



## Karen A. Phillips

October 3, 1962 - November 25, 2023

Karen Anne Phillips, 61, of Oakland County Michigan, passed away on November 25th, 2023. In sorrow, Karen is survived by her only daughter and lifelong best friend, Whitney Phillips, and her husband and love-of-her-life, Steve Davidson. Karen is also survived by her loving parents, with whom she shared a very close bond: mother Pauline Cahill (née Porter) and father Jim Cahill.

Karen was born on October 3rd, 1962, in Royal Oak Michigan. Youngest of four, she was a welcome last addition to a loving family. As a child, Karen and her siblings kept each other entertained with singing, dancing, swimming, and celebrating holidays with each other and extended family. Karen is survived by her siblings: Bruce (Diane), Steve (Bessy), and Julie (Steve); and her nieces and nephews: Brad, Krizia, Amy and Paulina.

Dedicating herself wholeheartedly to the care of her loved ones, Karen was the maternal center of strength for her immediate family. As a young mother, Karen put Whitney's needs above all else, working day and night towards the betterment of her daughter's future. Her success as a mother is emblemized by her continued closeness with Whitney; the two remained best friends through adulthood, sharing all the important moments and occasions together with Steve.

Together with Steve for 35 years, Karen was absolutely dedicated to the love of her husband and to celebrating the little and big things in life with each other. Steve and Karen found joy in boating, dancing, partying and celebrating holidays together, especially decorating their house for the trick-or-treaters to visit on Halloween. Every year, they would slow dance in front of the newly-decorated Christmas tree as a tradition. These moments will be cherished by Whitney and Steve forever.

Karen's joy and brightness lit up every room she entered. She had an energy that was contagious and made others want to smile and spread kindness. Karen made her work into a place of joy, serving as property manager for a beautiful apartment complex in Pontiac Michigan. Hosting Tiki parties, Mother's Day celebrations, Valentines Day get-togethers, and Christmas festivities, Karen facilitated a sense of community and welcomeness amongst tenants.

Karen was a woman of many passions. She was devoted to God and the pursuit of spirituality. She was a loyal patriot who loved her country and fellow country mates, regardless of their race or creed. She was an animal lover, sharing her warmth and spirit with her pets, and stray animals alike. More than anything, Karen dedicated her life to LOVE. She will be remembered for her kind heart and loving spirit by countless friends, family members and even casual acquaintances.

We will miss our Karen - our Wife, our Mumma, our Aunt, and our "Kare Bear" - but her presence will continue to live on in each of us. Her spirit will be remembered, cherished, and honored every day. The Davidson & Phillips family hopes that all of our family and friends can join us, in person or in spirit, for a special celebration of Karen and her life.

Visitation will take place on Friday, December 1st between the hours of 2:00

and 8:00pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 E. Eleven Mile Rd.,(4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 11:00am at the funeral home. Karen's family requests that guests in attendance wear bright and happy colors, in lieu of traditional black outfits.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Karen Phillips, please visit our Sympathy Store. Alternatively, you could make a donation in Karen's name to a local animal rescue facility, such as Rebel Dogs <<https://rebeldogsdetroit.com/donate>> or Turtle Creek Farm <<http://www.turtlecreekfarm.org>>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 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  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RV

“ *In memory of Karen..who helped when ones light was dim or gone... When a flashlight grows dim or quit working, do you throw it away? Of course not! You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in the dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA... attention and affection; Some need AAA...attention, affection and acceptance; Some need C...compassion; Some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine... She would simple sit with them quietly and Share her Light. Our wish for your family at this time is one of peace and comfort. Wonderful parents, beautiful daughter inside and out. Mr Roy and Mrs valorie*

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**Roy and val** - December 05, 2023 at 09:03 PM

DF

“ *Our family met Karen when our son sought residency at Crystal Lakes. We chatted with Karen throughout the application process. Her energy, kindness, and dedication to providing excellent service will be long remembered. Our son continued to speak kindly of their interactions over several years. She left an indelible impression on us. May she rest in eternal peace. Sending prayers and blessings of fond memories to her family and friends.*

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**David Jackson Family** - December 05, 2023 at 12:41 AM

AC

“ I met Karen 5 years ago when I moved to Crystal Lake. After meeting and chatting with her I knew this location would be my new home. She was always respectful, kind, and upbeat. No matter what I needed taken care of in my apartment I knew she would make sure it was done. She loved her family and she loved her tenants. I am surely going to miss her. My prayers are for family, friends, and the Crystal Lake community. Ashelin

Ashelin R Currie - December 04, 2023 at 11:30 PM

BE

“ Karen, You and I just talked a couple of weeks ago.....always about our beautiful daughters and how blessed we are to have them. I am overwhelmed with grief right now and shocked. Crystal Lakes won't be the same without you! Rest peacefully my friend! Sincerely, Beverly & Tai



Beverly - December 02, 2023 at 11:00 AM

DG

“ I met Karen in 2011, she welcomed me as a tenant, but we also became friends. Her heart was so full of love for the people of Crystal Lake. Doing whatever she could to help and bring a feeling of home to each one. I will miss our talks as friends, the laughter and encouragement. I thank God for allowing me to know her personally, not just as a manager, but a true friend.

Dorothy Giles - December 02, 2023 at 09:34 AM

CH

“ This is such sad news to learn. Karen was such a wonderful person and I felt that she was so sweet to me as a tenant. I have lived in Crystal Lake Apartments for over 7 years and have spoken with her so many times. She was just so nice and understanding and never treated me or anyone as if we were just tenants. She treated me with respect and kindness. She will definitely be missed and will be a hard role to fill. I am so saddened by this as she was still a young soul to leave so soon. Deepest condolences to her family and friends. May God welcome her home.



Crystal Hickerson - December 01, 2023 at 10:23 PM

LH

“ Karen, was a sweet heart. She was my apartment manager always had a smile even though we meet in April. One thing I'll say for the short time of knowing her she loved her job. And taken very good care of the property and the people. Rest on!

Lynette Hall - December 01, 2023 at 03:17 PM

MR

“ MS Mattie J.Richardson

Prayers to enire family ❤️🙏🙏🙏  
Stay Strong inspired encouraged. GOD IS  
YOUR DAILY STRENGTH AMEN 🙏 YOU  
WILL BE TRULY MISSED YOU LOVE EVERYONE FOREVER  
EVERLASTING N MY HEART. AN BEAUTIFUL TREASURE TO  
CHERISH ALWAYS..AMEN



Ms. Mattie J. Richardson - December 01, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.



December 01, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.



November 30, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ Barbara Skorupskad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen A. Phillips.

**Barbara Skorupskad** - November 30, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.



November 30, 2023 at 11:14 PM

PE

“ I was sad to hear the news of Karen’s my prayers go out her family and friends. I live at Crystal Lake and we would always chat about Prince we were his biggest fans. Karen made living at Crystal Lake a joy I will miss our chats.  
God Bless



Peggy - November 30, 2023 at 11:09 PM

TJ

“ Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Phillips



Teresa Johnson - November 30, 2023 at 09:59 PM

AH

“ Karen was a kind, compassionate and loving person. I counted her as friend and not just the complex manager. She created a sense of caring community with her various events, was always there when you had an issue, made wellness checks when she could have just had someone else do it. She was funny and always ready with a quip. Her death was a shock and she will be missed.

Annalynn Hall - November 30, 2023 at 06:08 PM

DT

I was shocked and saddened to hear that she had passed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

Denise Thomas - December 04, 2023 at 10:30 AM

JO

“ I am so saddened to hear of Karen's passing. She was an amazing manager to an apartment complex in pontiac and was always lovely to talk to. I always thought how kind she was and loved how she cared so much about the stray cats feeding them everyday. Prayers to her family

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**jojo** - November 30, 2023 at 04:33 PM

ET

“ Eva M Tabares lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Phillips



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**Eva M Tabares** - November 30, 2023 at 01:45 PM

BI

“Hearing this news truly was a punch to the heart. Karen is such a genuine person and I wish I was able to spend more time with her. Moving into Crystal Lake apartments was unique only because of her. When I signed my lease, I was in her office a little over 2 hours after the paperwork was already signed, talking about everything under the sun! She would glow when she talked about her daughter Whitney. She was so transparent about her love for her husband and family. To hear she is faithful and a believer in God is no shock to me, I see it in her and how she lives. She IS love. She IS light. And she always did the right thing. She encouraged me to be strong and take on life as an independent young woman moving in by myself. She was always transparent and stood up for what she believes. I'm so sad I won't be seeing your car parked at the office anymore. Every day I come home from work, I see Karen's car parked out front until late hours of the evening. I would always say to myself "go home Karen!" She is such a hard worker and took care of it all herself. She loved what she did. This hurts to see her go. May her loved ones find peace in her memories and may God provide them strength and endurance during this hard time. God please bless her husband, parents, daughter, and other family and loved ones. Rest in peace, beautiful Karen. You are so loved and won't be forgotten.

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bianca - November 30, 2023 at 03:19 AM



“Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.



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November 29, 2023 at 11:54 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.*



November 29, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.*



November 29, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *Ms. Mattie J. Richardson*

*SENDING prayers to the Entired family. Karen will be truly missed. We all love her warm and loving kindness. Praying 🙏 Prayers. Stay Strong ENCOURAGED and Inspired. She's was an JOYFUL BLESSING to Everyone.. 🙏🙏🙏❤️*

**Ms. Mattie J. Richardson** - November 29, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.*



November 29, 2023 at 12:17 PM

JG

“ Karen was not merely an apt manager & brilliant one at that. She was also a friend - and one of my first when I moved at 38 from NYC to Pontiac. Her refreshing wit, killer retorts, hilarious stories, and inspiring laugh made her always a love to be around. I'm beyond saddened and in shock. She was larger than life and I will miss her energy immensely, yet keep her memory alive always. - Jenny Goldstein

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**Jenny Goldstein** - November 29, 2023 at 10:52 AM

SB

“ Karen, Whitney and Steve entered our life about 36 years ago when they moved next door to us in Southfield, MI. It was the start of a friendship that soon blossomed into besties! Far too many memories to share online, but let me tell you, no lady I knew had her zest for life, her propensity to laugh and giggle at all my dumb jokes, and most of all, Karen always made everyone feel included and she did her very best to keep us all engaged.

*The world is a far poorer place with Karen's passing. Brenda and I feel blessed to have known and loved Karen. She will be missed by all who knew her. Karen's legacy has been passed down to Whitney and she shares her mom's great spirit and ability to love! Steve and Whitney, we love you and will be here to support you, grieve with you, and most of all, laugh about our shared memories.*

*Everyone, raise a glass to Karen and a life well lived! I love you lady!!!!*

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**Steve & BrendaTownes** - November 29, 2023 at 10:28 AM

LW

“ *LEANA WILSON lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Phillips*



LEANA WILSON - November 29, 2023 at 10:06 AM

LW

*Ms. Phillips will be truly miss, I can say she loves beautiful flowers 🌸*

LEANA WILSON - November 29, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.*



November 29, 2023 at 12:41 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.*



November 28, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.*



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November 28, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.*



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November 28, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with you Karen. Your love of family and your passion for what you did shined through everyday. Your true joy was your beautiful daughter Whitney. I am so grateful I had the opportunity to know you Whitney. Your Mom was so proud of the young lady you became. All you had to do was see the love and joy on her face when she spoke of you. I miss you already Karen. I will treasure the many memories we have made. Thank you for your wonderful sense of humor and sharing it with all of your coworkers. Rest in peace knowing you made a difference in so many lives. Missing you, Minerva*

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**Minerva McParland** - November 28, 2023 at 08:02 PM

RC

“ Rennie & Chris purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Karen A. Phillips.



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Rennie & Chris - November 28, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Karen A. Phillips.



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November 28, 2023 at 07:18 PM

KC

“ Karen, although we shared our names, only you helped others to distinguish us with a funny story. My heart truly dropped knowing you won't be around to sing, to hear a joke or planning our next fun theme for our next manager's meeting. I am truly grateful for crossing paths during this last 13 years, as we worked together. You will always be in my heart. Rest easy... Karen Canyon-Allen 🙏

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Karen L Canyon-Allen - November 28, 2023 at 06:47 PM