



# Karen Ann Blancke

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## **Karen Ann Blancke**

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**K**aren A. Blancke, age 64, of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away suddenly on Monday, February 7, 2011. Mrs. Blancke was born March 10, 1946 in Cleveland, OH, daughter of the late Ernest and Elizabeth Banyas and the beloved wife of Rudolph Charles Blancke, IV for 41 years.

She graduated from Howard High School in Howard County, MD in 1964 where she was a cheerleader and art editor of the Howard Shield yearbook. After attending Strayer Business College, she worked for the Carnation Company for a number of years.

She had a passion for reading, cooking, sewing, arts & crafts. Karen enjoyed golfing, gardening and was a soccer, tennis and brownie Mom. She was fortunate to have traveled all over the world with her husband Rudy. Karen especially enjoyed shopping for her beloved husband, daughters and grandchildren. Karen was an active member of Rehoboth Beach Country Club and belonged to Kings Creek Country Club.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Kimberly D. Holbrook and her husband, Joshua of Holly, MI and Kelley S. Boza and her husband Todd of Elmhurst, IL, three grandchildren, Dylan and Logan Holbrook, Isabella Boza.

A Memorial Service will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 18 Olive Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE, on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 11:00 am, with Father Max Wolf officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation for Neuroscience, 925 Chestnut Street, Suite 110, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or to the Beebe Medical Center for the Neurology/Stroke Service Program,

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## Tribute Wall

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KI

**Kim** posted:

Mom. I miss you so much. Not a day has gone by in the last 3 years that I don't hear you laughter or see your smile. Dylan and Logan love you so much and continue to carry on all their memories of you.. We love you and miss you more than anything.

February 5 at 8:00 PM

KI

**Kim** posted:

Missing you so much !!

December 12 at 8:00 PM

DR

**Debbie And Larry Roesch** posted:

Karen was and always will be a connection to a great childhood. We shared so many great times - starting when I was in 4th grade! Karen's energy, her creativity, her smile, her friendship, and her amazing and infectious laugh will be a part of me always. Her legacy as a great mother lives on with her beautiful daughters. Our thoughts are with you and the girls, Rudy. I believe we all need another Allview reunion real soon. Lots of love to you.

March 8 at 8:00 PM

CE

**Christopher Ely** posted:

Rudy- I am so saddened to hear of the sudden loss of your beloved Karen. Please now that I, along with your many friends in Baltimore have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. also, please know you have a friend here in Lutherville who experienced what you are going through 17 years ago and can offer help when you need it.Chris Ely

February 18 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Rose Murphy** posted:

i will miss mrs blancke ..she was so kind and understanding person..one of my favorites to wait on as a server at the country club..eternal reest her soul..love ..rose murphy..server

February 11 at 8:00 PM



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JK

**Jim And Chris Knotts** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

CR

**Cheryl Romano** posted:

I am deeply saddened for the loss of your loved one. I so very much enjoyed planning with her. She is a light in this life that was extinguished way before her time. May she look down upon all of you and be with you

February 9 at 8:00 PM

TC

**Tom & Sandy O'connor** posted:

Rudy, Kim and Kelly - we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We will always remeber the good times, whether it was the holiday parties or just going out after Saturday golf - Karen was always so gracious and fun to be around.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

CD

**Carver And Allison Dumke** posted:

Rudy we are so sorry for your loss. I remember how much you spoke of her and loved her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you my friend.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

KD

**Kathy And Dave Degrange** posted:

Rudy,Dave and I were shocked and sadden to hear of Karen's sudden death. Our heart goes out to you and the girls. I remember the fun we had sharing memories and dinner at the HCSH class of 64 reunion in 2004.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

RS

**Ron And Sharon Suffolk** posted:

Rudy, Kim and Kelly; Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. We truly enjoyed our times with you and Karen over the years. Please know that we are thinking of you.

February 9 at 8:00 PM



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AD

**Aileen Delario** posted:

You are in my thoughts and prayers - Karen was such a lovely person. Please, if there is anything I can do, I am call away.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Brian And Melissa Begg** posted:

Our hearts go out to our good friends Josh and Kim. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

GW

**George & Mickie Weber** posted:

Rudy, Kim and Kelly, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will always remember Karen's infectious laugh and commenting "Oh Rudy" whenever Rudy was not on his best behavior.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Rev. Mimi Mathews** posted:

Rudy: please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time. God's Peace, my love, MimiCell-443-277-0068 should you need anything that I may be able to help with-Mmi

February 9 at 8:00 PM

JF

**Joel And Heather Bongard & Family** posted:

Blancke Family, We are so sorry for your loss. "Mrs. B" was a fantastic person with grace and style. She will be missed and never forgotten. All our love, Joel, Heather, Reese & Cole Bongard.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

TT

**Tim And Denise Tindall** posted:

Rudy, Kim, Kelly and Family, Please know that you are in our prayers at this time of great loss and sorrow. We will always cherish our times together on Normandy Court West. May God give you strength and comfort.

February 8 at 8:00 PM



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LN

**Lynette Nelson** posted:

deepest sympathy to Karen's family

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GF

**Greg Huddas And Family** posted:

Rudy, Our thoughts are with you and your family, hang in there buddy. Hud

February 8 at 8:00 PM

BS

**Brooke Miller & Ken Sherman** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss and are praying for your family through this difficult time.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

RS

**Rich And Emily Smolarek** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers at this difficult time. Just know we are thinking of you and wish we could be there with you.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

NF

**Natalie (Wolff) Krueger And Family** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. She was such a beautiful person with an amazing personality. Please know that we are thinking of all of you and praying for you during this difficult time.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

RK

**Richard And Sue Krick** posted:

Dear Rudy and family,How terribly sad we are to have heard of your beloved Karen's unexpected passing. She was a fun and energetic person and, no doubt, a terrific wife, mom and grandma. You and she are in our prayers.

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PS

**Patricia & Al Stokes** posted:

Your family will be in our prayers for support and comfort from all your friends. Karen has always been part of every vacation or travel since I use the red colored travel bag & assessories that she purchased for the Weir Manuel Office group in Plymouth for my christmas gift when I was manager. She was a gift to all who knew her.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Mary Anne & Dave Bandelin** posted:

Dear Rudy and Family, We share your sadness on Karen's passing. We pray for your strength during this sorrowful time. Mary Anne and Dave Bandelin

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LA

**Lauri Alvarez** posted:

We are so sorry for your sudden loss. Unfortunately, we know exactly how you feel. It's ironic that Karen passed one year after Manny's funeral. I'm sure they are up in heaven drinking & reminiscing. Hugs & Prayers! Lauri, Angela & Alyssa Alvarez

February 8 at 8:00 PM

AF

**Anne & Jeff Kenney & Family** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I will always treasure the many wonderful and happy times I spent with my second mom, going to tennis matches, shopping and lounging on the beach. Mrs. Blancke was a truly wonderful and special person who will be greatly missed.

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LH

**Lis Haggett** posted:

I will miss you terrible. Thank you for all your help in making RBCC beautiful at Christmas. My thoughts are with your family.

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DN

**David And Kathy Nave** posted:

Rudy and family. We are so saddened by the sudden passing of Karen. She was such a fine lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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BK

**Bob And Maureen Krause** posted:

Dear Rudy, Kim and Kelly We are so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Our hearts and prayers are with you all.

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BZ

**Bill & Judy Zachary** posted:

Dear Rudy, Kim and Kelley, Bill and I are deeply saddened by Karen's sudden death. She was a wonderful person and friend. We had many fun and happy times with the girl's tennis matches, bringing cider and donuts to the tennis courts after their matches. We also remember all our fun times at "336". Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

February 8 at 8:00 PM

BD

**Bob & Kim Derrickson** posted:

Rudy & family, We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Karen. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. Bob and Kim

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KV

**Kim & Ryan Vansolkema** posted:

We are so saddened by your loss. I will always remember her smile and kind nature. Please know that we are praying for your family. With all our love, Kim & Ryan

February 7 at 8:00 PM

FD

**Frank & Terry Derville** posted:

Rudy and Family: We are so saddened by Karen's passing. She was such a lovely and kind person. Our sincerest condolences. Frank and Terry

February 7 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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