



Karen Marie Velker

November 25, 1957 - July 20, 2013

Karen Marie Velker, 55, has been taken to heaven, reunited with her mother, Veryl Elaine, and father, James Gordon, who preceded her on that journey. Partially handicapped at 13 from a serious illness, Karen rebounded to lead a happy life; in fact no one was ever happier. Karen was cared for first by her parents, with an assist from Rose Spaulding. After her parents' death, Karen's sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Doc Taraschke, cared for her, with the support of her twin brother, Chris . The rest of the family will always be indebted to Kathy, Doc and Chris for their unwavering care and support. Aunt Karen, as she was affectionately known, was always happy, laughing and loving. She was the "love spreader" and hug giver. Any friend of yours was a friend of Karen's. They all received a hug and she never forgot their name. She could sing along with any song, pump the player piano all night long, and sneak candy at every turn. Fun-loving and a jokester at heart, Karen's personality was infectious. She will be dearly missed. Karen is survived by her twin brother Christopher Velker (Christine); her sister Kathy Taraschke (Doc); and brothers Michael (Cate Lewandowski); Steve (Gaither); and Bill (Debi). She was Aunt Karen to Sarah Beidleman, Mike Taraschke, Shelley Taraschke, Courtney Oakley, Jami Velker, Casey Velker, Christi Rotterdam, Kelly Biggs, Andrew Velker, Katie Dunn, Daniel Yeager, Matthew Velker, Erin Dzierwa, Nathan Velker, Betsy Roth, Daniel Velker, Michael Velker, Thomas Velker, Joseph Velker, and their spouses and children, 51 in all. Karen is also survived by three aunts, Barb Glanzman, Ella Mae Justen and Ann Biel, along

with 34 cousins, including Mickey Molnar who visited with Karen regularly for the past 42 years. The family would like to recognize and thank the Toledo Hospital and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their care and attention to Aunt Karen. We appreciate everything that you did under difficult circumstances. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, those who wish make a donation to The Toledo Hospital CICU and/or Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Visitation with the family will be held Monday July 22, 2013 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Avenue, Toledo. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday July 23, 2013 at 10:30 AM in St. Pius X Church 3011 Carskaddon, Toledo. Following Mass, a procession will be directed to Calvary Cemetery for interment and graveside services. Online condolences may be left at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

AP

“ To the Family. I am sorry for the lost of your family member and dear friend. I have an encouraging message that I would like to share with you from Godâ€TMS Word the Bible. Like many people we all want to live and enjoy life with the ones we have lost to this aged-old-enemy death. Sadly, though because of health issues, injustice, crimes and old age we have to suffer the pain when ones fall asleep in death. In the Bible at John 5:28,29 Christ Jesus states that all those in the memorial tombs (graves) will hear his voice and come out. These ones according to Psalm 37:11 will be resurrected right here on the earth. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope at Revelation 21:3-5 which assures us that the day is soon to come in which our Heavenly Father is going to wipe away the tears of sorrow from our eyes forever and death will be no more. I hope that after reading this that it will be of comfort to each of you. To learn more as to why we die and what hope for our loved ones, please feel free to go to the website: jw.org.

Annette - pannette5866@att.net pannette5866@att.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VQ

“ Hi Chris, I had never known you were a twin before. I have always heard that twins have a special bond beyond what many of us experience. I am sorry about your loss and hope the happy memories stay the longest for you and your family.

Vince Quigley - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Chris, I am sorry to here about your sister. I pray for you and your family during this difficult time. Mike

Mike Reymann - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ chris, so sorry for your loss, i know how much you thought of karen . if it get's a little tough ,just remember ,lean back , as always i got you covered my friend, tom

tom schuffenecker - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Steve, Sorry for your loss. Take care!

Lance Ray - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We would like to share our Heartfelt Condolences and Loving Kindness to Karenâ€™s family, especially Kathy and Doc. Karenâ€™s laughter and unconditional love will always be remembered.

Tom & Jean O'Shea & Family - thomas.oshea9956@sbcglobal.net
thomas.oshea9956@sbcglobal.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ To the family: I am so glad I was able to be there with some of you last week. I was blessed with the chance to visit Aunt Karen at the hospice facility. One of my fondest memories of Aunt Karen is a little game we played when I was lucky enough to be in the same room with her: She would say, "I love you like a pig loves mud." To which I responded, "Well, I love you like a monkey loves bananas." That same conversation took place every time I saw her for 20 years. Since I was a boy. Aunt Karen was a precious soul. She will be missed, celebrated, and remembered. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the services. Please wish everyone my love and affection. I am glad we all have each other to lean on in difficult times such as this. Love you all Nathan Velker

Nathan Velker - nvelker@gmail.com nvelker@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Steve, Even though our paths have not crossed for many years I think of you often. I am so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. Please know that I will be praying for you and your family. If Karen was anything like you I know she was a fun loving, outgoing and uplifting person to be around. Kindest Regards, Erin Geary GM Frank Vogler & Sons Funeral Homes.

Erin Geary - erin.geary@dignitymemorial.com
erin.geary@dignitymemorial.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family today. We are so thankful that we knew Karen. She has truly had a loved and caring life from all her family and friends. Love and Prayers, Linda and Glenn

Glenn and Linda Chitty - chittyfamily@yahoo.com chittyfamily@yahoo.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM