



# Karen Lynn Manso

NOV 29, 1955 - MAR 19, 2023



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## Karen Lynn Manso

Karen was born on November 29, 1955, in the U.S. Naval Hospital in New York, New York and passed away after a courageous battle from pancreatic cancer on March 19, 2023. She moved frequently during her childhood and was fortunate to have spent a few years in Berlin, Germany which she remembered fondly. After graduating from Garfield High School (Woodbridge, Virginia) in 1973 and attending the Washington School for Secretaries, she was employed by US Customs and was deployed to Germany where she and her then husband Bob lived for several years and had their first son Michael. When Mike was just a toddler they moved back to the United States and settled in Seaford, Delaware to be close to her mother, Gloria. Her second son, Tony was born shortly after moving back. Karen worked for the Seaford, Delaware Police Department for 20 years and was so loved by her coworkers.

Karen is predeceased by her mother, Gloria Bosses Slater and is survived by her son Michael Jeffrey Manso (Ashley Ann Manso) of Surry, Virginia, and Anthony Angelo Manso (Megan Marie Manso) of Seaford, Delaware as well as her beloved granddaughter Parker Brooke Manso. She also leaves behind her brother Mark Van Duser of Essex, New York and Dulana Smith (David Smith) of Jacksonville, Florida as well as several cousins and nephews living around the country.

Karen was in a beautiful and fulfilling relationship with Wayne Reed (Smyrna, Delaware) for several years and he was a loving, compassionate, and loyal companion throughout her illness. Karen was an animal lover and will be missed by her two dogs, Finley and Charlee.

Karen had the most generous heart, beautiful smile, and great sense of humor - she will be missed by all her family and friends!

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday March 23, 2023 at 11 AM at Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church, 528 East Stein Highway, Seaford, DE. Burial will follow at Our Lady Of



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Lourdes Cemetery, Seaford, DE

In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023, TO OUR BRIDGEVILLE LOCATION.



# Events


**Karen Lynn Manso**

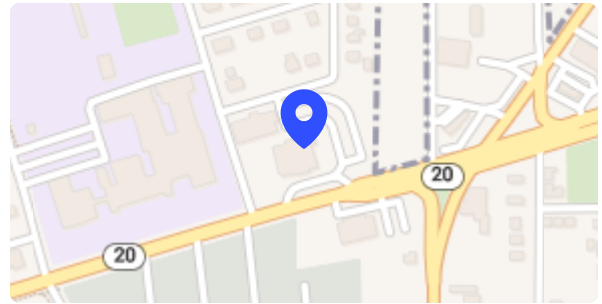
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## Mass of Christian Burial

 **Thursday**, March 23, 2023


 11:00 AM ET

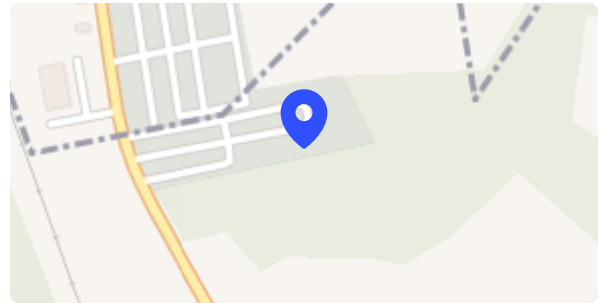
 **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**  
532 East Stein Highway, Seaford DE



## Burial

 **Thursday**, March 23, 2023

 **Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery**  
26223 Seaford Road, Seaford DE 19973





## Tribute Wall

**Karen Lynn Manso**

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BW

**Belinda White** lit a candle in honor of Karen.

Karen, you will truly be missed. You were a true friend and always will be in my thoughts. I thank you for having a genuine heart and soul, yes your spirit is genuine. I thank God for our friendship and the memories we made together in Morocco, Zumba. and the girly conversations. I love you girl! I'll see you again !!!keep that contagious laugh going and that smile, your friend always Belinda White

March 23 at 9:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Manso family.

March 22 at 6:34 AM



RK

**Rob Kracyla** posted:

I had the honor and fortune to be the Chief of Police in Seaford in 2018 -2019 where Karen was my Administrative Assistant. I was so impressed with Karen as a person who not only was the foundation of the Police Department but truly the heart and soul of the Seaford Police Department. It was clear she was universally loved by everyone because of her kindness and compassion for everyone, most especially children. She loved her family and talked about them everyday. The world is much better place because we all had Karen in it in some capacity. We were all blessed by her presence. Rob Kracyla

March 22 at 5:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Manso family.

March 22 at 5:40 AM





# Tribute Wall

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**Rosanna Nicoletos** posted:

Over thirty years ago Karen and I met and made an instant bond. We were so similar in age and so many other aspects that it was like we were sisters. But she was so much more having courage to be independent, help others in need {India trips}, creative and artistic, my keeper of secrets and lover of nature and all God's creatures. The most important people in her life was family and I pray the pain of her passing is outshined by the love that she made. My deepest condolences to the family and to Wayne, her heart and soul. I will miss my dear friend, I love my friend and I will always remember her because she was my hero!Rosanna Nicoletos

March 22 at 5:14 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Manso family.



March 22 at 4:45 AM



**Elena Padrell** lit a candle in honor of Karen.

Life gave me the gift of meeting her one day, 30 years back... and from that seed on, we managed to grow an ever lasting friendship. First I admired her smart secretarial skills, then her sense of humor, then her empathy for the suffering ones, then her fantastic ability to listen, to read between lines... to be a respectful confidant, .. so many virtues!. We became family when she accepted being my son Josep's God mother. Love was her moto, her engine, he aim, ..I know her loss is heartbreaking to many. My sympathy to her beloved kids that thanks to her caring, I've seen growing into beautiful mature men. A big hug to Wayne, God knows you were the artifice of her latest happiness. Brother Marc, Margaret, Dulana.. so sorry for your loss. Love and strenght to all of you!



March 22 at 1:14 AM



**Mary Ellen** lit a candle in honor of Karen.

Buster and Mary Ellen Knotts



March 21 at 6:01 PM



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**Donna & Bobby Virdin** lit a candle in honor of Karen.

March 21 at 5:11 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Manso family.

March 21 at 4:51 PM



**Debbie & Eddie Hill** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Manso family.

March 21 at 2:42 PM



**Janine Reed** posted:

From the moment Wayne introduced Karen to his brothers and sisters, she immediately entered our hearts. Beautiful, kind, funny and smart! Her sweetness to our brother, assured that we would love her forever, and ever.

March 21 at 2:03 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Manso family.

March 21 at 2:00 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Manso family.

March 21 at 1:43 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Manso family.



March 21 at 12:32 PM



**Bill** posted:

You will be missed Karen, you are a kind, caring, loving soul. Bill

March 21 at 5:35 AM



**Susan Lloyd** posted:

Karen was my daughter's mother in law. She loved her family fiercely and though her time with them was cut short, she shared every moment she could with them. She always made time for the granddaughter that we shared and was an awesome GiGi. They had a lot of adventures and Parker learned a lot from her including compassion, kindness and appreciation. I am grateful to have had Karen as a family member and will miss her greatly. Rest in peace.

March 20 at 7:12 PM



**Sandra Abd Richard Long** posted:

Sandra & Richard Long, Having met Karen a few short years ago through Wayne At our granddaughter's wedding we immediately found her to be kind, loving, and compassionate, she also had a great sense of humor.. she especially enjoyed sharing some of her travels , with Richie, mostly about her times doesn't in Germany. Karen will be very missed by our entire family. Rest in peace Karen.. I know you will be in the arms of Jesus and all His angels. God Bkess yiur family with much love..

March 20 at 4:15 PM



**Robin And Dave Bruner** lit a candle in honor of Karen.



March 20 at 3:42 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Manso family.



March 20 at 2:55 PM



**Terri Blanchfield** posted:

Karen was not only our neighbor but one of my closest friends. I loved her dearly and will miss her so very much. Her family became my family these last few weeks and my heart breaks for each and every one of them. ❤️ They were by her side day and night. She certainly put up a long courageous battle. May she rest in peace.

March 20 at 11:42 AM

**NR Nancy Robbins** March 20 at 12:03 PM

Karen and I became close friends in Germany during the late 1970's. She was a wonderful, caring person and my precious friend! Love and prayers for her sons, family and Wayne. Karen will be truly missed! ❤️❤️



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Manso family.



March 20 at 11:22 AM



**Valerie Duff** posted:

Karen was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I have fond memories of our time living and working in Bonn, Germany. My deepest sympathy to her family, she will be missed. Valerie Duff

March 20 at 11:01 AM



**Paul Bradham** posted:

Karen was kind and helpful to those who needed her, at any time. A dear friend of mine.

March 20 at 10:46 AM



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**Nori Herrick** posted:

Karen was a wonderful friend of my mom wendy she was kind caring and a nice person she will be greatly missed

March 20 at 10:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Manso family.



March 20 at 9:56 AM



**Hall Family** posted:

Karen radiated kindness and love. She is someone who I will never forget, even after only knowing her for a few short years (through Wayne).Karen: Thank you for loving my family as your own, and for all the many gifts and memories that you shared with my sons. Every time we read the giraffe book with Declan (his absolute favorite), we will tell him where he got it from, and who you were. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and love. You are one of a kind and will be so incredibly missed. I hope you are at peace now

March 20 at 9:44 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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