



Karen Lee Arnold

November 8, 1946 - September 23, 2024

As a baptized, redeemed child of God, Karen was baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection.

Karen Lee Taylor Arnold, a cherished wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on September 23, 2024 in Mundelein, Illinois at the age of 77.

Karen was born on November 8, 1946 in Queens, New York. She is survived by her beloved husband, Richard Arnold; two daughters Christianna Arnold-Travers and Kimberly Maiore; four grandchildren Kimberlee Nunn-Faron, Connor Travers, Dylan Maiore, and Evalyn Maiore; one great grandchild Nicolas Nunn-Faron; and brothers Alfred Taylor and William Taylor.

Karen was a water safety instructor (WSI) and a lifeguard. She managed a summer pool complex in Arkansas for several summers. Karen was an excellent early childhood teacher. She loved and cared for each of her students. Her classrooms were structured, disciplined and fair. She had expectations of her students, and she would help her students meet them. Karen was an editor of early childhood materials for Concordia Publishing House (CPH). She presented at several early childhood conferences and was a strong advocate for hands-on learning materials.

Her interests and skill in science and art were evident in her teaching approach and content she developed. These talents carried over into Vacation Bible School (VBS), Sunday School materials and activities, and seasonal church banners.

Karen was also a great cook and baker. She especially enjoyed using her baking and cooking talents to make family events special and memorable occasions. Family was important to her. She never hesitated to provide meals for families in their time of need. This was truly part of her ministry.

Karen Lee will be dearly missed by all who loved and cared for her.

A Fellowship for family and friends will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room at Faith Lutheran Church, 680 West Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, followed by the Celebration of Life Service beginning at 1:00 pm. Interment will be private.

For information – Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karen's name to Lutheran Church Charities-Comfort Dogs, 3020 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062, (866) 455-6466.

Previous Events

Fellowship Gathering

OCT 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
680 W. Deerpath Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045
<http://faithlakeforest.org>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will forever cherish the memories I have of Aunt Karen! She always had something fun to do or something good to eat! I remember thinking how I wished she was my teacher! She was full of fun things to do and you could feel her enthusiasm!

whitney degg - October 18, 2024 at 05:54 AM

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“ She was a wonderful aunt, not only when I was a child, but as an adult as well. When I was pregnant with our youngest, her and Uncle Rich had stopped over to visit. She asked if she could pray a blessing over our unborn child. It was so beautiful.

Aimee - October 17, 2024 at 10:20 PM

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“ Karen was my aunt and godmother. She always made me feel loved whenever we visited. I remember all the wonderful meals she would make for us no matter what hour of the day we were arriving or leaving, even getting up very early in the morning to make breakfast before we left. She was a very special person that is missed dearly. The world is a better place because of her



Sarah Flora - October 16, 2024 at 11:25 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Karen, you are missed.



Jean Ann Travers - October 13, 2024 at 03:42 PM