



Mrs. Karen V. Azzaro

November 12, 1946 - March 20, 2020

Karen Valerie Azzaro age 73, of Ellicott City, passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2020, at Mercy Hospital.

Born November 12, 1946, in Chicago, IL she was the daughter of the late Albert "Al" Rosendahl and Irene Kolomyski Rosendahl. She was the loving wife of over 50 years to Richard Allan Azzaro.

Karen had worked many years ago managing the Tea Room at the former Woodward and Lothrop Department Store. After the closing of the department store chain she was a home economics teacher in Prince George and Howard counties. She retired from River Hill High School, Clarksville. During her years teaching she worked actively in developing the state wide curriculum for home economics.

Surviving in addition to her husband is her mother-in-law Ruby E. Azzaro of Yonkers, NY. She is also survived by brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

Karen was predeceased by her brother Albert "Bert" Rosendahl, Jr.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at a later date. Due notice will be given.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Society of the Honor Guard Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Centennial Never Forget Garden (SHGTUS) P.O. Box 1111, Hermitage, PA 16148.

Online condolences may be offered at www.haightfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ I have such fond memories of Karen. She was my mentor teacher when I was a student at the University of Maryland. She was so encouraging and supportive in my endeavor to become a home economics teacher. I think I have made her proud! She is one of my many "Sheros" that I will cherish throughout life. I'm so glad for the Devine intervention that allowed our paths to cross. My prayers will continue to be with you Rich and your family. May you continue to find comfort in the precious memories and the God who cares.

Jacqueline Holland

J Holland - May 02 at 10:26 AM



“ I was saddened to hear about Karen's passing. As her neighbor Growing up and her Study hall student So many years ago, I am shocked. I hope everything is well with Richard.

Melissa Cheadle - April 12 at 11:28 PM



“ I was very saddened to hear the news about Karen's passing. I met Karen in high school and the one thing that stands out is that she was always smiling and she has a beautiful smile. She was so sweet and kind to everyone! If, we all could be as kind as Karen, this world would be such a better place and she did make this world a better place!

Cheryl Brunell Nirtaut

Cheryl Brunell Nirtaut - April 10 at 04:23 PM



“ I, like so many others, am deeply saddened by the loss of my best friend. I met Karen as a freshman in high school. We soon became the best of friends...a friendship that would last 60 years. When I remember her I think of her beauty and grace, her wit and charm and her common sense and class. She was so vibrant throughout her whole life and brought much joy to those around her. I am very grateful that my children and grandchildren got to know her. She had a way of making others feel so special and her interest in them and what they were doing was amazing.

Although time and distance may have kept us apart, the time we shared together whether in person, on the phone, or in a text message was enough to last until the next time...for we were always together in our thoughts and in our hearts. And the wonderful memories I have of my best friend will continue to keep her by my side...always!

Rich, the love that you and Karen shared was one that only some get to know. May God grant you peace and strength and may our beautiful Karen rest in peace.

My deepest and most sincere sympathy,
Darleen

Darleen Sluzas - March 30 at 03:06 PM



“ We want to extend our deepest sympathies on your loss. It's an incredible measure of love to be married for 50 years. We know it never really ends.

Peter & Karen Winokur - March 28 at 03:06 PM



“ Dear Rich, our deepest sympathy and condolences on the loss of your beloved Karen. We will always remember her beautiful smile and her laugh. May your lifetime of wonderful memories help sustain you during this time and provide a degree of comfort in the future. Pat and Johni Christiansen

Pat Christiansen - March 26 at 04:08 PM



“ On behalf of the members of Karen’s Midwest family, their spouses, children, grandchildren and in-laws, we offer our deepest condolences to Richard. My brother Fred and I are first cousins to Karen. We grew up with her and continued a close relationship through the years and across miles. People often asked if Karen and I were sisters and we thought of ourselves that way too. She was the Maid of Honor at my wedding to Roger. Karen and Rich attended the weddings of our son Christian to Stacey, and Fred’s sons Mark and Doug to their wives. Karen and I traveled together yearly to interesting places in the Midwest and East Coast; we even toured France together. My husband Roger and I celebrated Karen and Rich’s 50th wedding anniversary with them last October at The Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michael’s MD. This our last wonderful memory of Karen. I am bereft at the loss of my dear Karen and assured Rich that he continues to be a member of our Midwest family.
Margo Dusberger

Margo Dusberger - March 26 at 03:40 PM



“ Dear Richard: So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you and your family during your time of grief. May love carry you through this difficult time. Deepest condolences. Jeff Kimball

Jeff Kimball - March 24 at 08:30 AM



“ I first remember Karen from the days when she and Rich visited Roger and Margo Dusberger's Maryland home while I was staying with them. Although I was young, Karen was certain to include me and always made me feel special. I have thought kindly of Karen through the subsequent 35 years and very happy whenever we were able to connect. Despite the fact that meetings were far between, Karen always had such a warm welcome for me, with complete attention and a sincere interest in my life - she had a gift for that. I was saddened by her illness and tragic death. My heart goes out to Rich and all the others who loved Karen. She was indeed special.
Cathy Dusberger

Cathy Dusberger - March 23 at 01:22 PM



“ Richard,

We are so sad and so sorry to know Karen's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. Our hearts are with you and your family.

Here is a picture taken about 1 year ago in the CNY dinner. She will be deeply missed.

Our sincerest sympathy,

-Ping, on behalf of Mao family and Tai Chi family in the East Columbia 50 center



Ping Mao - March 22 at 10:11 PM



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Ping Mao - March 22 at 09:33 PM