



## Karen M. Kurak

August 12, 1951 - May 24, 2025

Karen Marie Kurak, a resident of White Lake, passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the age of 73.

A daughter of Dale and Donna Young, Karen was born on August 12, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan. She attended Farmington Senior High School and spent most of her career in the insurance industry. Karen worked as an agent at Fitzmaurice-Garvin Insurance Agency in Traverse City and later as a Senior Underwriter for Citizens Insurance Company.

Karen enjoyed cooking and baking-her seven-layer cookies at Christmastime were a favorite among family and friends. She liked going to the casino, riding her bike, shopping, and watching movies. She loved to travel and especially cherished time spent with her family. Her favorite color was pink, and she loved crab legs and Thanksgiving dinner.

Karen was an active volunteer with the Traverse City Schools Parent Teacher Association and always enjoyed being around children, especially her own kids and grandchildren.

Beloved wife of Peter. Loving mother of Kerri (Tim) Pratschler and Steven Kurak. Cherished grandmother of Alex and Blake Pratschler. Dear sister of the late Ken Young, Kevin (Dale) Young, Terri Ann (Ron) Garner, Dean (Jayne)

Young, David (Sue) Young, Mark (Cheryl) Young, Dale (Karen) Young Jr., and Susan (Keith) Murphy.

A Visitation for Karen will be held on Wednesday, May 28, from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a Sharing of Memories at 6:00 pm, at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. A Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, May 29, at 11:00 am at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 9086 Hutchins Rd., White Lake, 48386. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Waterford Township, Michigan.

Donations in Karen's memory may be made to Shrine Catholic Schools, 3500 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
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## Sharing of Memories

**MAY 28.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

**MAY 29.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Parish of White Lake  
9086 Hutchins Street  
White Lake, MI 48386

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Lance Jambeck purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



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Lance Jambeck - May 28, 2025 at 02:16 PM

KF

“ Kate, Jennie, Claire, Aleka and families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



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Kate, Jennie, Claire, Aleka and families - May 28, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



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May 27, 2025 at 09:22 PM

JG

“ John and Ally Grabowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen M. Kurak.

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John and Ally Grabowski - May 27, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JG

“ John and Ally Grabowski purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



John and Ally Grabowski - May 27, 2025 at 07:24 PM

KF

“ Koseck Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



Koseck Family - May 27, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen M. Kurak.

May 27, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



May 27, 2025 at 02:14 PM

KY

“ Kevin & Dale Young planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen M. Kurak.

Kevin & Dale Young - May 27, 2025 at 11:59 AM

KY

“ Kevin & Dale Young purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



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**Kevin & Dale Young** - May 27, 2025 at 11:59 AM

ES

“ So sad to hear this. We lived in Traverse City from 1988-1993, having been sent there by the Coast Guard. One of our very good friends was the Kurak family, and I vented more than once to Karen. We became good friends and our son, Cam, became good friends with Kerri. I already sent a message to Kerri, which she can tell about Karen and our golf adventures. I remember Kerri having a party with the kids in the neighborhood. What fun for them. I also could rely on Karen to watch one of our kids, when we got transfer orders and needed to travel to Florida, to purchase a house. She was so dedicated in helping us during our move. What a wonderful woman she was, and God Bless her family, and deep condolences for a life well lived. Prayers to all.

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**Ellen Spence** - May 26, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KB

“ I admired Aunt Karen. Even the thought of her brought me peace in an insane place, as she did in life on our rare visits. I could see she was an excellent mother, who probably never missed a beat. Love to Uncle Peter, Kerri and Steven xoxoxo

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**Kim Bezaire** - May 26, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



May 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen M. Kurak.

May 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Sharon Hofford purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



Sharon Hofford - May 26, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ Mitchell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen M. Kurak.

Mitchell Family - May 25, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ Mitchell Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen M. Kurak.



Mitchell Family - May 25, 2025 at 08:22 PM

TF

“ *The Francis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen M. Kurak.*

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**The Francis Family** - May 25, 2025 at 07:14 PM

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“ *The Francis Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen M. Kurak.*



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**The Francis Family** - May 25, 2025 at 07:14 PM