



Karen S. Wilshire

January 27, 1946 - May 25, 2021

Karen Sue Wilshire, 75, of Clarion, passed away on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh following a brief illness.

She was born on January 27, 1946 in Titusville; daughter of the late Harold Sloan and Bernice Preston Sloan, who survives.

Karen married James V. Wilshire on June 1, 1968 in Titusville, who survives.

After contracting polio at age 4 and spending 6 months in an iron lung, Karen struggled through her earlier years overcoming the residual effects of the disease, but never allowed that to keep her from achieving her goals.

Karen dedicated 40 years of her life to nursing. She graduated from St.

Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in 1966. In 1986 at the age of 40, she was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Clarion University graduating summa cum laude, and a Master's Degree in 1993 with a 4.0 GPA.

During her career, Karen worked as an O.R., E.R., AND O.B. Nurse, as well as an office nurse for Brooks Medical Arts for 12 years. Later, she transitioned into nursing home care as a director of nursing., nurse consultant, and finally, as administrator at Jefferson Manor Health Care in Brookville from 1995 to 2006. After retirement, Karen worked as a nursing home consultant on a part-time basis until 2013.

She was a past president of the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce, taught childbirth education classes, and Pre-cana and sex education classes.

Karen conducted Alzheimer's support and education classes and taught continuing education at Clarion University in: Alzheimer's and Ethics in Long

Term Care. She was also a member of the Garden Club of Clarion County. Karen "Susie" was a strong, smart, caring person, dedicated to helping others. She loved her family, friends, and especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her mother, Bernice; her husband, Jim; her son, Francis "Bud" and his wife Melanie Golier Wilshire; three grandchildren, Maya, Jonas, and Margot Wilshire; three sisters, Sheryll (Perry) Bruder, Mary Lou (Duane) Northrop, and Cassie (James) Vildusea; her brother, Eric Sloan; a brother-in-law, John Dean; and sister-in-law, Becka Sloan.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Harold; a sister, Debbie Dean; and a brother, Sam Sloan.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Additional viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 28, 2021 in the funeral home with services to follow at noon with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Interment will take place in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

Clarion, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Viewing

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen S. Wilshire



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - May 27, 2021 at 12:25 PM

CC

“ I have fond memories of Karen both as a neighbor and professionally. My deepest condolences and prayers.

Cara Cherico - May 28, 2021 at 08:19 AM

LS

“ Dear Wilshire family: I want to send my deepest condolences to you all. I knew Karen in Nursing School, and re-united again when she and I worked at the old 7th Avenue Clarion Hospital facility. We again united getting our BSN Degrees at CUPa and communicated while she was a Director of Nursing and afterwards. I always enjoyed talking with her.. Karen had a great smile, a good sense of humor, was intelligent and a very good nurse and colleague and had a deep love for her family!. we had a few interesting cases while working in the ER many years ago with less technology than we have now. RIP my friend until we meet again. Linda Steiner-Mander, RN, BSN, MHSA

Linda Steiner-Mander - May 27, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



May 27, 2021 at 12:02 PM



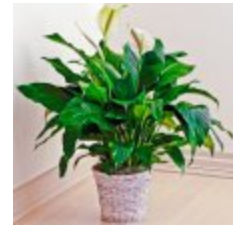
“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



May 27, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



May 27, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *Denny & Betty Eck purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



Denny & Betty Eck - May 27, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



May 27, 2021 at 06:43 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jim, Buddy, and all the Wilshire family at this sad time.
Sincerely, Ken and Dussie Mechling and all our famiy*

Ken & Dussie Mechling - May 27, 2021 at 12:23 AM



“ *Kelly Kennedy Harris purchased the Lavender Dreams for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



Kelly Kennedy Harris - May 26, 2021 at 11:02 PM



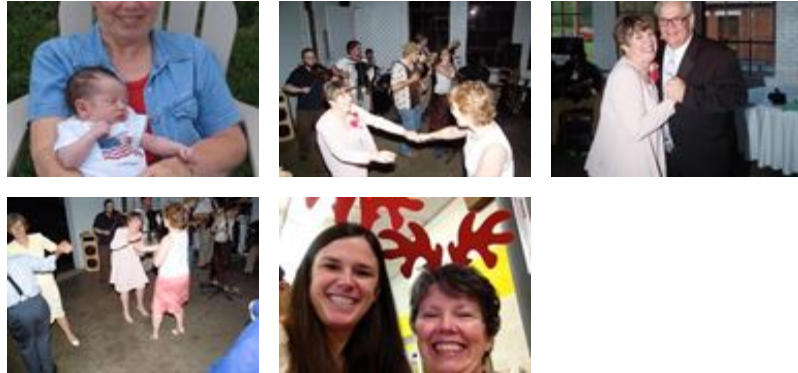
“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



May 26, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - May 26, 2021 at 04:11 PM

VB

“ *Jim , Bud , Melanie and family So sorry for your loss. Karen was a amazing lady - always smiling. She will be missed by many. Prayers being sent during this difficult time.*

Vicki Barlett - May 26, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Karen S. Wilshire.*



May 26, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - May 26, 2021 at 12:25 PM

VB

Karen was a wonderful lady. Always smiling She will be missed by many. RIP ❤️❤️

Vicki Barlett - May 26, 2021 at 03:27 PM

BF

Jim, Bud & Family We are so shocked and sorry to hear of the loss of Karen. There was no sweeter and kind person. Our prayers are with you. May God bless her soul and comfort the family.

Bud Bender and family - May 27, 2021 at 12:21 PM

SP

Karen was a "Real and Rare" gem in her career at the Jefferson Manor. She was proactive in educating care-givers/family; instrumental in reviewing medications for the elderly; a true advocate for our dear senior ones; and a lovely, caring, personable and approachable nurse and administrator. God's Peace and Eternal Rest, my colleague and friend. My condolences and prayers to all family.

Shirley Ruth Pierson - June 03, 2021 at 09:58 AM