



Karen Sue Vander Molen

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Karen Sue (Pippel) (Taylor) Vander Molen, age 60, of Spring Lake passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at Blodgett Hospital. She was born September 7, 1952, in Grand Haven to Melvin and Marjorie (Thomas) Vander Wall.

She was a member of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and enjoyed traveling, line dancing, camping, kayaking, and going to casinos.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Paul Vander Molen; 2 daughters, Rebecca (David) Thomas of Port St. Lucie, FL and Kristen (Derrick) Johnson of Milton, W. Virginia; 2 sons, Eric (Heather) Pippel of Fremont, and Charles Taylor of White Cloud; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters, Cheryl Ward and Robyn Baxter; and 2 brothers, Charles Vander Wall and Melvin Vander Wall, Jr.

A Celebration of Life for Karen will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church with Rev. Daniel Anderson officiating; with a luncheon immediately following. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Spring Lake Cemetery, to be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be given to the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church Youth Mission Trip. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.



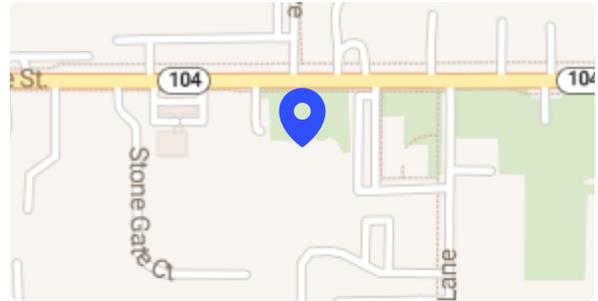
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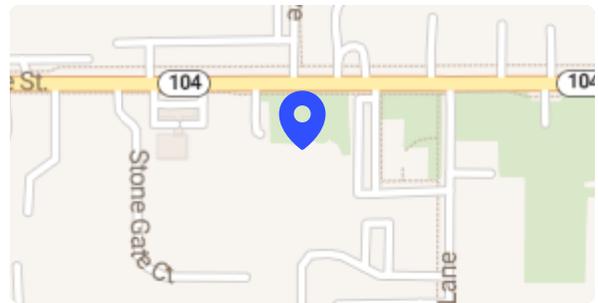
Visitation

- Sunday**, April 21, 2013
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Spring Lake Presbyterian Church**
760 E.Savidge Street, Spring Lake MI



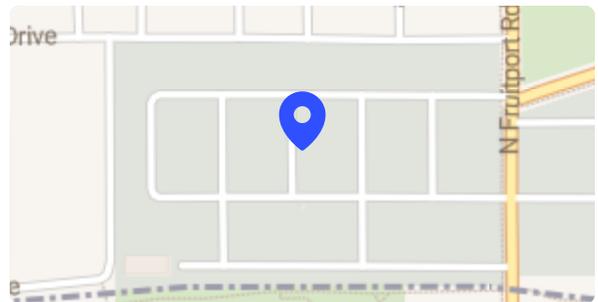
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Cemetery Details

- Spring Lake Twp. Cemetery**
17181 N. Fruitport Rd, Spring Lake MI 49456





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LC

Linda Campbell sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Vander Molen family.



April 29 at 2:00 PM

NN

National Relief Network lit a candle in honor of Karen.



April 20 at 5:39 PM

NN

National Relief Network April 20 at 5:43 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.Scott, Mary, Kim. Don & Carol

TP

Taylor Pippel lit a candle in honor of Karen.



April 20 at 4:48 PM

WE

Wendy posted:

I remember when I had my first daughter (and second too if I remember right) She was at our house with a welcome home supper! What a wonderful woman she was!Wendy

April 20 at 2:50 PM

JS

Joe And Sherry Fox posted:

We met Karen years ago when our children were small, she went to the same church as us. She was easy to relate to and we became instant friends. She was honest, truthful, and always lent a listening ear. Through her years of health issues she remained happy and cheerful, never complaining, and now is in a better place free of pain. Her relationship with the Lord we are sure sustained her through these hard years. Our prayers are with the family and know how blessed you were to have a Mom and wife like Karen. We are unable to be with you Sun. as other obligations we need to be at but know our thoughts are with you. We will miss Karen and if a person is in your hearts and minds they are never truly gone, and that is where Karen is with us.Joe and Sherry Fox

April 20 at 9:54 AM



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MB

Marguerite Butgess posted:

Well I met Karen 23 years ago. We clicked instantly. We had kids around the same age. We became close friends and our two family's were soon close and spent alot of time together. From Her and I going with each other to our prospective Dr. appointments to attending the same church, going on vacations together, Family Camp in Gaylord, to spending Holidays together. We understood each other with an unspoken thought at times. She was my Dearest and Closest Friend. She was Crazy, loved life, she was so fun, and that laugh of hers was so contagious! She was sick alot during the years, but she never complained! God gave her incredible strength! My love, Memories, thoughts and Prayers go out to Paul, her Children; Eric, Becky, Kristen and Charlie and the rest of Her Family. Keep Her Memory alive! I will miss and Grieve for You Dear Friend, but I am assured to be with You again in Heaven! I Love You Karen.....Maggie Burgess

April 19 at 9:02 PM



Cameo McGowen posted:

Thinking and praying for the family. Karen was a very nice lady that I had the pleasure of knowing for sometime!..God Bless You..Cameo McGowen and family

April 19 at 4:20 PM

MA

Mary Ayer posted:

Dear family- I remember Karen as one of the bravest and kindest people I know. Although she was an older cousin, I remember her great joy in being a Mom...my Mom, (Karen's Aunt Catherine) had many pictures of Eric, Becky, Kristen and Charlie (through the years) and so many of my memories involve her as your Mom. I also remember her great love for the rest of her family...her parents, her sisters and her big brother...and how hard it was for her to say goodbye to each of them. When I saw her last (at Aunt Charlotte's memorial when she actually brought the ashes of her parents) she was so happy to be spending time with Paul. I was so thankful she was so happy in these past few months of her life. Although I also remember the MANY physical trials Karen went through, I NEVER remember her complaining...her upbeat, positive attitude and her faith in God shone through each conversation. She truly is an inspiration to all of us, and I know would want us to live as she did...faithfully carrying on until we all finish our race on this Earth. May we all reunite with Karen in the Resurrection on that day! Please know our love and prayers are with you all. With great love, Mary (Beckley) Ayer

April 19 at 3:53 PM



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DF

Dick & Jane Fires sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Vander Molen family.



April 19 at 11:08 AM

NK

Nancy Kimball posted:

We've known Karen and family since the children were young. We want her family to know we are thinking of them, in their lose.

April 18 at 11:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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