



Karen K. Diefenbach

September 17, 1942 - November 26, 2020

Karen K. Diefenbach, 78, of Herscher passed away November 26, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center. She was born September 17, 1942 in Kankakee to Everett and Florence (Smith) Diefenbach.

Karen attended St. Mary's School of Nursing. She was employed at Riverside Medical Center as an R.N. for 35 years. Karen was a lifetime member of Grand Prairie United Methodist Church. She loved her parents farm, nature, animals and going to county Fairs, especially the Sandwich Fair. The Fall season was her favorite when she enjoyed going for rides in the country, raising pumpkins and collecting things. Karen enjoyed her pets, especially her cats Susie and Tom and her dog Shep.

She is survived by her caregivers; Anya Bauer and Eduardo Bernabe, special friends, Richard and Joyce Cochran, many cousins and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents.

The graveside service will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Grand Prairie Cemetery, Bonfield, IL. Rev. Keith Blankenship will officiate. Memorials may be made to Grand Prairie United Methodist Church or the Kankakee Humane Society.

Please sign her online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Prairie Cemetery

Route 17 W.
Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karen K. Diefenbach*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Sharon Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Karen K. Diefenbach*



Sharon Hoffman - December 06, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *Early in 1970, from the first time I walked onto the first floor nursing unit at Riverside Hospital, Karen was in charge. Karen always projected an air of competence, respect and compassion that consistently generated admiration from those she served: patients, families, hospital staff and physicians. Patients were in safe hands. Even though I haven't seen Karen since the early 1980s, we have stayed in touch via cards, letters and many phone conversations. We became great friends. We spoke almost weekly, and discussed a wide range of topics from old age foibles to world events, and of course, the price of beans. Always thoughtful, Karen spoke and wrote beautifully with knowledge, concise words and splendid penmanship, exemplary of the way she dedicated her life.*
Richard G. Stoval, M.D.

RICHARD STOVAL - December 01, 2020 at 04:39 PM