



Karen Marie Goodman

July 26, 1945 - January 22, 2019

Karen Marie Goodman, 73, of Kankakee passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. She was born on July 26, 1945 in Kankakee, the daughter of (Carl) Gilbert and Theresa Langlois Johnson.

Karen was a graduate from Olivet Nazarene University and taught Elementary School for many years. She most recently served as the Office Manager at Open Bible Center in Kankakee. Karen loved the Lord with all of her heart and shared Christ with everyone she met. Apart from the Lord, Karen's greatest joy was her children, grandchildren and family.

She is survived by her children Barton (Sheri) Turner of Westfield, IN, Heather (Bobby) Landers of Sebastian, FL, Heidi (Andy) Hansen of Kankakee, Travis (Sheri) Ferris of O'Fallon, MO, Hannah (Jared) Wiggins of Vincent, AL and Tim (Ashley) Goodman of Bradley; twenty-one grandchildren Conner, Noah, Gabe, Elijah, Kayleigh, Hadyn, Brandon, Madison, Peyton, Jordan, Tyler, Drew, Ben, Stuart, Cooper, Nelson, Maddox, Olivia, Carter, Hadley and Kara; her siblings Linda Johnson of Bradley and Bob (Mae) Johnson of Manteno; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Ella Louise Rantz. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 4-8pm at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10am, with additional visitation one-hour prior, at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Wilton Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Open Bible Center or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Please sign her guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Wilton Center Cemetery

Manhattan, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JAN **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Marie Goodman*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Karen was such an encouragement to Noah (and to me as well) when he started at Trinity. She always had edifying words for others; what a sweet spirit. Emilie and Noah Hinton*

Emilie - January 27, 2019 at 05:01 AM



“ *Karen was a beautiful woman strong in the Lord. She touched so many peoples lives by loving them for who they were and taught them who they were in Christ and how much God loved them. She was like a second Mother to me so kind and generous. She will never be forgotten. I love you Karen and know you are with the Lord in Heaven dancing and in peace.*



April - January 26, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Karen was a very special woman and Mother to her children. She loved the Lord with all of her heart. She served God well and now she in His arms. She will be greatly missed by all. Hang onto all the wonderful memories you had with her. You will see her again in heaven loving the Lord and smiling and happy and no more pain or sorrow.*

Kathy Pombert

Kathy Pombert - January 26, 2019 at 11:17 AM

CW

“ Sending out deepest sympathy to Karen’s family. She was a sweet, wonderful lady. Karen and her children were very special to my deceased father Melvin Lindgren. Dad has been gone to heaven for one year. And we know that’s where Karen has gone .
Cheryl Wheeler Mel’s daughter

cheryl wheeler - January 26, 2019 at 08:53 AM

BQ

“ Our deepest sympathy is with your family at this difficult time of loss of your beloved mother and grandmother. Prayers.....Bill and Laurel Quinn



Bill and Laurel Quinn - January 25, 2019 at 09:31 PM

DH

“ Karen Goodman has been one of the most giving, loving persons to come into our lives in these past 13 years that we've been at Open Bible. She always stopped by our Sewing Shop to visit and share; so helpful. She made us feel like family as she would come by to "check on us" she'd say. She would always listen when you talked to her and never made you feel as though you were taking up her time. She had time to love. She had time to care. A real leader and example in demonstration of the love of God towards all His people. We appreciated her life and her courage. She lived for the Lord and died for the Lord and in the Lord. She closed her life out "in faith believing". You couldn't live a better way then that. Love from Jerry and Denita Ruder

Denita Hayes-Ruder - January 25, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Goodman.



January 25, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ *Your family has our sympathy at this difficult time.*

Carol and Joe Fritz - January 25, 2019 at 07:06 AM



“ *Karen was a women full of wisdom and grace. She was LOVED.*

Sharon Spangler - January 24, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *Karen was always so nice to me. I respected her tremendously and will miss her presence at school events. Heaven has gained a treasure. JenniferHayes*

Jennifer Hayes - January 23, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *To the entire family, we send you our love and prayers. What a godly delight Karen was when she visited us in Vero Beach and what a gentle, loving, beautiful spirit her daughter Heather, our sister-in-the-lord and School Administrator has because of her. She leaves a legacy that lifts up the name of Jesus.*

20th Ave COG & Christian Learning Center - January 23, 2019 at 04:22 PM

PC

“ *Andy and Heidi,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your
family. May His comfort and peace be with you!*
Paul and Vivian Canfield

Paul Canfield - January 23, 2019 at 02:43 PM

DR

“ Dear Family,

Words fail at a time like this! Beautiful lady!!! She was a real legend of the Lord's love and Grace, We met about 16 years ago, and hit it off right away! Karen quickly became one of my besties, and my big sister ! When we moved for a few years we kept touch through phone calls! She knew the current events in news and what was really happening underneath it all! She was someone you'd always want to be more like!

She was one of the BEST, humble, most loving, inspiring, wonder-filled friends you could ever know who always gave Glory to God.. We did many things together; church, went to concerts, revivals and even a weekend trip to name a few. Gracious times!

I will never forget the last time I saw her she was profoundly sharp and beautiful and telling me how proud she was of each of you; her children and grandchildren and each of your services to the Lord.

Gar and I both deeply loved her, our loss, heavens gain and while she will be deeply missed over on this side, we know she is surely having the time of her life!

Big sister we love you so and until we meet again, won't you sing
♪♪ one for us !

XO

Our Sympathy with all our best,

We love you all too!

Gary and Debi

Ratcliff

D ratcliff - January 22, 2019 at 11:45 PM

FG

“ Karen was beautiful inside and out!! Oh how she loved her Jesus!
Now she is face to face worshipping so happy to be home... she was
a Godly example to everyone who knew her...
My deepest condolences to her family...

Francine Gray - January 22, 2019 at 10:50 PM

KD

“ I wrote this poem several years ago for a woman of God. And I've
been blessed to share it with many families that have lost a loved
believer. I was fortunate enough to know Karen, and was blessed
by her presence in numerous settings over the years. You will be
missed. But we'll see you later in the mansion.

KAREN

*She's sitting right up next to our father and she's grinning from ear
to ear.*

The family that she left behind still mourns with many tears.

But she looks down upon the earth with heaven in her eyes.

Fear not my grieving loved ones for I'm in paradise.

Ken Dvoret

Ken Dvoret - January 22, 2019 at 10:23 PM

AT

The last time I spoke to Karen was at Kankakee Natural Foods. I was impressed with the knowledge she had shared with me. Not many people are as informed as she was. We had a nice long conversation, while giving God glory for all He has done. This was an enjoyable time for me to meet up with someone who I could talk to about so many things. She was one of a kind. There is no more suffering for her in the presence of our Lord. She will be missed.

Andrea Taylor

Andrea Taylor - January 23, 2019 at 10:05 PM

LO

Karen treated people like family she was very spiritual and always had the compassion and love of Christ. I just know Jesus is saying welcome home my child as he takes her in His loving arms. Prayers to the family and friends of Karen as we know we will see her again in heaven as believers. My greatest memory of Karen is the bible I donated to the church she had the most beautiful smile on her face that was heavenly and she shared her joy with family and friends coming into the church that morning. A mark of a true Christian displayed. Love & Peace Leila Owen

Leila Owen - January 23, 2019 at 10:31 PM

PJ

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Karen. We grew up together in DeSelm. I have fond memories of our childhood and her family. I only saw her at class reunions and sadly she missed our last one last year. She was always the sweetest person and God has gained an angel, Rest In Peace Karen.* 🙏😭💔

Pam Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 09:32 PM

EO

“ *So sorry to hear this news about your mother Tim. I first met Karen at Ashley's pinning ceremony 6 years ago. My prayers are with you and Ashley as well as all of the family members.*



Ellen O'Connor - January 22, 2019 at 08:45 PM

LA

So sorry to hear about Karen, I went to school with her in Manteno and have stayed in touch off and on for many years. There is not a more kind and generous person . She loved God and her church family very much . Her family was everything to her . She will be missed but she is in a good place and pain free now looking down on all of us smiling. A dear dear person.

Leah(Leach)askew

leah askew - January 25, 2019 at 01:16 PM

PK

“ Oh my, what words can I say about Karen? My sincerest condolences to all of you. What I remember most about Karen was that the love of Christ shone brightly through her. She took me in and made me feel welcomed from the first day I met her. Earth has lost a wonderful, caring lady but heaven has gained her. I am blessed to have known Karen!!

Penny Kaucher - January 22, 2019 at 08:42 PM

BG

“ This was such a surprise to see it on FB. How we loved Karen Goodman. She sent an offering to Metro Ministries of Mobile, AL just this last Christmas. I wanted to send it back to her because I know she had medical bills, but Karen was a faithful prayer warrior and spent hours in prayer. Bill and I loved her dearly. So sorry Hannah, Tim, Heather, Heidi, Travis and Bart! Thank God we'll get to see her again one day!



Bill and Cheryl Gray - January 22, 2019 at 08:32 PM

TC

“ So sorry for your loss. Peace with her now. Cherish and remember the good times.

The Leininger Veterinary Clinic - January 22, 2019 at 08:16 PM

KB

“ We were so shocked to hear this sad news. Karen was such an amazing lady and her love for the Lord was evident in everything she did and in every word she spoke. She was such an encouragement to us back in the 1980's, as we were a young couple pursuing marriage at the time. Even though we have not seen her in many years, her love, giving heart, friendship and precious spirit have not nor will ever be forgotten. Our sincere condolences to her children and family.
Karen and Tony Bobalik

Karen Bobalik - January 22, 2019 at 07:55 PM

SH

“ When I got the news about your mother, I was with some of my kids. I got to tell them wonderful stories about her and why she's one of the best humans I've ever known. What an immense gift she was to those who knew her.

In our family we talk a lot about death and heaven and "graduating" and what's next after this flesh-suit gets shed. One of my children asked, "Who do you think she's going to get to see first?" My kids have lists of people who they want to see again (family & friends) and people they've read about (historical). I'm not sure who's on her list besides Jesus, but I'm glad she's having a glorious time!

--Sonda Hansen & family

Sonda Hansen - January 22, 2019 at 07:54 PM

WO

“ *My Deepest Sympathy .I was so blessed to have Karen in my life. She will be greatly missed.*



Wanda Ohrt - January 22, 2019 at 07:49 PM

MD

“ *Heidi, Hannah, and Tim. Your mother was a wonderful saint. The Dean family will always remember her love of the Lord and others. Our condolences on your loss. Michael Dean and family*

Mike dean - January 22, 2019 at 07:33 PM

LM

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of the passing of Karen. She was such a precious lady. She loved her kids & grandkids very much. And her children's friends, which I've had the pleasure of being her daughters friend for the past 34 years. I'll never forget the last time I saw Karen even as she was battling her own disease her & Heidi would stop by whatever Facility I was in and visit with me & pray with me. The last words Karen said to me was a prayer & Love You. I will never forget her gentle nature. ❤️*



Lori Medalis - January 22, 2019 at 06:56 PM

JM

“ Heidi and all the family, We are saddened to hear of your loss and our prayers are with you at this time! It has been almost 30 years since we first met Karen, but we still remember what a special lady she was! May you find peace in your special memories. In God’s love, Joe and Doris McCollum

Joe and Doris McCollum - January 22, 2019 at 06:49 PM



What a special surprise to see a message from you both here! Thank you so much! It's so kind of you to remember mom. Miss you guys!

Heidi Ferris Hansen - January 24, 2019 at 02:47 PM

BW

“ Heather, Heidi and family,
I’m so sorry to hear about your mom’s passing. I’m praying for all of you as you navigate the days and months ahead. May God grant you peace and comfort and may you feel His presence in very tangible ways.
Hugs and much love,
Beth White

Beth White - January 22, 2019 at 06:41 PM

PW

Karen will be missed by all of us at Kankakee Natural Foods . She was always positive and a great representative of her faith. It was a priveledge to know her and we are better women because we knew her. She will be greatly missed. ❤️❤️❤️

Pamela Wingert - January 23, 2019 at 07:41 PM



Thank you Pam! She loved you all and loved your last visit with her at our home!

Heidi Ferris Hansen - January 24, 2019 at 02:49 PM



Thank you Beth! So kind of you. We really appreciate the love and prayers.

Heidi Ferris Hansen - January 24, 2019 at 02:50 PM

SG

*“ I will never forget how Karen unannounced came to my sons hospital room and prayed with my entire family. She was truly one of Gods gift to everyone that knew her.
Rest in eternal peace, paradise and the kingdom of God Karen.
Never forgotten.*

Sandra Green - January 22, 2019 at 06:17 PM



Thank you so much! <3

Heidi Ferris Hansen - January 24, 2019 at 02:55 PM

BM

*“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Karen. I have so many fond memories of us growing up in DeSelm. She was always so sweet. Knowing that she is no longer in pain and standing with our Lord will surely bring you peace.
With love,
Bonnie Sorensen Monroe*

bonnie sorensen monroe - January 22, 2019 at 05:50 PM

TM

“ Karen was always such an amazing prayer warrior and advocate for positivity- she supported me when I was going through a hardship and her kind words will never be forgotten. She was a shining light to many!

Tracy McKenney - January 22, 2019 at 05:49 PM



Brenda
Allen

Karen was a beautiful person and I am so glad that God allowed our paths to meet. I had great admiration for the true love she had for God. It showed in the way she lived and spoke. I will always remember her kindness.

Brenda Allen - January 23, 2019 at 02:55 PM



PC

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Heidi,

What to say? Sara Spruce told us at church today that Karen had gone to be with the Lord on Monday, January 22. She said the funeral was yesterday. Since we do not get a paper and did not go to church on Wednesday evening, we did not hear the news till today.

Heidi, I, Patty, met you while you were in your mother's womb at the "Messiah" at College Church in December 1970. Karen and I became prayer partners about a year after you were born. We prayed together once a week for several years, while you and Heather played with our youngest son, Christopher, (who is Heather's age). Do you remember? I, Patty, have always felt that Karen was the best girlfriend I ever had. She was a friend to both Paul and me.

We do rejoice with her, as she resides in heaven now. We know that the Word that says, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matt. 5:4) is for you and all the family now.

In Jesus' Name, Paul and Patty Cook

Paul and Patty Cook - January 27, 2019 at 03:22 PM