



## Karen Sue McLendon

April 16, 1938 - May 9, 2019

Karen Sue McLendon, age 81, of Mason City passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Mason City Area Nursing Home.

She was born on April 16, 1938 in Pekin to Lloyd and Violet (Hancock) Flathers.

Karen is survived by her sons, Timothy (Susan) Shelabarger and Tracy (DeAnn) Shelabarger, both of Springfield; grandchildren, Ashley Shelabarger, Amy Shelabarger, Julie Shelabarger, and Lacey Shelabarger; and great-grandchildren, Layla Shelabarger and Ariel Shelabarger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and aunt and uncle Vera and Delbert Hurt.

Karen worked in Mason City for Dr. J.H. Price as a Dental Assistant and Office Manager for 19 years until her retirement in January of 1995. She was an avid babysitter and dog sitter in the community and was well known as "Grandma Karen."

Cremation rites have been accorded and a graveside service for Karen will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Mason City Cemetery in Mason City, IL. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial donations in honor of Karen may be made to Mason City Area Nursing Home or Pets Without Parents of Mason County.

Online condolences may be left for Karen's family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mason City Cemetery  
Mason City, IL 62664

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Sue McLendon*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Jean Proctor Meikle lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon*



jean proctor meikle - May 26, 2019 at 07:09 AM



“ *Tracy, I was sorry to about the loss of your Mother. My son read it in the paper and he told me on Mother's Day. I have always thought a great deal of you and you have done well. My brother-in-law has golfed with your Dad. Comforting thoughts to you and your family!! Love,Pat Pomrenke,*

Patricia Pomrenke - May 14, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Robert Adams - May 12, 2019 at 08:52 PM

DW

“ *Dianna Winlund lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon*



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**Dianna Winlund** - May 12, 2019 at 03:05 PM

RA

“ *Karen was Karen--there was no other like he--we were friends early in life a special group of friends ---Karen was always the life of the party--who knows what she would say or do. It was a special pleasure to have her as a friend. She was one of a kind --KAREN we will all miss you. Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed. "OSCAR" to you my friend.-----Robert E. Adams and Judy Rochester Minnesota*



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**Robert Adams** - May 12, 2019 at 07:47 AM

 Tim Shelabarger

*Thanks for sharing the memories.*

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**Tim Shelabarger** - May 16, 2019 at 08:29 PM

SB

“ Karen was married to my father John McLendon when i was a young girl. She was always a good stepmother that made sure my 2 sisters and i had a great visit with our father for the weekend. The last time i seen her was at my fathers services 10 years ago. We talked and she comforted me during this time even though he had remarried to someone else. Im sorry now we didnt keep in contact but she always did hold a place in my heart. Sorry for your loss Tim and Tracey and your families. She was loved but never forgotten. RIP Karen until we meet again. You are now a guardian angel watching over us all.

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**Sherri McLendon Baskett** - May 11, 2019 at 01:36 PM

SB

“ Sherri McLendon Baskett lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon



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**Sherri McLendon Baskett** - May 11, 2019 at 01:23 PM

JL

“ I never have known a better friend as I had in Karen. We were inseparable when are kids were little. We had many laughs, tears and made memories that will never be forgotten. Love you Karen.

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**Judy Lyons** - May 11, 2019 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ Tim & Tracy - so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a really good friend. Played cards, bowled and lots of fun stuff together. She was always there to help when needed. She will be missed by many.

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**Barb Rodgers** - May 11, 2019 at 09:35 AM

BR

“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon*



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**Barb Rodgers** - May 11, 2019 at 09:29 AM

CR

“ *Charlie & Linda Rumler lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon*



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**Charlie & Linda Rumler** - May 11, 2019 at 08:27 AM

MT

“ *Tim, Tracy, and family, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. 💜 Thinking if you.*

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**Melinda Tucker** - May 11, 2019 at 12:14 AM

JM

“ *Janice & David McAfee lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon*



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**Janice & David McAfee** - May 10, 2019 at 09:51 PM

DR

“ Karen was such a stickler about how she done her laundry and kept house. One day she was that the kitchen window with her frog drink and a cigarette and I was outside hanging clothes on the clothesline and she yelled out the window alright yeah you're not going to piss me off because I was insistent about helping her do chores around the house I'm going to miss you not being there so glad we got to talk sometime ago. Thank you for being my friend your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten and neither will your lime aide and vodka. Until we meet again. ....

Debbie Randall - May 10, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon



Nancy Elliott - May 10, 2019 at 08:12 PM

KE

“ I just met Karen a few months ago at the nursing home because I had a Cubs shirt on and she told me she liked it. From then on, I tried to find her when I went to see my Mom. I remembered her birthday was April 16th. I will miss seeing her. She was such a nice woman.



Karen Elliott - May 10, 2019 at 07:41 PM

MH

“ *Mason City Area Nursing Home lit a candle in memory of Karen Sue McLendon*



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**Mason City Area Nursing Home** - May 10, 2019 at 07:25 PM

CM

“ *Tim and Tracy.....so saddened to learn of my friend Karen's death. She was always so nice to me and I loved being around her when I was younger. I had heard she had been sick. I hope she is at peace now. My prayers are for her and you as you go through the healing process. Her spirit will forever be alive in your memories. Love, Camille.*

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**camille Massey** - May 10, 2019 at 05:46 PM

LO

“ *Sorry to hear this. Sending hugs to the family. In my younger yrs, there were always two people I could count on a birthday card from, George Biggs and Karen. I believe Karen took over when George passed. Karen worked with my mom at Dr. Joe Price's dental office. Again, condolences to all.*

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**Lynne Milby Onken** - May 10, 2019 at 05:43 PM

JM

“ *Karen was always a hoot. Going to miss her stingy smile. She was loved by many...*

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**John Means** - May 10, 2019 at 05:41 PM

DB

“ So sorry Tim, Tracy, and families. We lost a long time next door neighbor. 😞 Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely Dave n Diane

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**David and Diane Bergman** - May 10, 2019 at 05:18 PM

JB

“ Karen & I had a lot of good times at Harry's. Sorry for your loss. Jean (Black) Sanders.

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**Jean Baker** - May 10, 2019 at 05:14 PM