



Karen O'Brien

February 17, 1948 - September 5, 2017

Karen E. O'Brien, 69, of Petersburg passed away at Sunny Acres Nursing Home on Monday, September 5, 2017. Karen was born on February 17, 1948 in Chicago the daughter of the late John G. and Alice E. (Velund) O'Brien. Karen grew up in Oak Park, IL; she attended St. Edmund's School and church where she received her first communion in 1955. Her family moved to Glen Ellen where she graduated from Willowbrook High School in 1967. Karen worked for Sears in Oak Park, later she would go on to manage her father's used book store in Springfield. After working for her father Karen went on to work for the Secretary of State until she retired. Karen was a member of St. Peter Catholic church in Petersburg. In her leisure time Karen enjoyed knitting, embroidery, and caring for her pets. She especially loved her little Schnauzer.

Surviving Karen are her nieces and nephews; Joanne O'Brien of Petersburg, Alicia (Brad) Lakner of Springfield, Teresa (Bert) Ackerman of Kankakee, Dr. John (Carol Lisa) O'Brien of Petersburg, Dr. Terry (Stacey) O'Brien of Petersburg, Chris (Trish) O'Brien of Bourbonnais, Dr. Dan (Bethany) O'Brien of Oak Park, sister-in-law Diane O'Brien of Petersburg, as well as several cousins, great nieces and nephews, and friends.

Karen was also preceded in death by her brothers Dr. Terrence E. O'Brien, and John "Jack" O'Brien II.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hurley Funeral Home Petersburg. A funeral service celebrated by Deacon Roch Magerl will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 11 am. The family will receive guests at the funeral home from 10 am until the time of service. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery Petersburg.

Those who wish may leave memorials in Karen's name to St. Peter Catholic Church.

Please visit Karen's online obituary at www.hurleyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karen O'Brien*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Love Your Tiki and family Bert, Zach, Seth purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen O'Brien.*



Love Your Tiki and family Bert, Zach, Seth - September 10, 2017 at 05:23 PM



“ *Carolyn J Courville purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen O'Brien.*



Carolyn J Courville - September 08, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ *Diane & Joanne purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Karen O'Brien.*



Diane & Joanne - September 08, 2017 at 12:17 PM