



Karen Melissa Lempe

May 2, 1952 - August 19, 2022

Karen Melissa Lempe of Cadillac passed away Friday, August 19, 2022 at Samaritas Senior Living in Cadillac. She was 70.

Karen was born May 2, 1952 in Cadillac to Wayne W. and Roberta (Adams) Ferris and they preceded her in death.

She graduated from Cadillac High School and later Central Michigan University. Karen worked for the State of Michigan as a bookkeeper and later retired from Adult Protective Services.

Karen cared deeply for the welfare of others, as well as animals. She was kind and compassionate in her career and daily life. Karen was great at making connections and had many friends from her childhood to co workers that became dear friends. She loved animals, especially her cat, Purrl and enjoyed feeding the chipmunks and birds. Karen will be remembered for her wit, fun personality and kindness.

On January 1, 1983 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cadillac she married Barry G. Lempe and he survives her along with their children, Lauren Lempe of Oakridge, New Jersey and Campbell Lempe of Austin, Texas; brothers, Kim (Deborah) Ferris of Naples, Florida, Ken (Jan) Ferris of Maineville, Ohio and nieces: Amber Guarente, Sarah Ferris and Amy Ferris.

Cremation has taken place and family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at a later date. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Barry and family, I was heartsick to hear the news of Karen's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Karen so fondly and there are so many memories of fun times over so many years. I will miss her. I hope to see you very soon. All my best wishes, Brian Benson*

Brian Benson - September 26, 2022 at 12:57 PM

LG

“ *Karen was such a special person with a special personality that just lit up any get together with her sense of humor. So many memories and so many good times...our hearts are broken and I pray for Karen's family to help them with this loss. I will always see the smile on Karen's face and hope that will stay etched in my heart. ❤️❤️❤️*

Lynn Mosberg Gingras - August 29, 2022 at 04:11 PM

JL

“ *Many very special, memorable and humorous times shared with Karen over the years. She was always kind, considerate and a pleasure to talk to. Treasuring the memories, especially back in the early 70's with Cindy Holly. Rest in the peace you always provided others with.*



Jerry Leavell - August 23, 2022 at 09:24 PM

DT

“ Karen was one of the first friends I met when I came to Cadillac in 1972 and began working at McGuires. She was so much fun to work with and "play" with in those early years. I will always be grateful to her for all those great times we had! Karen Ferris Lempe was ONE of a KIND...A Beautiful Person inside and out.

Diana Thomas - August 23, 2022 at 03:20 PM

CP

“ Karen was one of the kindest people that I have ever known. I am so sad to hear of her passing. My deepest condolences to Barry, Cam and Lauren. I hope that your many years of wonderful memories sustain you through this difficult time.

Christine Potter - August 21, 2022 at 04:57 PM

 Kathy Kennedy

“ Karen was always such a joy to be around. From high school to summer jobs during college to meeting up with her in adulthood. I always felt like we had been in continuous contact. She was that kind of friend. Her kindness and humor will be remembered and missed. Prayers to you dear friend. Keep a seat open for me so we can catch up.
Blessings and prayers to her family.

Kathy Kennedy - August 21, 2022 at 01:34 PM

MW

“ Karen was such a special gal. Alot of good memories and lots of laughter. Always had a big smile. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Myrna wood - August 21, 2022 at 10:38 AM

BF

“ Always had a smile for everyone. Your kindness for others is what I will always remember . ❤️. Barbie Marsh Felsk

barbie felsk - August 20, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ Wonderful classmate from 1970

Michael E. Klingbeil - August 20, 2022 at 08:47 PM

JD

“ I've known Karen since grade school. She was always so kind and funny. My sincere condolences to her family. She was a wonderful person

Jan Dahlquist - August 20, 2022 at 08:04 PM

SP

“ My condolences to Karen's family. I've known her since she was a little girl.. she was always kind and funny and I'll never forget her little snicker she always did! And those big dimples! She was definitely special!

Sue Strange Parker - August 20, 2022 at 07:49 PM

CL

I've known Karen since grade school however I haven't seen her in years. I remember her as always having a smile. I graduated with her brother in 1969. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Cynda Luclaire - August 21, 2022 at 12:16 PM

MJ

Karen was always one of my favorite people. She was always happy, kind & funny! She will always be remembered! God's peace be with Barry, Lauren and Cam. She will be greatly missed

Margie Johnson - August 22, 2022 at 09:07 AM