



Karen A. Kolhagen

April 24, 1948 - January 13, 2021

On January 13, 2021, Karen A. Kolhagen, often known as Gypsy, passed from this world to join her beloved late husband “Hallie” peacefully, with her daughter Marcie by her side. Karen was born on April 24, 1948 in Clarion; daughter of the late William “Bill” and Esther “Essie” Laughlin. She is survived by her daughter, Marcie (Joe), granddaughter Avery, her brother William “BoBo” Laughlin (Ann), two nieces, a nephew, and her Uncle Tom (Hanford). Hal Kolhagen was the love of Karen’s life. They were married and settled in to life in Clarion, where Hal worked for Clarion School District and Karen worked brightening the lives of students and faculty at the Clarion University Bookstore. Karen was a graduate of Robert Morris College School of Business and an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as many other social clubs in the area. Karen’s blue eyes lit up every room that she walked into and her infectious giggle made everyone feel like they were a special part of her life. Karen was a fun and loving mother and friend, whose favorite time was spent laughing and sharing secrets with her granddaughter, Avery. Karen will be missed dearly by all who had the pleasure of knowing her and her beautiful spirit. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion. Due to Governor Wolf’s mandate, we are only permitted to have 10 people in the building at a time. Please limit your stay inside during visitation so we can accommodate all who want to pay their respects. We also recommend everyone follow CDC guidelines. Services will be private. The family would

like to extend their gratitude for the caring staff at Shipperville Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **16**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Marcie,*

My heart just breaks for your loss and I cannot imagine the grief that you must be going through. I wish I had comforting words but please know you are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time! Both your mom and dad were amazing people and two that I remember well! Thinking of you! Azurely

Azurely Kerr - January 16, 2021 at 07:16 PM

NH

“ *I dont know where to begin, I knew her as Gypsy since we roomed together at Robert Morris. I have to say it was some of the most fun I have had in my ;life.was with her and when she meet her hubby, Hallie when she came to live with me in Michigan. My husband Dale and I will always have treasured memories of Gypsy. she was one of a kind.*

Nancy Hartzfeld - January 16, 2021 at 10:11 AM

PB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm sorry for all of her friends, too. She was such a good friend of mine. I loved calling her from my office (at the university) or visiting her at the Bookstore. She was always bubbly and so friendly...with everyone. She never pulled punches, speaking her mind openly, but respectfully. Her sense of humor was spectacular. I loved her dearly and will miss here always! Anyone who Karen met was a lucky person just for meeting her!!*

Pam Burford - January 15, 2021 at 12:16 PM

NH

“ *Marcie and family,
My sympathies to you and your family.
Karen always had that twinkle in her eye. I remember when she first started at the bookstore, and how she would write letters at lunch time on the picnic table out back. I quickly learned of her sense of humor. She was a hoot to be around. The love she had for her family was very evident in everything she did. How she adored you Marcie and also her Avery! With deepest sympathy, Nancy Huffman*

nancy huffman - January 14, 2021 at 06:02 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to Karen's family. I remember her well from when I cared for Faye Hanford. She stopped in almost daily for a visit with her Grandma. Faye always looked forward to her visit. I'm just so sorry to learn of her passing and pray for comfort for those she loved.*

*Sincerely,
Sara Brooks*

Sara Brooks - January 14, 2021 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ *Joe, Steph, Teagann, Grayson, & Madelyn Marshall purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Karen A. Kolhagen.*



Joe, Steph, Teagann, Grayson, & Madelyn Marshall - January 14, 2021 at 10:13 AM

LL

“ Love, Mary Lou purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Karen A. Kolhagen.



Love, Mary Lou - January 14, 2021 at 10:02 AM

JO

“ Marcie, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. I filled in on Saturday on your moms unit. when i gave her her medications she said I love you and I said I love you too. She was such a sweetheart.

Jackie Ochs - January 13, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MS

Marci and Bill, I am so saddened by the loss of our Gypsy. She was such a joy to all that knew her. She was a very special person and brought so much laughter to all of us.

You are in my prayers. Mary Lorenz Stroup

mary stroup - January 15, 2021 at 07:53 AM