



Karen Jean Tykwinski

November 1, 1956 - March 2, 2012

Karen Jean Tykwinski of Cadillac quietly passed away at her home on March 2, 2012. She was 55. She was born November 1, 1956 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac to Leonard and MaryAnn (Pierzina) Tykwinski.

Karen attended St. Ann Catholic School and graduated from Cadillac High School. After high school Karen attended Davenport College- Grand Rapids and then later received her Associate's Degree in accounting from Northwestern Michigan College. She had been employed at Mitchell Corporation and had most recently been employed at the Wexford Community Credit Union for over 15 years as a Security and Compliance Officer. Earlier in life Karen was an avid softball pitcher and enjoyed planning bingo. More recently, Karen enjoyed Star Wars collecting, WWII games, exercising, Bunco, trips to the casino and was a lifelong reader. Karen will be lovingly remembered by her friends and family for her willingness to help, her direct and to the point thoughtfulness as well as her smile.

Missing Karen are her Mother, MaryAnn \"Sunny\" Tykwinski of Cadillac; brothers: Gery, Michael and Mark Tykwinski all of Cadillac; sisters: Sandra McMillin, Sheri (Stan) Benander, Laurie (John) McKay all of Cadillac, Judy Tykwinski of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law, Nancy Tykwinski of Cadillac. Karen dearly loved her nephews: Timothy and Dewayne Tykwinski, Don (Sheila) McMillin, Curtis Benander, Matthew (Erin) Benander, Nathan Tykwinski, David

(Gianna) McKay and Chad (Laure) McKay. "Oh, my darling niece" as Karen called each of her nieces: Annette (Timothy) Jones, Jennifer (Curt) Brackenrich, Abbe Tykwinski, Erica Tykwinski and Patience and Ember Tykwinski. The softest spot in Karen's heart was for her great nephews and nieces: Nicole, Joshua, Megan, Mallory, Jessica, Steven, Monty, Andrew, Daniel, Samantha and Sarah. Karen will also be missed by many friends and co-workers; particularly, Theresa and the Coon Family, Bunco buddies and extended family in law and out laws. Karen is greatly loved and will be missed by numerous aunts, uncles and nearly 70 cousins and their families. Karen was preceded in death by her father, Leonard and her brothers Denis and Duane Tykwinski.

The Mass of Christian burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Msgr. Francis Murphy as celebrant. Friends may meet the family Tuesday at the Peterson Funeral Home from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Burial will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Sister, best friend, confidant; missing Karen so much. Be at peace with God.*

Judy Tykwinski - March 10, 2012 at 11:58 AM

PB

“ *Aunt Sunny and everyone,*

Thank you for taking such good care of us while we were in Cadillac. We love you all and will continue to pray for God to give you strength and healing. He will walk with you all each step of the way. We love you all. Rest in Peace Karen! We will all miss you!

Penny Beckey - March 09, 2012 at 12:50 PM

SP

“ *Dear Michiganders,*
We are sending prayers and healing thoughts your way. Sure wish we could be there to hug you each. Karen was such a great person and we will all miss her greatly. Hold onto each other - tight! Love Always!!

Susy & Pat - March 06, 2012 at 03:37 PM

BP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the whole Tykwinski clan. Rest in Peace, Karen. Love from the Jerry Pierzina Family.*

Brian/Marlene Pierzina - March 06, 2012 at 03:25 PM

ER

“ *Love you Karen. Always and forever.*

Erin - March 06, 2012 at 08:42 AM

DB

“ Dear Cousin, We will greatly miss your smile, the way you would light up a room and all the wonderful things you did for others. Pierzina Fest will not be same without you. May you rest in the arms of Jesus. You are loved.

David/Diane Borash - March 05, 2012 at 07:58 PM

LC

“ I worked with Karen for a few years at Wexford, she was good at what she did, and showed me nothing but kindness. She will be truly missed by many.

Liz Coffel - March 04, 2012 at 08:49 PM

CP

“ Aunt Sunny and cousins, We are so sorry to hear about Karen's sudden death. She was a special person and had a ready smile for everyone she met. We were play buddies growing up and I will miss her. Keeping all of you close in thought and prayer.

Cathy Pierzina - March 04, 2012 at 07:11 PM

RO

“ Dear Aunt Sunny and cousins,

On behalf of the monks of Saint John's Abbey, I send prayers and best wishes to all of you at the passing of our dear Karen. I hope you will feel God's loving presence through the support and sympathy of your many friends and family. God bless and keep you. Peace!

Robin Pierzina, O.S.B. - March 03, 2012 at 09:38 PM

DZ

“ So so sorry for your loss. Karen was a good whole hearted person. I enjoyed knowing her and had the chance to work with her at the credit union.

dawn zuback-miller - March 03, 2012 at 04:24 PM

KB

“ Karen will be missed at our monthly Bunco games. So sorry for your loss. God Bless

Kathy Ball - March 03, 2012 at 02:45 PM

MD

“ I played softball with Karen for many years, I have so many great memories of her. I am so sorry for your loss. I expect she and moonie will be get a team together as we speak. God Bless

Mary DeForest - March 03, 2012 at 12:56 PM

BM

“ I so loved working with you all these years. Todd and I are devastated by the loss of our friend. Karen will always be remembered.

Bo McCurdy - March 03, 2012 at 12:11 PM

SS

“ very special friend and incidentally a sister too!

sheri and stan - March 03, 2012 at 11:51 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry for your loss of Karen. I have cut her hair and other family's hair in the past. In God's Love, Mindy Sue Long.

Mindy Sue Long - March 03, 2012 at 08:51 AM

BK

“ So sorry for your loss. Karen was such a big help to me when I would visit the WCCU. She was a wonderful person. I will keep you in my prayers during this difficult time.
God Bless

Bridgett Kearney - March 03, 2012 at 06:43 AM