



Karen Shunk

May 31, 1954 - March 17, 2017

Karen Kay Shunk of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away on Friday, March 18, 2017 at her home. Karen was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan May 31, 1954 to Spencer and Verna (Ellis) Shunk. She attended Sault Area High School where she was one of six students in her class to qualify for early graduation. After graduation, she attended Patricia Stevens Career College where she earned her diploma in Fashion Merchandising and later attended Waukesha Technical College where she received her Associates degree in Accounting. Upon earning her degree, Karen worked for Pabst, and later moved back to her hometown where she worked at the Chippewa County Court House and finally settled down with the Sault Area Schools, enjoying a 26 year career there where she was able to work daily with her daughter Amber in the Special Education department. Outside of work, Karen was a leader of the Thundering Hooves 4-H group, treasurer of the Chippewa County 4-H council and a member of Fundamental Baptist Church. Karen focused her life around her family where she was her grandchildren's biggest fan while they participated in swimming, dance, softball, basketball and their 4-H activities. Karen loved living on her farm where she raised cattle, horses, and chickens and enjoyed her gardens, especially sharing the food that she had grown with the people she loved most. Her home was always warm and welcoming to everyone. Karen is survived by her two daughters: Amber (Calvin) Smith of Dafter, MI, and Megan Romano of Ada, MI; Grandchildren: Audrey Smith, Augusta Smith, Adeline Smith and Rosalee Romano. Karen is

also survived by her siblings: Pennie Shunk-Dusseault of Munising, MI, Spencer (Sue) Shunk of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Brenda (Wayne) McGuire of Dafter, MI, Karl (Carol) Shunk of Marquette, MI, Stan (Sue) Shunk of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and Grace (Sidney) Burton of Sault Ste. Marie, MI along with her best friend Carol Miller of Houghton Lake, Michigan. Karen was preceded in death by her parents and one granddaughter: Cecelia Romano. A funeral will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 24, 2017 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home that day from 1:00 PM until the time of the services. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery later this spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Michigan 4-H Foundation Make a Match for Chippewa County.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *A very sweet women,very lucky to have met her..*

Donielle Taylor - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Karen was a very special person. I have known her for many years. I work with her at sault area schools. I was a paraprofessional sub for over 10 years. She was always so kind and helpful. Rev 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them*

Roxanna Tompkins Strickland Livermore - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.*

Marsha Carter - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers go out to all the Shunk family. My deepest sympathy for the entire family.*

Roberta Lackey - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Our deepest condolences for her family. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Joanne Umbrasas - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Our deepest sympathies to Karen's family. The world has lost a unique soul: caring, kind, and always ready with a listening ear. Karen's smile and laughter along with her friendly, welcoming personality is what I will remember the most.

Leo and Kathleen Joutsie - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and the entire Shunk family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

John & Darlene Warren - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Amber, Calvin and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Hugs to you and the girls.

Michelle Zellar - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Beautiful obituary; beautiful woman. I love you, Amber and Megan.

Sara - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Finding it hard to find the right words to express how sad we feel for the Shunk family losing Karen . May you find some kind of peace knowing we all care . Hugs to you.

Sally and Harold Mitchell - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.

Lori - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM