



Karen Lynn Wood

January 26, 1961 - May 28, 2025

Karen Lynn (Schultz) Wood, 64, was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee January 26, 1961, to John and Eula Schultz. She passed away at La Bella Nursing Home in Clifton, IL on May 28, 2025. She grew up in Kankakee, attended Kankakee schools, and finished at Herscher High School. Karen had various jobs in the area, including housekeeping supervisor at hotels and nursing homes. She also worked at Del Monte in Kankakee.

Karen loved crafting, shopping, and cats. She always had one or two cats in her care. She enjoyed music, outdoors, gardening, cooking and baking, and the Chicago Cubs. Karen had a stroke back in 2011, leaving her right side paralyzed and unable to speak. Since then, she was still able to live independently and taught herself how to write with her left hand to communicate. She is preceded in death by her parents, paternal and maternal grandparents, several aunts and uncles and one sister-in-law. Karen is survived by one daughter, Nicole Cowley of North Carolina, grandsons, Kaden and Cameron, three brothers, John (Debi) Schultz of Kankakee, Roger (Lois) Schultz of Brazil, IN, and Steven (Suzanne) Schultz of Lanesville, IN, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and her longtime friend and caregiver Julie Evans.

Cremation rites by Evergreen Cremations have been accorded. Memorials may be made for her grandsons' education. Checks can be mailed to John Schultz c/o Karen Wood 696 S. May Ave. Kankakee, IL 60901.

Tribute Wall

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“ Karen, my mom (Julie) loved you so much, she is truly heartbroken and so are we. This is so devastating that you have passed on... I'm just glad you're not suffering anymore though... you can walk and talk now because you are now with our creator. We love you and will miss you much.

patricia - May 31, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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“ Karen you've been gone two days. I still can't believe this, if there was a way to make you come back I would do it . Until we meet again . Love roger.

Rogerschultz, brother. - May 30, 2025 at 10:54 AM