



Karen Archer

July 27, 1949 - March 25, 2025

Karen Ann Archer (nee Patterson), 75, of Birmingham, Michigan, departed this life peacefully, on March 25, attended by friends and family. A beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Karen will always be remembered for her kindness and willingness to help others.

Born on July 27, 1949, in Windsor, Ontario, Karen grew up the only daughter of John and Lois Patterson. Karen attended the Birmingham Public School system and graduated Seaholm High School class of 1967. Karen received her Associate's Degree from Oakland Community College.

Karen worked as an administrator at Vickers Hydraulics School for decades before being employed as an administrator at Oakland County Health until her retirement.

Karen devoted the better part of her professional and personal life to helping the underserved, especially those struggling with addiction, and was lauded by community leaders. Karen was also a strong advocate for animal welfare, supporting many causes. In her leisure time, Karen enjoyed travel, especially cruises, and crafting.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Her son, Dylan; her grandson, Milo; her brother, Kevin, and a host of cousins and friends.

In honor of her generous spirit, the family asks that donations be made to The Humane Society or The Michigan Animal Rescue League. Those wishing to leave prayers for/memories of Karen are invited to share on her Kemp Funeral Home memorial page.

Tribute Wall

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“ Karen's big heart extended to her many pets over the years, and doxies were just one part of the family.



Kevin Patterrson - April 08, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ Karen was an avid scuba diver and traveler. She dove the wrecks of the great lakes and loved taking cruises. She is sorely missed by her friends and family.



Kevin Patterson - April 05, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ My mother loved taking me on vacations, and I loved going with her!



Dylan Archer - April 04, 2025 at 09:37 PM

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“ I wrote a memory a couple of Days ago but checked and don't see it. Karen was one of my. Best and Oldest Friends. We were Friends from High School . Through Thick and Thin. From Cruising Woodward in the 60s to Boyfriends, Marriages. Births, Divorces, and all the in between. She had left a void in my life. I will miss her very much. She was Sassy , Stubborn and always a true Blue Friend. RIP Karen no more struggles

Stacia Miller - April 04, 2025 at 12:18 PM