



Karen R. Cassel

November 4, 1955 - January 19, 2021

Karen R. Cassel, 65, passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL. She was born November 4, 1955 in Chicago, IL and grew up in Morton Grove, IL attending Maine East High School. She went on to raise her family in the Wauconda, IL area, until moving to Gurnee, IL, where she resided for the past 15 years. Karen was a former Systems Analyst for Baxter International, Inc. for over 20 years. She traveled around the world with her favorite destination being Hawaii, where she enjoyed swimming with the dolphins and basking in the sun. In her recent years, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, going to the movies, watching Disney films, attending events at her senior center, playing poker, doing word search puzzles, and spending time outside. Her true passions were listening to music, some of her favorites being Jimmy Buffett, Rod Stewart, Eric Clapton and being with her beloved grandchildren. She had a laugh that was truly memorable and will be missed.

She is survived by her four children, Starlee (Luis) Balbuena, Belle Cassel, Steven Cassel and Kevin (Rachael) Cassel; seven grandchildren, Natalie, Kaitlyn, Wally, Owen, Gracelynn, Emmalyn, and Rowan; sibling, Linda (John) White; nephews, Erick (Amber) White and Gregory (Heather) White.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Shirley Kaste.

A private visitation was held at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL. For those that wish to pay their respects virtually, a link on the funeral home website will be available. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.b

urnettdane.com.

If you should wish to pay your respects, please understand that by clicking the link below you will be viewing Karen's remains:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/12679950>

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Live Funeral Footage in memory of Karen R. Cassel*



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“ *My dearest Karen, you were the sweetest , caring and loving lady in my classes. You always gave it you best to keep moving. I loved seeing you come to class, you brought a bright light into my heart. I cherish the photo you gave to me a few years ago. God Blessed me having you in my life, peace my child and peace to you family. Your smile will always live in my heart.*

Theresa Scottberg

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“ Karen was a lifelong friend we knew each other since our twenties. Karen was always there for me and I will miss her for the rest of my life.

My sincere condolences to Starlee, Belle, Steve and Kevin, plus her beautiful grandchildren whom she loved so much.



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