



## Karen F. Norman

December 21, 1947 - December 24, 2022

Karen F. Norman (née Riske), December 24, 2022, passed away unexpectedly at age 75. She was the daughter of Irene Riske (née Bejma) and Earl W. Riske of Detroit and later Roseville.

Karen began her career with the telephone company as a field engineer and retired as an engineering manager. After earning her credentials as a Certified Financial Planner, she started her own firm helping others with their finances. She was a master gardener and loved spending time in her gardens at home.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Thomas R. Norman; her brother, Earl G. Riske; two nephews, Earl N. Riske and Michael Riske; and many cousins.

The family is mourning privately. You may honor Karen's memory by spending time with your loved ones and appreciating still having them in your lives.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Tom,

*As you know Karen and I go back many years. I just want to share some of the activities we did together when we were young, blonde, and single.*

*Karen and I played tennis, we were on a volleyball team for the Edison Company, took up golf, and skied down many hills together. We were also into running and always tried to stay fit and athletic. I have so many fun memories of us going skiing. There would be three or four girls that would finish work on a Friday, pack sandwiches to eat in the car, and head up to Boyne Mountain Ski Resort. It was usually a long grueling ride to get to the local bar for a nightcap and to see other friends. We were just starting off in our careers and we did not have money to splurge on hotel rooms. So we would sleep 4 in a room with someone on the floor or a cot. We all loved the outdoors and the ski runs at Boyne. We joined the Ski Club to try our luck at downhill racing. We actually won a few trophies if we completed the races without falling. Dinner was at a very inexpensive restaurant with friends and then back to the hotel room for some sleep. We would hit the slopes early, ski all day, and then pack the car and head back to Troy where we all lived. Our equipment was not the latest, but our ski outfits were pretty snazzy. Our friendship started more than 45 years ago and continued to this day. 38 years ago Tom came into our circle and 32 years ago Jim, my husband, made our foursome complete.*

*I will never forget Karen and the good times we shared and the strong friendship and bond we formed. I will miss my good friend.  
Katie*



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