



Karen C. Zemens

March 5, 1958 - September 28, 2021

Karen C. Zemens, age 63, of Lenox Township, passed away on September 28, 2021, with her family by her side.

She graduated from Macomb Community College and Walsh Business College. She was an Michigan State University Master Gardener and also raised and bred Golden Retriever Dogs. She lived the farm life for 31 years and enjoyed traveling, farm work and her beloved golden retrievers.

Karen is survived by her husband of 39 years, Ron Zemens, step-children; Rachel Backus, Russ (Nicole) Zemens, 4 grandchildren, along with her siblings; Glen (Vickie) Star, Sue (Craig) Davis, Mark (Merci) Star and Brenda (Mike) Colonna.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Delphine Star.

A private celebration of life will take place.

Cremation arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Macomb County Animal Control.

View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

FH

“ Karen was the best host mum we could have hoped for. She was very caring, incredibly sweet and loving. When she laughed she lit up a room. Very sad to hear that she passed away. She and Ron will always have a special place in my heart. Miss you two. Love from Franzi

Franziska. Hering - July 05, 2025 at 12:54 PM

GC

“ My Aunt Karen absolutely radiated positivity and light. Her smile lit up the room. She was so supportive and encouraging in every milestone of my life and even in the dull moments in between. From coming to my birthday parties when I was little, going to my dance recitals, supporting me when I opened up my flower business and bringing over extra vases and supply and even articles for me... to just checking in and asking how life was going. She will surely be missed but never forgotten. Thank you, Aunt Karen, for being such a positive light in my life. I will carry that with me forever, passing on your warmth, love, and kindness to others just as you showed to us all.



Gabriella Colonna - October 06, 2021 at 12:12 AM

RZ

“ It is hard to believe it has been one week ago that Karen has passed. Miss you dear.
Ron

Ron Zemens - October 05, 2021 at 06:53 PM

GS

“ Words cannot express how abundantly Karen’s love & kindness touched the lives of others around her. She knew how to spend her time well; balanced with hard work & fun. Her heart & ears were always open for the concerns of others needs. Her positive thinking was inspiring. Karen, you are missed, but not forgotten.
Love you,
Glen

Glen Star - October 03, 2021 at 10:27 PM

GL

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Glen - October 03, 2021 at 10:03 PM

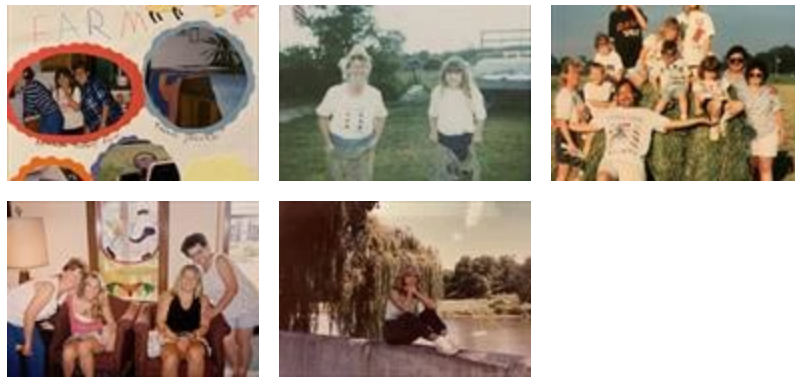
AN

“ Karen was truly a star in every way. She was such a caring, giving special person. I actually worked for her at Stellar engineering for over 20 years. What a great boss and a good friend. So sad to hear about her passing. The world has lost an angel to heaven. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Alison Nowinski

Alison Nowinski - October 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM

KS

“ She was an amazing Aunt and person and it is so clear by all the posts that she was loved by so many! I will also cherish the times I had with her and spending time with her at her farm. She was always so much fun to be around and loved adventure. As a kid I always loved when my parents would drop us kids off to stay with her. She will be missed so much! Seems not fair for someone as amazing as her that brought so much joy and love to anyone she met would be gone so soon. I am posting some of the pictures I have with her. One picture I was given of when she was younger that looks beautiful that I thought I would post too.



Kristy Star - October 02, 2021 at 08:47 AM

DS

“ I knew Karen while growing up in Warren. I loved hanging out with the whole Star family. I was very sad to hear of her passing. Sending love and prayers to her family. Dorothy (LoPiccolo) Sochowicz xoxo.

Dorothy Sochowicz - September 30, 2021 at 09:04 PM

SD

“ Karen was a wonderful sister and my best friend, helpful and kind. She was always there when needed helping out and did not hesitate. We were always together in school and she excelled in sports too. She loved to get out travel or go any place to learn or be active. If you went on a trip with her she had every waking minute planned so she seen everything there was to see or do. Sleep that was not in her makeup, go,go and go. She loved to garden on farm and she loved the many dogs they breed. Karen will be missed by everyone she meet.



sue davis - September 30, 2021 at 08:31 PM

RR

“ This is so sad to hear. I met Ron and Karen years ago because of the goldens. My Nicky (Nicholas Noel) was a stud dog for a couple litters. Karen was amazing and loved all the dogs and her customers. Heaven gained quite an Angel 🙏❤️❤️🙏

Robin Riddle - September 30, 2021 at 06:55 PM

JC

“ I was blessed to have met Karen the summer of 2014 working with her and Ron at their Landscape Company. It was a true honor and pleasure to have had the amazing opportunity. Karen was truly one of the nicest and sweetest person I have met. She will truly be missed and her memory will forever live on.

Joey Carlisi - September 30, 2021 at 06:22 PM

TI

“ Karen was wonderful with those sweet puppies and we are so saddened to hear of her passing. Thoughts and prayers to the family of such a caring and devoted woman.

tiffany - September 30, 2021 at 06:13 PM

MP

“ We met Ron and Karen 9 years ago looking for a golden breeder, two of the greatest people in the golden dog world. Ron and Karen where the best. Karen will be sorely missed by all the people that bought a golden from Walnut Grove Goldens and the yearly get togethers!

Mlck and Pam - September 30, 2021 at 01:21 PM

MF

I was blessed I meet Karen 3 years ago. We had the pleasure and honor in meet Karen in March 2021. Ron and Karen were the most compassionate Breeder.. I absolutely adored Karen. I was lucky enough to be one of the chosen people to get a golden puppy!! Ron, please let me know if you need any help with anything! Haven gained a beautiful angle!! Rest In Peace Karen!

Manel Faycurry - September 30, 2021 at 06:53 PM

RS

“ So sorry to hear of Karen’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. We thank Karen for bringing our beloved Golden Roxie into the world 5 years ago. Also for her kindness in sending Roxie birthday and Christmas cards each year. May you find comfort in the days ahead. Bud and Rose Spaulding.

rose spaulding - September 30, 2021 at 12:33 PM

GI

Very sad news...
Our most sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to Ron and her family.
She will always hold a special place in our hearts. She was a very special lady❤️
She just recently checked in on us not too long ago to see how we were doing after we had a tragic loss in our family.
She was so thoughtful❤️

ginnie - October 02, 2021 at 09:32 PM

AU

“ I got 3 goldens from her and Ron. Always looked forward to the Christmas cards she sent every year. So sorry to hear this. Such a wonderful person and she will be missed.

Amy Unger - September 30, 2021 at 11:48 AM

KW

“ Remembering walking out in the pasture with the horses as a young child. Always having animals to play with and learn about. Walking your beautifully gardened property, and smelling the flowers. You’ll be so missed.

Krysta Wung - September 30, 2021 at 07:12 AM

AU

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Amy Unger - September 30, 2021 at 11:44 AM

PL

We are older and could not do a puppy. We have had three Goldens the first in 1992 and we were smitten. A couple of years ago I contacted Karen and asked if she ever had any older Goldens. I still had Jack who was almost 12. Karen kept my name and we were blessed with Raylee last February....the sweetest, petite most beautiful little girl. Shortly after we got Raylee, Jack passed. Karen and I stuck up a friendship (as she did with everyone the more I read). She even stopped at our home with a bake goods to visit Raylee. We stopped in to see her a few weeks ago with Raylee and she was so excited to see her. I am heartbroken like the rest of you. Prayers for Ron and family for strength to get through this terrible loss.

pam lasky - September 30, 2021 at 03:12 PM