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**K**aren Lynn Shippell (Miesel) of Muskegon, MI passed away unexpectedly in her home on May 24, 2024. She was born in Highland Park, MI to George and Donna Miesel on June 6, 1959. She was a proud daddy's girl and loved telling stories of her childhood. Karen enjoyed going to the farmers market, working in her garden, sewing, and watching sports. She also enjoyed cooking for her family and always had enough to feed an army. Her favorite and most important thing to do was to spend time with her grandson and great-granddaughter. Karen was an avid collector of dolphins, which is fitting because like a dolphin, she cared deeply for those she loved and hated being alone. She will be remembered for her kind, generous heart, her ability to believe in and unselfishly take care of everyone and for her fiery spirit and fierce love for her family. Karen is survived by her father, George Miesel; brother, Kevin Miesel (Karen); sons, Nathan Long (Melissa), Troy Long (Carolann); grandchildren, Mara Long and Ajani Long; and great-granddaughter, Nirvana Long-Ross. Karen is preceded in death by her mother, Donna Miesel; husband, Perry Shippell; son, Aaron Long; grandchild, Baby Long; great-grandchild, Baby Girl Long, and her beloved dogs. Karen will be missed tremendously by all who knew her. Her light continues to shine on through her sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchild.



## Tribute Wall

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VK

**Valeree Kadrovach** posted:

I met Karen in the fall of 1977 when I moved into the apartment building she was already living at, in Warren, MI. We hit it off right away and she became my best friend at that time in my life. We had a lot of fun times together doing simple things like laundry, grocery shopping, and talking and laughing over our morning coffee. And we laughed a LOT together. Eventually we even worked at the same place. And in later years, she was pregnant with her first born when I was pregnant with my 3rd. Some of my favorite memories involved grocery shopping together in the little TR7 that I drove. We managed somehow to fit 20 bags of groceries in the trunk of that little two-seater sports car. And the most fun was pulling up next to guys at the stop lights trying to impress us with their Trans Ams and Mustangs etc. I would rev the engine, they would laugh and then nod, and when the light turned green we would take off. As long as I could beat them to second gear we left them in the dust so to speak. Karen would be in the passenger seat laughing and yelling "go go go" and then stick her arm out the window waving at them behind us. A couple of times she even crawled halfway out the window so that she could look at them while waving. Throughout the years, we would both crack up about those times. Life took us in different directions, and as often happens we drifted apart, but I have always held the memories of our years together close to my heart, and smile when I think of them. Miss you my friend -- Valeree

May 31 at 8:28 AM

MB

**Melinda Braddock** lit a candle in honor of Karen.

My heart is breaking for all of you. Karen will surely be missed by all. She had such a loving, kind heart. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed my invites to family holidays and getting to know her and Arron and all of the family with our talks. I love you all and pray you'll find peace with all of this. Mom...



May 31 at 8:21 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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