



## Karen M. Reid

November 25, 1947 - August 28, 2019

Karen M. Reid, age 71 of Lewes, DE, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, from complications of Parkinson's disease. She was born on November 25, 1947 in Washington, DC, daughter of the late Wallace and Marion (Laporta) Pederson.

Karen spent her early years in the Washington DC area, Finland, and Sweden. Karen attended the International Institute of Interior Design and was an office manager for many years. She married Mark, the love of her life, in 1970, and during Mark's Army service, lived in Germany and Fort Wayne, Indiana. They raised their family in Frederick, MD and Goshen CT, before moving to Lewes. There, Karen and Mark grew beautiful vegetables on the Reid Family Farm, supplying many area farm-to-table restaurants. Karen sprinkled kindness and cheer wherever she went and faced all situations with a positive attitude. She loved cooking and entertaining and was an avid reader. Karen excelled at crossword puzzles, Scrabble, and Jeopardy. Above all, she cared for her family with the utmost dedication. Karen was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Karen is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, Mark Reid of Lewes, DE; her daughter, Courtney Quigley (Wes, III) of Litchfield, CT; her grandsons, who were the twinkle in her eyes: Sam Quigley and James Quigley; her brother: Eric Pederson of New York; her mother-in-law, Marion Reid of Chambersburg, PA; and her countless relatives and friends, whom she cherished deeply.

A Celebration of Karen's life will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect Street, Torrington, CT 06790.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Karen's love of the magic of Christmas by making a donation to Torrington's Christman Village, payable to Christmas Village and mailed to Parks and Recreation Office, Torrington Armory, 153 South Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790.

Please sign Karen's online guestbook located on this site.

# Events

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**SEP**   **Celebration of Life**                      11:00AM

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Trinity Episcopal Church

220 Prospect Street, Torrington, CT, US, 06790

# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen M. Reid.



September 12, 2019 at 03:23 PM

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“ Few people come close to being an angle on Earth. Karen was one. I will miss her smile, her sincerity, her creativity, her love. She was a gift to all, whether they knew her or not, and she was a great sister-in-law.  
With much love to the family.

**Katy Pederson** - September 12, 2019 at 02:03 PM

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“ Carol and I send our heartfelt condolences to you Mark and the family. I will always remember Karen as cheerful, warm and welcoming whenever I showed up with another project to work on. There were many times when Karen would ask if I would like a sandwich if it was getting close to the lunch hour. She was a special person to know.  
We will miss that smile but the memories will remain forever.  
Lee & Carol Cable

**Lee Cable** - September 11, 2019 at 02:20 PM

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“ Very sorry to here about Karen You and your family are in our prayers Love Kim and Vicki

**Vicki Durham** - September 05, 2019 at 07:36 AM

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“ Dearest family of Karen. Karen, such a lovely woman. Always a nice time when we were together. Courtney and Margaret had the best time at your house in Goshen. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Fred and Suzette.

**Suzette Barker** - September 04, 2019 at 01:58 PM

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“ The world will miss the kindness and joy Karen showed all who met her. I had the privilege of spending a summer working on the Reid family farm. Karen was always of good cheer even when her body did not want to comply with her wishes. She is missed. With respect, Carla Boynton

**Carla Boynton** - September 03, 2019 at 10:00 PM

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“ I met Karen at the International Institute of Interior Design in Washington D.C. in 1966. We had so much fun creating beautiful interiors and painting pretty pictures together. I loved getting to know her wonderful parents, too. My husband, Stanley, and I always stayed in contact and visited Karen and Mark in Ft. Wayne, IN, Goshen, CT and Lewes, DE. We remember their love and enthusiasm raising vegetables and always enjoyed Karen's cooking and hospitality. We feel so fortunate to have had her as a friend and will miss her happy spirit.

**Mary Haller** - September 02, 2019 at 01:13 PM

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“ Beautiful obituary! Karen, a favorite to so many people and yes, always had a twinkle in her eye! Will definitely miss her

**Diane Shugrue** - September 02, 2019 at 07:52 AM

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“ We were lucky to spend fun times with Karen and Mark in Goshen over the years and remember the beautiful smile Karen readily shared. Our prayers are with her family, may you find peace in special memories at this difficult time.

Fondly,  
Tricia and Bob Caruso and family

**Patricia Caruso** - September 01, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ Karen was one of my favorite people ever. So positive and loving always. We shared Christmas in Maryland, when we saw Santa in the sky and his footprints in the fireplace. We had a great vacation with our Moms in Miami and great times at Lake Ottertail with our families. She shares a birthday with our daughter, Ky, in whom Karen was always interested and and caring. Her kind,warm spirit has moved on, but we will miss her deeply.

Doug & Ruthe Tracy

**Doug Tracy** - September 01, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ We will miss Karen so very much we spent so many years together in Goshen, CT countless evenings laughing and solving the worlds problems or trying to figure out a Crossword puzzle.

Every Sunday she and Mark would come to our house for dinner and she would always comment "what a feast". A fabulous cook we also dined at her house many evenings too. She made the best sticky buns in the world and I have so many of her recipes'--one of my favorites that I too have passed along to others is her pineapple pudding.

We were so sad when they moved to DE but then we discovered we loved to visit them and see a part of the country we would have never seen if they didn't move there. She always welcomed us like we never were apart and we would laugh about the crazy things we did in the past - like calling the Butter Ball hotline on Thanksgiving--or when our son called her to rescue Easter because we were fighting and we threw the ham out the door. She fix things gracefully.

Whenever Mike and I hear the song "Lady in Red" we will always think of Karen as she loved to dance to it hopefully she is dancing again. We will miss our Mrs. Reid.

Michael and Marijo Weik

**Marijo** - September 03, 2019 at 02:04 PM