



Karen Marie Bernier

March 27, 1945 - October 13, 2024

Karen Marie Bernier was born on March 27, 1945 to Lorraine and Charles Bernier in Cudahy, Wisconsin. After a courageous battle with cancer, Karen went to meet our heavenly father on October 13, 2024 at Saint James Hospital with her Sister Annette, niece Ashley and her good friends Ann and Larry Bachman by her side.

She worked at St. James Hospital in the lab as a histology technician for many years until she retired.

Karen loved volunteering at the Food Bank and Holy Spirit Church.

She has met numerous friends in her life which she kept close contact with most of them. She was a very caring person and was the first one to offer help for anyone and everyone in need. She was able to live at home these last couple years with the help of her neighbors Linda Rask and Ashley Moody. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lorraine Bernier, brothers Bud and Greg Bernier. She is survived by her sisters Noreen Umemtum, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Annette Barentine (husband, Ken) of Kearns, Utah, niece Ashley Behunin (husband Tyler) and nephew, Charles Barentine and (wife Jody Jerez).

Cremation has taken place. Friends may call at St. Patrick Catholic Church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock. In lieu of flowers, Karen would like all memorials sent to Albert's Angel fund at the Chelsea Bailey Animal Shelter. Butte, Montana. Express condolences at www.wayrynen-richards.com.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **22**. 10:00 PM.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Tuesday

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Many times I encounter a memory of dear Karen I worked w her at Westminster Community Hosp in So CA. We were the Lab early birds - she in her Histology dept and I in my Microbiology Dept We became fast friend.

I spoke a lot of growing up in God's Country - Montana- and my tales made her quest of where to look for work when Corporations ruined Healthcare in CA easy

I then visited her in Butte when I visited - the Last Best Place. She made more good friends there and I know MT treasured her

I dearly loved her newsy letters - and I still look for her wonderful letters! Love you Karen 💕💕

lori McKenzie - October 11, 2025 at 07:31 AM

DC

“ Our sympathy to you Noreen and Annette

We always looked forward to visits with Karen when she came to Wisconsin and her regular letters to keep us updated on what was happening in her life were so much appreciated.

Our best to you today, and always.

Cousin Joe & Dorothy

DOROTHY E CHARNEY - October 21, 2024 at 02:43 PM

LS

“ Oh Karen....the world won't be the same without you. You were such a kind, generous, and thoughtful person, taking in stray kitties (What are they going to do without you?), sharing your baking creations with everyone, working at the food bank, and running errands for others in need.

We met at St. James and after I left YEARS ago, we began corresponding. I've treasured our friendship and enjoyed your visit when I was living in Iowa. I'll miss sharing recipes and trading kitty stories, keeping in touch with our lives, and looking forward to your letters.

I remember your passion for earrings and trying new recipes, for baking. You continually took classes to learn new sewing and needlework/yarn crafts...then shared many of your creations with me. I've admired how you were living your life and will miss having you in mine. Thank you--and peace.

Linda Sue Sulzdorf - October 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LS

“ Linda Sue Sulzdorf lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Bernier



Linda Sue Sulzdorf - October 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LS

I can't believe you're gone....

Linda Sue Sulzdorf - October 18, 2024 at 01:05 PM

HM

Karen, I will miss you and your love of life, your happy laugh and your giving heart. We shared our love of cats. I will never look at your enchanting house again without picturing you in it. Thank you for your friendship. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Helen de Montpeyroux - October 20 at Noon.

Helen de Montpeyroux - October 20, 2024 at 01:58 PM

GG

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Karen by being her travel agent for many years. It was always a hoot getting her trips to Green Bay set up--making sure that she had her aisle seat as far up front as possible! Many trips were adjusted until we found the perfect combination for her. She brought me a bookmark from her trip down-under, and I use it all the time. I will miss her smile and her laugh. God Bless.*

Geri Grose - October 17, 2024 at 07:02 PM

AB

“ *You were a gift to me Karen, always aware of every event in my life and a participant in those of my children. Others saw Christ thru you, your charity to others was a reflection of Him. What an example to me, what a great Sister. Love you... Families are Forever...❤️ Annette*

Annie Barentine - October 16, 2024 at 05:13 PM