



Karen Lynn Washburn

August 30, 1961 - February 25, 2026

Karen Lynn Washburn, of Warren, Michigan and formerly of Bluffton, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 25th, 2026. She was born August 30th, 1961, in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Jackie and Elizabeth (nee Miars) Washburn.

Karen was a true free spirit who followed her own path and embraced life with curiosity and courage. She loved to travel, cherished her adventures and formed meaningful friendships wherever her journeys took her.

Karen found joy in creating and expressing herself through many talents. Whether she was crocheting, knitting, painting, baking, or cooking, she poured love into everything she made. She especially loved sharing her creations with family and friends. One of her favorite hobbies, soap making, grew into a business, reflecting both her creativity and entrepreneurial spirit.

She was known for her warm smile and easy laughter, Karen was always ready for a good time and brought light to those around her. She was deeply loved and will be truly and forever missed.

Dearest sister of Jackie (Paulette) Washburn. Loving Auntie of Amanda Washburn, Claire Washburn (fiance Tyler Spano). Dear niece of Patty (Vince) Jaeger. She is also survived by many loving cousins and friends.

Karen was predeceased by her parents Jackie and Elizabeth.

Family, friends, and those whose lives were touched by Karen's kindness are invited to a Memorial Visitation on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am until an 11:30 am Memorial Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be addressed to The American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ - Your Razor Law Firm Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen Lynn Washburn.



- Your Razor Law Firm Family - March 12 at 06:09 PM

CG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Washburn family. I became friends with Karen when we were in fourth grade at Gibbing Elementary. Which means we have been friends for over 50 years. As kids we went to sixth grade camp together, had sleepovers, and hung out with girl friends in our neighborhood. We had a lot of fun growing up together. Karen moved out of state before we graduated high school but returned to Michigan in the early 2000's. Being the social butterfly that she was, Karen quickly gathered us childhood girlfriends together for more fun times... dinner parties, horseback riding, river tubing, bike riding and even rollerskating at the Rink. At Christmas time she would host gingerbread house decorating parties which were a lot of fun. Karen was very young at heart, very kind, and loved to socialize with friends and family. She was a very good friend and I am blessed to have had her in my life. I will miss her very much. May she rest in peace.

Carolyn Galazka - March 08 at 09:07 AM

JC

“ I never got a chance to meet Karen but from what Jack had told me about her; I believe that she touched a lot of lives in a lot of good ways. So, I offer my sincere condolences to both her family and her friends knowing that she will be missed. Someday I hope to understand why some of us have to stay, and some of us have to go. But until that day it is my belief that our Lord has a Plan, and as long as we are a part of His Plan, everything will be all right.

Jim Cole - March 06 at 04:40 PM

SC

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Karen helped my sister (Renate Jaeger) & I with caring for our Mom. Karen always brought a smile to my elderly mother's face and brought joy and many adventures into her life! I'm sure she will be sadly missed. My deepest condolences to the entire family. 💕🙏 Sylvia Coletti

Sylvia Coletti - March 03 at 08:03 PM

MB

“ To the Washburn family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Karen was one of my very first long term friends. Over the decades, we shared numerous adventures that we carry with us. Karen certainly was one of a kind. Her creativity colored the world around her in only the way Karen could. She saw beauty where others did not. Karen's laughter came easily lifting the spirits of those around her. She had an easy-going personality and welcomed others without judgement. Karen will be deeply missed but her kindness, creativity and originality will continue to live on in all of us. Good bye dear friend.

Mary

Mary Brombach - March 03 at 06:37 PM

GM

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Karen, she was such a free spirit and marched to the beat of her own drum as we all know 🙏 I spent many wonderful days bike riding , cooking meals and sharing laughs .. she was with me when I met my first husband on a high school bus trip .. I remember the beautiful lilac dinner she prepared for her dear friends in her condo .. we were amazed how wonderful it was as we had never experienced that !! Thinking back in high School the time she pulled up in her new Volkswagen.Beatle .. we had a blast

.. I had moved so many times over the years , Karen always located me , even stopping by to see my parents many times when I was gone!! Way too many wonderful memories to mention .. I am blessed I had the chance to spend the last few months visiting Karen ..she will be truly missed but never forgotten 🙏❤️ . I am so happy to say she was my friend .. Love Gina

gina marasco - March 03 at 08:37 AM

AT

I feel such a sadness and can feel her gone from us ~yet I know she was elated to return home and to be embraced and held in the Light. I met Karen through a very spirited group of friends. We shared a lot in common, and I admired how she would travel in her cute car with her dog Oreos and always be up for a new Adventure and Exploration. She also visited us in Sedona!

She was very sensitive, very kind and very giving.. I didn't get to spend a lot of time with Karen because of geography but the time that I did, really counted. She had a Beautiful Passion for life and for Angels.. She touched my heart. She crocheted me a white scarf and hat that I will always cherish. She did have a very free spirit, and I was blessed to be able to have a few exchanges with her in the last six months to show her I cared. She brought light to all of us ✨🙏 and her laughter, passion and Twinkle will always be remembered 🙏❤️ HAPPY TRAVELS DEAR KAREN...

Ashleigh Torres - March 04 at 10:18 PM

CP

Condolences to the Wasburn family for the loss of dear Karen. She always helped the neighborhood make gingerbread houses at Christmas taking over the tradition of her mother. When in Texas Karen took the the wives of the Ford team to a craft show where she was displaying her shirts she made. We had a great time with her. She will be missed. Bill & Carole Paul

Carole Paul - March 12 at 01:11 PM