, “Rollina the Original Ballerina”. She was persistent in e-mailing Della Crews from News 12, trying to get Rachael & I on the news for our books. I will always appreciate her support & assistance in our project together, and for believing in us and so many others.*

Breelagh DuHaime - May 22, 2019 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ So many memories Karen. Twizlers at the Waldwick pool, candy down the shore...walking uptown to buy more sweets.... everything about you has been sweet . Love you, will miss you, and am very comforted knowing your spirit is alive and well with the Lord and loved ones passed.

Your cousin and friend, Jennifer

Jennifer Chaparian - May 22, 2019 at 02:15 PM

BD

“ Karen was such a beautiful, funny, caring and loving woman. I am blessed to have known her. She always made you feel at home at her house. She offered several times for me to stay over in the “beach room”, a cozy guest room. I dogsat for Karen a few times over the years, and she would leave me a note with instructions and my “million dollar payment”. I loved her sense of humor and optimism. She will be greatly missed, and we will never forget her memory.

Breelagh DuHaime - May 22, 2019 at 02:13 PM