



## Karen H. Nevils

August 22, 1949 - August 19, 2017

Karen Haynes Nevils -- a woman of joy, humor and love, generous baker of cookies and nurturer of all creatures great and small, beloved wife and treasured mother, passed away on Saturday, August 19 at her home. Were she here to write this, she would be sure to note that while the garden was a work in progress and the bird feeders needed to be filled, her life was an embodiment of the love she felt for her friends and family -- and she would make a joke that her heart was so full of happiness, grace and gratitude that it simply gave out.

In short, she died exactly as she lived, and we will never forget the light that she brought to our lives.

In celebration of her tremendous, tenacious spirit, we will be memorializing Karen at the home that she so lovingly made, by filling it with the people she so cherished. Please join us on SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, at 5150 Barons Court in Gurnee, IL, 60031:

3-5pm: Mom was a unique and creative woman who did things her own way, and to that end, her visitation will be in her garden gazebo for those who wish to say goodbye. (Ever an environmentalist, we have honored her wish to be cremated.)

5pm: We will hold a memorial service in Mom's garden.

5:30pm onward: Please help us fill our home with Mom's generosity of spirit, and enjoy her cookies, pies and favorite recipes, and of course, Yellow Tail Shiraz (or as she called it, SHAZAAM!).

Feel free to bring a bottle of wine, dessert or an appetizer that Mom would have enjoyed -- but no pressure: if there is one thing we Midwesterners do well, it is to feed those we love -- but please do think of our mom at her most alive, whimsical and happy, and be prepared to make many a toast in her memory!

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in the name of Karen Haynes Nevils to the International Crane Foundation ([savingcranes.org](http://savingcranes.org)) or the Sierra Club ([sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org)).

In love,  
Randy, Mark and Brooke Nevils

The nearest hotel to our home is the Hampton Inn at 5550 Grand Ave,  
Gurnee, IL 60031, (847) 662-1100

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss of such a beautiful soul. May God bless you and your in our hearts and prayers xoxox ! Terry & David Logeman

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**Terry & David Logeman** - April 27, 2018 at 04:09 AM

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“ I had the honor of serving as a Stephen Minister with Karen at UMCL several years ago. Karen was so genuine -warm and caring, and also willing to laugh and put people at ease. I will treasure the big hug she gave me earlier this summer as I had not seen her in a long while. Peace and comfort to you all.

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**Laurie Kaya** - April 27, 2018 at 04:09 AM