



Karen Fortin

November 3, 1965 - December 8, 2025

Karen Marie Fortin, born November 3, 1965 in Warren, Michigan, passed away on December 8, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Karen is survived by her daughters, Taylor (Bryce) and Erin (Alex), who will soon welcome her two cherished grandchildren-or in her words, "the two boys." She is also survived by her father Andy(Meredith) and siblings Renee and Keith. Karen was preceded in death by her mother, Janice and her husband, Jim.

Karen lived her life with her heart wide open. She loved deeply, laughed easily, and brought warmth and loyalty into every relationship she touched. To know Karen was to have a best friend, a confidant, and someone who showed up wholeheartedly. She found joy in time spent with family and friends, savoring good meals, browsing her favorite shops,relaxing with her beloved TV shows, and jamming to her favorite tunes. Her loved ones will always remember her generosity, her sense of humor, her dance moves and her unique cleaning habits.

In 2020, Karen was diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer. She faced multiple years of treatment with courage, resilience, and an unwavering will to keep living the life she loved. Though grueling, her treatment allowed Karen to watch both of her daughters get married and start their journey into

motherhood. Her strength carried her far, and now she rests in peace. Karen has now reunited with her husband, Jim, in heaven, together again after 27 years apart.

Karen's memory will live on in the countless lives she touched and in the love her family carries forward. She loved people more than things. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for your presence, love, and support as they gather to celebrate Karen's life.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Karen's life with a visitation and service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Friday, December 12, 2025 from 10am until time of service 12pm (Noon).

Following the service, Karen will be laid to rest next to her husband at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ Karen was the nicest person. We both worked for L'Oréal. Karen and Audrey and I had November birthdays so lunches were fun. Karen I will always think of you when I have a Bloody Mary. You were just a wonderful gal to know. Louise

louise strzalka - December 13, 2025 at 08:28 AM

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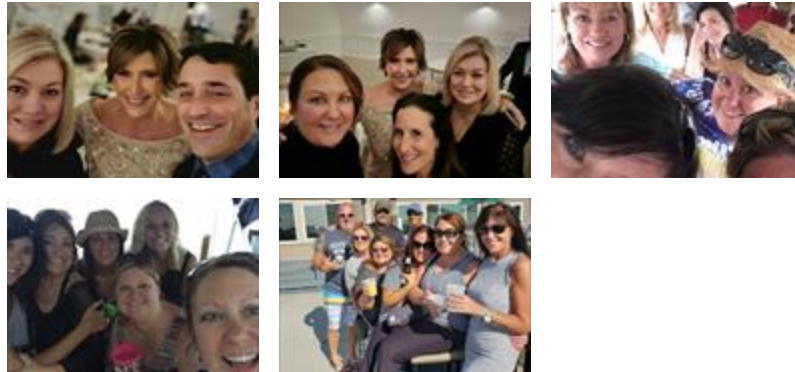
“ Karen,

You have always been a positive force, touching countless lives. You've been the perfect role model—as a friend, a confidant, and most importantly, for your girls. You gave selflessly to anyone in need, and your spirit, energy, grace and style were admired by all.

Now, with Jim by your side again, we know you will continue to light the path for your daughters and remain with them always.

With our deepest appreciation for the friendship, laughter, and good times we shared, we wish you peace on this next part of your journey. You will be missed dearly and thought of often.

*We love you,
Sara and Dave Potter*



Sara & Dave Potter - December 11, 2025 at 06:10 PM

ZJ

“ Zack Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Karen Fortin



Zack Jenkins - December 11, 2025 at 05:52 PM



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Anne Morrisett - December 11, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Theresa Fredrick lit a candle in memory of Karen Fortin



Theresa Fredrick - December 11, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ Shelley Waterstraat Dompierre lit a candle in memory of Karen Fortin



Shelley Waterstraat Dompierre - December 11, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ Frankie A. Ybarra lit a candle in memory of Karen Fortin



Frankie A. Ybarra - December 11, 2025 at 10:42 AM

FY

“ I graduated with Karen & Jim at Charles Stewart Mott High School in 1983 in Warren, Michigan. I shared a very special moment in time with both of them. On the night I was proposing to my now wife of 32 years, Michele, Jim and Karen were dining at the table next to us @ Salvatore Scallopini in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Of course neither of them knew what was going on, so it was a surprise to both of them too. When Michele had stepped out to go to the ladies room, Jim told me to put the ring in her water glass. I didn't do that but it did go as planned. I will never forget Karen's reaction to my asking my wife if she would marry me. She was smiling from ear to ear and her big beautiful eyes could cut right through me. Jim & Karen have both left us all much too early. The deepest condolences to all of her family from the Ybarra family, and I pray that the peace that passes all understanding find you all in your time of reflection on Karen's life. Respectfully, Frankie A. Ybarra

Frankie A. Ybarra - December 11, 2025 at 10:19 AM

AM

“ The first time I met Karen was in the fall of 2000 I had to meet her for a Loreal training I was new. I instantly said to her-“have we met before?” I don't think so but that began a long friendship of parallel lives. We have the same birthday-same year-we're married the same week-we had our first children at the same time and the same Dr. Karen has a nephew who was born the same day as my Jack-same name-same day and year. Karen was a good friend and loved her girls. She told me about their weddings and moving to start their lives. I was happy to hear about her future grandchildren. Heartbreaking to hear this news because she was always calm and grateful for her life. She is with the people that past before her. God bless Audrey Misner

Audrey Misner - December 10, 2025 at 05:48 PM

PW

“ I always thought Karen was a great human being! Even in high school. I really wanted to be better friends. Our paths crossed many times but we were never at the spot where we could say " let's go do something" . When her husband died, that was a shock. Then I had heard about her lung cancer, and now... i feel like I will never get that chance to say "let's go do something" I will definitely mourn that opportunity!

pam Baker White - December 10, 2025 at 03:50 PM

RG

“ Karen (Class Eyes at Mott) was such a wonderful woman. I remember very vividly the time that I double dated with Karen and my next door neighbor for homecoming and my neighbor and I were trying to impress the girls. We went to the River crab and being the “shooters we thought we were ordered escargot. Of course we had no idea what it was but knew it was something French. When the plate with a dozen small bowls arrived we wondered what was under the butter and realized it was snails. However we had to act like this was normal and had to choke down a dozen snails to our dismay in an effort to maintain our charade. She was the best and will be sorely missed. Fortunately Jimmy who was taken from us much too young was there to greet her at heaven’s gate. .

Robert Granata - December 10, 2025 at 01:50 PM

VM

“ Karen Marie was my first niece. Although we lived in different states, her parents kept us updated with family photos. She grew into a beautiful woman, strong & caring. Many hugs to her family & friends.

Val McClatchey - December 10, 2025 at 01:46 PM