



Linda A. Karlen

July 2, 1948 - October 20, 2022

Linda A. Karlen, 74, of Alton went to her heavenly home at 4:35 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2022. Born July 2, 1948 in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of George and Audrey (Easthope) Higgenbotham. Linda worked as an operator for Owens Illinois Glass in Alton, an inspector for the Olin Corporation and then as a waitress for Josephine's Tea Room. Following her retirement, she helped take care of her grandchildren whom she loved dearly. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alton where she served as pre-school director for many years. She loved children and she loved Jesus. She loved reading the Bible and had a heart for witnessing and soul winning. Linda was a very encouraging and giving person. She was a good cook and loved feeding birds and taking care of her flowers. On October 5, 1996 she married Nathan Karlen in Alton. He survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Audrey Dunn Franco of Godfrey, a son, Jim Dearduff (Susan) of Wood River, two step-sons, Marc Plumb of Wood River and Brock Plumb of Troy, MO, three grandchildren, Adam Zorescu of Godfrey, Catherine Franco of Alton, and Justin Dearduff of St. Charles, MO. She is also survived by two brothers, Harry Higgenbotham of Lincoln, IL and Michael Higgenbotham of Springfield, IL, a sister, Carol Havard of Taylorville, IL, a brother-in-law, Ken Fears of Foristell, MO, numerous nieces and nephews, friends and her church family. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John and George Higgenbotham and a sister, Sharon Fears. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of celebration of life at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 28, 2022 at

Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

Bethalto, IL 62010

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
1422 Washington Ave.
Alton, IL

Celebration of Life Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Alton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda A. Karlen*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda A. Karlen.*



October 27, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Friends and Co-workers P66 purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Linda A. Karlen.*



Friends and Co-workers P66 - October 26, 2022 at 06:20 PM

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“ Love Philip, Gisela, David and Family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda A. Karlen.



Love Philip, Gisela, David and Family. - October 26, 2022 at 09:20 AM

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“ I've known Linda from my teen years, being good friends with Audrey. Linda has made a big impact on my life. I will always remember going to her house and she had the Bible open on the table. She studied the Word and lived it. I had high respect for her. She had a great sense of humor and was very hospitable, offering me a drink, a snack and a little nugget of wisdom. A few years ago. I went through a very hard time, losing my husband and almost my son. Linda sent a message of encouragement every single day, which helped to carry me through. I'll never forget her and I'm so thankful that she was a part of my life. I will truly miss her. I have no doubt that she is rejoicing in heaven right now with the angels!

Kelli Newell-Strohmeier - October 25, 2022 at 09:21 PM

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“ Love, Rebekah, Paul, Mary and Julia purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda A. Karlen.



Love, Rebekah, Paul, Mary and Julia - October 25, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Linda A. Karlen.*



October 22, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *She was one of the several sweet people I tended to at Walgreens..she had such a nice smile and was always very cordial to me..such a small person with the eyes of someone who lived and loved life for memories..Peace will be with her now 💕*

Alicia Hammann - October 22, 2022 at 12:50 PM



My sincere condolences to Nathan and all the family. Always be thankful for the years you had together and trust in the Lord to continue to guide your ways. My prayers are with you.

Jim Wiemers

Jim Wiemers - October 28, 2022 at 10:56 AM