



Karen Poole

March 4, 1942 - April 13, 2017

Karen Gene Poole, age 75 years, a resident of Goreville, Illinois, passed away Thursday afternoon, April 13, 2017, at 12:50 PM at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Tracy White, at West Vienna.

Karen was born March 4, 1942 in Effingham, Illinois. She was the second of five children born to Gene and Frances (Austin) Claar.

In 1985, Karen was united in marriage to Homer Poole at the Eagle Point Associational Building at the Lake of Egypt. He preceded her in death on September 29, 2001.

Karen is survived by: her children – Noble (his wife, Mary Jane) White of Buncombe, Eric (his wife, Tracy) White of Buncombe and Lana (her wife, Lorna Gampon) White of Lakewood, California; 7 grandchildren – Clayton White of Buncombe, Kayla (her husband, Kyle) Moll of Mascoutah, Casey (her husband, Grant) Bauman of Vienna, Katie White of Buncombe, Brittany Sadler of Buncombe, Brooke (her husband, Bo) Vinson of Vienna; and Stephen Sadler of Buncombe; 5 great grandchildren – Hadley Jane Bauman, Kolten Noble Moll, Emmy Vinson, Braedon Hurst, Keaton Vinson; 3 sisters – Kate Higgs of Altamont, Kathy Richter of Troy, and Kim (her husband, Jason) Gossett of Salem; a brother – Harry “Butch” (his wife, Diane) Claar of Effingham; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and many dear

friends. Karen was also anticipating the upcoming birth of two additional great grandchildren in the near future.

In addition to her parents and husband, Karen was preceded in death by: a son – Jeffery White and 2 brothers-in-law – Herb Higgs and Ron Richter.

Karen was a skilled seamstress and had been employed by Lee's Fashion World in Vienna, Intuitions in Carbondale and the Rusty Spur in Marion. She was also a dedicated homemaker.

Karen was a member of the Cypress United Methodist Church. She cherished the love of family and friends. She particularly enjoyed the company of her dear friends and neighbors at the Autumn Ridge Supportive Living Center in Vienna. Karen is fondly remembered for her zest for life and bringing life and happiness to all those she came into contact with. For many years, Karen and Homer enjoyed traveling extensively. They had the privilege of visiting much of the United States, as well as Canada and Mexico, in their travels. Karen also continued her love of sewing and making handcrafted items throughout her lifetime.

A service honoring the life of Karen Poole will be conducted Tuesday morning, April 18, 2017, at 10 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Kenny Baker will officiate. Burial will be in the St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Visitation will be held Monday evening, April 17, 2017, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Advanced Medicine (Breast Cancer research) 4921 Parkview Place, St. Louis, MO 63110 or to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, 733 Third Avenue, Suite 510, New York, NY 10017.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Cemetery

St. John's Road
Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
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Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Poole*



Bailey Funeral Home - April 17, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ *Karen Poole*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Our condolences to the family. We got to know Karen after she married my Uncle Homer. They stayed with us often when they were traveling. She was a joy to be around. Never met her family but wanted them to know the love and laughter we shared those years.*

Debra Wells - May 02, 2017 at 02:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Poole.*



April 16, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ My condolences to Brittney, Brooke, family, and friends. May God give you all peace and comfort during this time. Much love and prayers, Raymond and Teresa Pearl Vienna, II



Teresa Ray Pearl - April 16, 2017 at 01:40 PM

TS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family. She touched many lives! Danny and Terri



Terri Stewart - April 16, 2017 at 01:36 PM

PJ

“ Penny & Jeff Jordan lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole



Penny & Jeff Jordan - April 15, 2017 at 10:19 PM

DH

“ Denny And Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole



Denny and Mary Lou Hynes - April 15, 2017 at 07:42 AM

FK

“ *Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole*



Floyd & Linda Koehler - April 15, 2017 at 04:57 AM

MA

“ *Miriam Atlee purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Karen Poole.*



Miriam Atlee - April 14, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole*



Jeannie McCall - April 14, 2017 at 02:48 PM



Deepest Sympathy for your loss. Bob and Jeannie

Jeannie McCall - April 14, 2017 at 02:49 PM

YF

“ *Your Trainor Ag Products Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Poole.*



Your Trainor Ag Products Family - April 14, 2017 at 02:43 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole*



Sheri Robinson - April 14, 2017 at 09:43 AM

BB

“ *So sorry for your loss. God bless.*



Bob & Sherry Belcher - April 14, 2017 at 09:37 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole*



Dennis and Pat Harner - April 14, 2017 at 07:14 AM

MR

“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole*



Mike and Teresa Richerson - April 14, 2017 at 06:46 AM

PJ

“ *Penny & Jeff Jordan lit a candle in memory of Karen Poole*



Penny & Jeff Jordan - April 13, 2017 at 08:31 PM

CH

“ *Sending prayers and love to the family. Karen was a great person and loved everyone. She will be missed.*



Carrie Hood - April 13, 2017 at 07:15 PM