



Karen R. Kanka

September 4, 1938 - July 26, 2012

Karen R. Kanka (nee Gentile), of Clinton Township, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2012 at the age of 73. Karen was born on September 4, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Tom Kanka. Loving mother of Carol Vermillion and Teresa Kanka. Preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Margaret Gentile, sister Rosemary, and brother Mike. Karen will be missed by her loving family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Prayer Service

JUL 31. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate at Church

AUG 1. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church
95 Market Street
Mount Clemens, MI

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Gentile lit a candle in memory of Karen R. Kanka*



Kevin Gentile - August 04, 2012 at 04:50 PM



Aunt Karen, You will be missed. Teresa, you are in my thoughts. Lots of love

Kevin Gentile

Kevin Gentile - August 04, 2012 at 04:53 PM



“ *Teresea, I am so blessed to have met and help care for your mother. She is/was a very strong woman in her faith. She is for sure watching over you. You to are in my prayers.*
Mary Jo S

Mary Jo Shamaly - July 31, 2012 at 07:54 PM

JE

“ I've known Karen and her family since I was a little girl. They were our first neighbors in Detroit way back when. We all stayed in touch over the years and it was always nice to see her and her husband Tom before his passing a few years ago at my parents house. She had a great laugh and smile and she and her husband Tom were best friends always so funny and made us laugh. She was one of our oldest and dearest friends whom we loved and she will be greatly missed by me and my family. My heart and deepest sympathy goes out to her family during this very sad time.

Jill Ebersole - July 31, 2012 at 02:16 PM

JE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jill Ebersole - July 31, 2012 at 01:54 PM

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“ Dear family members sorry for the loss of Karen. Please keep this scripture in mind "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation."—2 CORINTHIANS 1:3, 4.

Nikki - July 28, 2012 at 07:40 AM

TK

I love you always Mom, I know you and Dad are watching over us. I will treasure all of the time I spent with you. Know that I have special angels here on earth that will watch over me and take over where you left off. Missing you XOXOXO Teresa

Teresa A. Kanka - July 29, 2012 at 01:49 PM



When I was a little girl, a friend of the family had passed. After the call, my Mother was crying and I asked my Father if I should stop playing. He said "No Carol, life goes on".

It's difficult to hold onto that idea when we lose a Loved one, such as when a parent passes, as a part of us is lost as well.

With this loss, I ask God to grant me Wisdom and Grace, and help me to grow and become strong once again.

Thank you so much to all the family and friends that have been there for Teresa and myself in this time of loss and sadness.

Carol Vermillion - July 30, 2012 at 01:19 PM