



Karen Lee (Gilbert) Brady

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Karen Lee (Gilbert) Brady, age 77, passed away Saturday, February 8, 2025 at U of M Health West in Wyoming, MI. She was born in Muskegon, MI on May 25, 1947 to Alfred and Leona (Borgman) Gilbert and lived most of her life in the Muskegon area prior to moving to Thompsonville for several years and Grand Rapids for the past 2 ½ years. Survivors include her husband, Tom Brady; 2 children, Andrea (Adam) Rosema, Matthew (Bridget) Brady; 1 stepson, Patrick (Kristine) Brady; and 7 grandchildren, Gabe, Nate, and Noah Rosema, Samantha, Allison, and Elle and Maddie Brady. She also cherished “adopted” son, exchange student Rasmus Dalsgaard. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Karen married Thomas D. “Tom” Brady on June 15, 1973. She worked as a bookkeeper for Jackson-Merkey Contractors for nearly 10 years once her kids were in school. She was a longtime member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Karen had been active with the Service League and the Muskegon County Catholic Education Foundation where she was very involved with the Rainbow Auction Committee. She was a highly skilled cook and loved spending time with her family and friends near the lake on wave-runners or in the boat. She and Tom hosted many get-togethers where they prepared amazing food, enjoyed a few cocktails, and played cards late into the night. She possessed a strong will, a feisty personality, and beautiful handwriting. Karen was a voracious reader her entire life acquiring more books than her kids know what to do with. Her iron-will was put to the test when she was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer in late 1993. A rare type of cancer much like the woman it struck, Karen far exceeded her prognosis of “6 months to live” because she was determined to see her children graduate from high school. She loved her grandkids more than words can express.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 AM Monday, February 24, 2025 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 1110 Dykstra Road, North Muskegon, MI 49445,



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with Rev. Fr. Godfrey Onyekwere presiding. Interment will take place at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held 4-6 PM Sunday at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the Mass on Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Great Lakes Amputee Network Group at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. Sign the online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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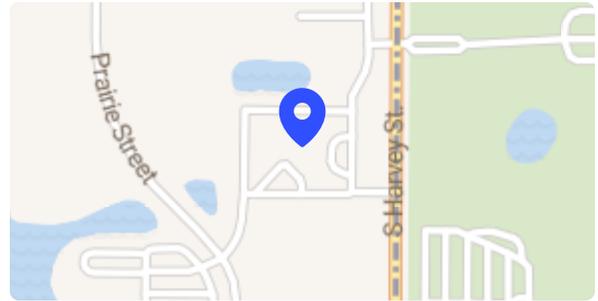
Visitation

Sunday, February 23, 2025

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



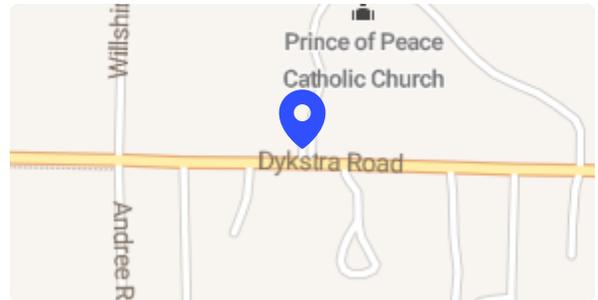
Visitation

Monday, February 24, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

1110 Dykstra Rd, North Muskegon MI 49445-2014



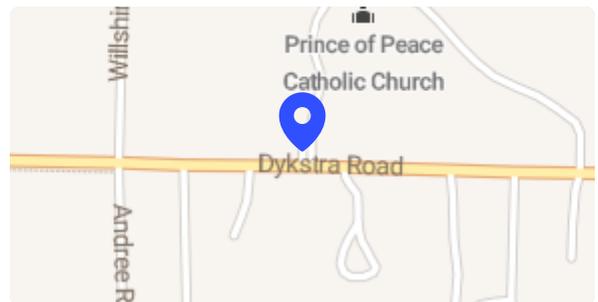
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Cemetery Details

Sunrise Memorial Gardens

2188 Remembrance Dr., Muskegon MI 49442





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Bryce Culver posted:

This week we say goodbye to someone special. Karen was strong-willed, said it like it was, and called you out on your BS. Thinking of Karen reminds me of togetherness. She reminds me of when my Grandma, Lorraine Culver, was alive. I remember how much fun I used to have with Matt and Andrea, from when we were just kids in the backyard to the Thanksgivings spent together at the Crystal Mountain condo. We played cards every night and laughed, late into the night. I loved when Karen would make her spaghetti, sparing no butter on the angel hair pasta. I miss those times, and will miss Karen.

February 23 at 11:22 AM



Jordan, Stacy, Kate, & Charlie sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Brady family.



February 22 at 3:03 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Karen.



February 19 at 12:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Brady family.



February 19 at 12:08 PM



Rasmus And All Of Your Danish Friends sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Brady family.



February 18 at 3:00 PM



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Dean Nash posted:

My sympathy to the Brady family. We grew up as next door neighbors to them in Spring Lake. We always called them Uncle Duane and Aunt Molly.

February 14 at 3:20 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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