



Karen Ann Dudash

July 9, 1955 - December 5, 2017

Karen Ann Dudash, age 62, of Willoughby, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2017, surrounded by her family and friends. She was born on July 9, 1955 to the late Ralph and Anna Mae Dolan.

Karen was the beloved wife of Gary Dudash for 41 years, the loving mother of Lori Dudash and Susie (Bryan) Dudash Marolf, the loving sister of Sandy (Rick, deceased) Dolan, and the aunt to many. She is also survived by her dog Molly.

Karen proudly worked at the West End YMCA as a water aerobics and swim instructor for many years. She was a lifetime volunteer for many organizations throughout her life and was heavily involved in the St. Justin Martyr Parish as a teacher, secretary and principal of the PSR program. Karen never found a beach she didn't like. You could often times find her laying on a raft in the swimming pool or working on her suntan to compete with her children. She also enjoyed the many cruises she experienced with Gary and the family. Karen had an outgoing, and generous personality that allowed her to make many friends throughout her life. She was a nanny for many children of the community that became her extended family over time. The many friends she made, from her participation with the ball teams Gary coached and played, and her time with the YMCA and LaMalfa Party Center, were still special to her to this day. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 AM on Monday, December 11, 2017 at St.

Justin Martyr Parish 35711 Stevens Blvd., Eastlake. Burial to occur at All Souls Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 2 - 6 PM on Sunday, December, 10, 2017 at Monreal Funeral Home 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made in Karen's honor, to one of the following charities: The West End YMCA Annual Giving Fund, The St. Justin Martyr Parish Endowment, or the Lake County Humane Society.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Justin Martyr Parish
35781 Stevens Blvd
Eastlake, OH 44095

Tribute Wall

ME

“ We always made sure Miss Karen was our girls’ swim instructor at the YMCA. Since they were six months old, we spent three years with her and each of our girls every week. She knew them by name, and we truly felt they were special to her. She had a gift with the little ones and the parents, and we felt safe when she pushed our girls under the water for that first time! I am so very sorry for your loss. Know that she had such an impact on everyone she met.

Meredith - December 10, 2017 at 08:01 PM

DP

“ To the family, you have my deepest sympathy, it's never easy to lose someone who has shared life with you, but sharing the memories with others will be like a giant hug to give comfort to each other, and remember that we have a God that gives comfort in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in their trials. Peace be with you.

Denise Powell - December 10, 2017 at 02:52 PM

KS

“ My family and I loved Miss Karen! She had both of my children in swim classes since they were 6 months old. They are now 4 and 9. I am so sorry to hear of her passing and so sorry for your loss. She is a great lady who was always there to listen and teach and be a great role model and an overall great person. She will be greatly missed.

Kathy Stockmaster - December 10, 2017 at 07:43 AM

RY

“ *My sincerest condolences and love to the Dudash family. She may never know how much she was loved by people like me. She was a difference maker and I, no my family remains grateful for her. May she rest in peace.*

Rhonda from YMCA - December 09, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Dudash.*



December 09, 2017 at 01:03 PM

LC

“ *Gary, Laurie, and Susie,
I'm so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. She was truly a great lady. I will never forget how she took Lindsay in as one of her own. My heart breaks for you all. Heaven has truly gained another Angel. May the memories of her comfort you now and always. Praying for you all.*

*All my love,
Lee Crano
Akron, OH*

Lee Crano - December 08, 2017 at 10:20 AM

DP

“ Gary and family,
I can only imagine your grief. I am very sorry. A life well- lived!
Thank you for sharing Karen with my children. We already miss her
and her beautiful smile. She lives on in our hearts and minds never
to be forgotten. Her work here is done now and God has called her
home. May she Rest In Peace. Love to all, Debbie Petrick

Debbie Petrick - December 07, 2017 at 12:09 PM

EM

“ Dear Gary, Lori, Susie and Bryan,
We are so sorry for your great loss but are very grateful that Karen
was a part of our lives. We are all better people because she cared
for us. She will not be forgotten and neither will you.
Love and prayers,
Mac, Emer, Clare, Jimmy, Molly and Bryan

Emer - December 07, 2017 at 10:28 AM

MJ

Gary and Family,

I met Karen when we were all involved in the Early childhood PSR at
St. Justin's many years ago. More recently, when I was going through
health problems, she was such an inspiration to me, always smiling.

Mary Jane - December 08, 2017 at 09:38 AM