



Karen A. Smith

October 18, 1952 - December 17, 2022

Karen Annette Smith, 70, of Havana, originally of Eagle River, WI passed away at Graham Hospital at 8:12 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2022. She was born on October 18, 1952 in Rhinelander, WI to Harold and Joan (Thieme) Novack. She married Craig A. Smith in 1979 in Eagle River, WI. Karen is survived by her husband Craig, her son, Randy (Denise) Smith of Havana, IL; her grandchildren, Owen, Evylen, and Alaina Smith; her siblings, Janet (Roger) Griinke of Woodruff, WI, Christine Novack of Eagle River, WI and Paul (Dawn) Novack of Eagle River, WI; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Joan Novack.

Karen most cherished her grandchildren, and the time she spent with them. Karen also loved her two golden retrievers, Goldie and Chipper. Karen enjoyed spending time at her cabin at Dam Lake in Sugar Camp, WI. She loved the outdoors, especially vegetable and flower gardening, hiking, crappie fishing, snowshoeing and making maple syrup with her husband, Craig. Karen was also an avid reader, being a member of several book clubs. Karen enjoyed crocheting and traveling to the Caribbean and other warm locales as well.

Karen worked for many years in the clerical departments of several clinics and hospitals. She put in many hours over the years dedicated to her work and volunteered for the Red Cross in her free time and in retirement. Karen always made sure everyone had what they needed whether that was a hug, a full

belly or support during a time of need.

A memorial visitation for Karen will take place on January 4th, 2023 from 2p.m - 4p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, IL. A celebration of life will also take place in Sugar Camp Town Hall in Rhinelander, WI on May 20th, 2023.

Memorial donations may be made in Karen's name to the Red Cross.

Condolences may be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana

217 North Plum Street

P.O. Box #648

Havana, IL 62644

(309) 543-2244

<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Karen A. Smith.* ”



January 04, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *Craig and family - we are so sorry for your loss. Karen was one of the most gentle, caring people we knew. Soft spoken, always smiling are images we will always remember. How wonderful that you had these last years by your son and his family. May you be a source of comfort to each other during the difficult days ahead. Hope to see you in May. Bill & Jackie Anderson* ”

Jacqueline Anderson - January 04, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Smith.* ”



January 02, 2023 at 10:23 PM

GS

“ George and Marilyn Stazin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen A. Smith.



George and Marilyn Stazin - December 28, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Smith.



December 25, 2022 at 07:38 PM

DR

“ Craig , Randy, Denise and family,
There are no words to truly express our sympathy to all of you during this time of extreme loss and sadness. Karen was truly the kindest gal we had the pleasure to know. She was so giving and caring and made every person feel special. She filled her heart with love for you all and her move to Illinois to be near her family had to be a source of great joy. Again, our deepest condolences. Kurt and Debbie Rekau

Debra Rekau - December 25, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen A. Smith.



December 22, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen A. Smith.*



December 21, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Smith*



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 21, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ *Craig and family - we are so sorry for your loss. Karen's love for all of you was so evident when she spoke of you. Cherish all those wonderful memories. With sincere sympathy.*

Roger and Nancy Watry

Roger and Nancy Watry - December 20, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ *Craig, Randy, Denise and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Karen is such a joy and great person. If there is anything you need don't hesitate to ask. love, Sandy and Kenny Crater*

Sandy Crater - December 20, 2022 at 04:14 PM

BC

“ *Becky Chaney lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith*



Becky Chaney - December 20, 2022 at 02:53 PM

SK

“ *Sending our love and prayers to Karen's husband, Craig, and family. Karen was a beautiful woman inside and out. Very, very special. Remembering our lol attempt at snowshoeing together, laughing so hard. So much fun together. She will be missed.*

Sharon Kaping - December 20, 2022 at 11:27 AM