



Karen Sirrell

October 18, 1948 - April 8, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Karen Sirrell (Tritt) announces her unexpected passing at the age of 76, She passed away peacefully in the early hours of Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Froedtert Hospital in Pleasant Prairie with her family by her side.

She was born on October 18, 1948 to the late Lloyd and Lillian (nee: Herbst) Tritt in Wisconsin. Karen was united in marriage to Robert J. Sirrell on June 25, 1966 at St. James Catholic Church. She was a graduate of Bradford High School, class of 1966. Started her work career at Better One Hour Martinizing, later working at Motorola for over 10 years and Retired from American Motors/Chrysler over 12 years ago.

"Her impact will be felt for generations"

"She left behind a world of beauty"

"Her kindness will be remembered"

A treasure to all who knew her.

A life well-lived, a life well-loved

Karen enjoyed watching her Wisconsin teams; Brewers, Badgers and Packers, trips to the casino, traveling; especially to the Bahamas and spending time with her family.

She is survived by son, Robert (Tina) Sirrell Jr; grandchildren, Justin (Michelle), Ashley (Robbie), Tiffany (JJ), Trevor (Joslyn) and Tanner (Briana); eight great grandchildren; brother, William (Connie) Tritt; brothers-in-law, Jeff Gullo, Edward (Tami) Sirrell, close friend, Lupe and her lap companion,

Charlie. She is further survived by other relatives and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her husband, Bob on May 11, 2020; sister, Linda Gullo and grandson, Chaz Sirrell.

There will be a public gathering on Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Moose Lodge Family Center #286 (3003 30th Ave Kenosha, WI), followed by a celebration of life service at 5:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to one's choice have been suggested by the family.

In Karen's honor, dress casual and wear purple if you can, Karens' favorite color.

"Sadly missed"

"With heavy hearts"

"We mourn her passing"

"A void that can never be filled"

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **19**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Kenosha Moose Lodge # 286
3003 30 th Ave
Kenosha, WI 53144

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Sirrell*



Sturino Funeral Home - April 15, 2025 at 05:02 PM

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“ *My wife and step son Rick knew Karen before me. They lived near her and Bob's. I met Karen at chrysler in milw. We're we worked together on the 2nd shift. Karen and I car pooled for over ten years from kenosha to milw plant. We'd talk about all sorts of things Family, friends, stock, and her time in the Bahamas with Bob. I'll never forget Karen and her super big goose eggs. Karen may have left to join Bob but I'll never forget her kindness. She is one in a million. I sure hope we meet again.till then my friend I'll keep your Memory in my heart.*

Tom haschker - April 19, 2025 at 08:44 PM

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“ *I will miss Ms Karen so much. I loved our talks about where her and Lupe went out to eat, about Charlie. She would share stories about her and her husband. She gave me her brownie recipe that everyone loves so much. Ms. Karen is truly missed. My condolences to her family 💔*

Robin - April 19, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ Oh my auntie Karen, this is so hard. I have so many great childhood memories with her and my uncle Bob that I will always cherish. Hug my mom tight for me.

Jennifer Santiago (Gullo) - April 17, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Tina Renee lit a candle in memory of Karen Sirrell



Tina Renee - April 16, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ 386 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sturino Funeral Home - April 15, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Karen Sirrell.



April 15, 2025 at 06:12 AM



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

April 15, 2025 at 06:12 AM



“ *Karen and I worked together second shift at the Milwaukee Parts Center for Chrysler. Part of a good team seeing to customer needs for their vehicles. Glad she got plenty of years after retirement and now to her glory of everlasting with our God.*



DAVE PETERSEN - April 13, 2025 at 02:01 AM

TP

“ As I write this I am feeling much loss . I just can't wrap my brain around this. This news of the passing of my cousin Karen was not one I wanted to hear. I hear her answering machine saying "Leave your number and we'll get back to you " Sad to say This time she will not. Karen was not just a member of my family she was a friend. A friend You could call for advise or just to chit chat. She was a member of my blended family We called it the cousins club. We all went out for a breakfast or a dinner and who ever came went. We all had blended pictures taken at Pennys . Sad to say many in that picture are no longer with us. Now karen. The last was a breakfast last Sept. with cousin Mary And her and We always made plans in the spring, summer and Fall to go to the German restaurant The House of Gehards We would start with a Brandy old-fashion, always red cabbage and finish it off with a shared piece of Black Forest tort. Now every memorial week-end We made plans to go to the St Louis church cemetery to put geraniums on the graves It started with cousin Bob Sr Passed down to him from Cousin Edward Small. Last year we did artificial flowers . We joked on who would do this if she passed. And God forgive if we did not do this. Cus Bob Sr. would come down and get us. I called her at least once or twice a month so we could catch up on the news. The last few times we talked or saw each other will be remembered I last saw her was at her grand childrens mother Rose funeral . She was sitting with her friend Lupe. We talked and shared stories It was a sad but a great talk night. She called me about a recipe my cousin Pat gave her on Irish soda bread . She bought the ingredients. But did not have the instructions . I mailed the recipe to her. We talked about me running onto Bobby and Tiffany and the rest at the Kenosha St Patrick parade. I was in it wearing my Leprechaun costume. The last call was when I saw the Royal Caribbean cruise pictures on face-book of Bobby and Tina; I asked her if she might consider going cus my husband and I have been on a few RC cruises She said No Bob sr did not want anything to do with cruising . And along with modern tech stuff Karen did not ever want to cruise either . Karen was so excited Because her grandson Justin took her to the brewers opener second row seats and the Bob Ucker tribute.

Did you see the picture Justin took of us I am wearing my purple coat? I went on line and saw it she said it was a chilly day and since the Brewers were loosing they left in the 7th inning she was calling the dogs Cus she said her dog Charlie was back into the backyard fountain. and the other dog was making a mess . She said see you next month for the cemetary decorating and maybe the House of Gerhards I said sounds great She never mentioned going in for surgery. I said love you and she said love you too When I got the news she was in the hospital and not doing well I prayed Like I never prayed before . The bible said you must not ask why? But I am asking why? I know Karen is now one of Gods angels and got a huge heavenly welcome from family and friends and is now in the arms of her beloved Bob I will end this with Karen leave a sign and I will get back to you in Prayer ,

Theresa Mitchell- Peterson - April 11, 2025 at 03:02 PM

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Sorryt for the two long memorials they asked me to write it again Cus the first did not go through so I tried to trim it down and repost Well they posted the two the second one was the first

Theresa M Peterson - April 11, 2025 at 07:28 PM

TP

“ I will start with how I miss and how my heart and soul loved cousin Karen. I hear in my mind the message from her answering machine " Leave your number and we'll get back to you " Sadly this time she never will. Karen and her husband cousin Bob were such a staple in my life, Not just extended family. But close connection of family ,That you could call for advise, or just plain chit chat catching up. If any news surfaced I would call her or she called me . When the spring , summer, fall came we made plans for lunch at our favorite restaraunt The house of Gehardts We check out the menue always had to have three things Start with a Brandy old-fashion , Red cabbage, and finish it off with a shared piece of German black forest cake And a tradition a trip out to the Caladonia St Louis catholic church cemetary to put geraniums on the Michels, Mitchell, Small and now added Bell graves . It started with Bob sr, and me going out There Bob Sr. was passed on the tradition from cousin Edward Small . So Karen and I continued the tradition . We joked on who was going to go out there when she was gone. Last year we decided instead of putting live geraniums . We would put artificial ones we did and they looked great. We then went to my cemetary in Racine where my brother and dad and my moms side is buried and cleaned and decorated those stones as well. Then we went out for a breakfast or a lunch . We also had what we called the cousin club. We had quite a few in that blended Bobs side and my side We would go out for a breakfast or dinner. We even had our picture taken a blended family picture at Penny's Sad to say there are only a few that is left standing in that picture The last cousins breakfast was with cousin Mary and I and Karen sister in law Pam could not make it , That was last Sept 2024 The last couple of phone calls were happy ones , Karen called me That she found a recipie my cousin Pat sent her for Irish soda bread , She bought the stuff to make the bread , But how to make it was not there. I send her my recipie ,and she called me and thanked me. We talked how I was in the Kenosha St Patrick's parade And how I saw Bobby and Tiffany and some of the rest . A week or two later I saw Bob jr. and Tina's pics from their Royal Caribbean cruise. My husband Ricky and I have been on quite a few Royal Caribbean cruises . So I called on

that and asked if she changed her mind about ever going. She said no Bob sr. always warned me about going. He was not a big fan of cruising And along with modern tech stuff Karen was not a big fan either. . Karen was so excited why? Because her grandson Justin took her to ther Milwaukee Brewers opening game with the Bob (Mr Baseball) Uecker tribute. She said go on line and see the picture Justin took of me in my purple coat. . I did and she told me they left I think she said it was in the 7th inning . Because the Brewers were loosing and it was chilly I told her that we had a date next month. She said The House of Gehards . I said no the memorial day cemataries . She laught and said God forbid I don't do that. I laughed and said Bob would come down and get us if we do not go. She said nothing that I remember about having any kind of surgery. She said I have to go cus Charlie and the other dog was back into the fountain. She told me Charlie never made any messes in the house But he sure did a lot of barking . I said love you and talk maybe in a week when I get some more newses She said will do Sad to say that was our last conversation we shall ever have. And sad But the last time I saw Karen was at her grand childrens Mother Rose's wake . She was sitting there with her best friend Lupe We had a great conversation then too I know Angel karen is in heaven and Got quite a welcome by past family members And is now in the arms of her beloved Bob R I P Angel Karen watch over us Leave us a sign and we shall get back to you in prayer For you will be ever in our hearts forever

Theresa M Peterson - April 10, 2025 at 05:01 PM

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“ *Toni O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sirrell.*

Toni O. - April 10, 2025 at 03:01 PM

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“ Karen and Bob were surrogate parents to me in my teenage years. Because of them, I graduated from high school, learned to drive, become the Brewer fan that I am today and supported me as a Bear fan. They took me to my first Chicago Broadway show, my first cruise to the Bahamas...so many first...but most importantly they showed me a love of helping children, especially ones that are not our own!! I have so many wonderful memories of Karen, and I'm ashamed that I allowed so many years of silence to come between us. But the last time I saw her, which was at Bob's celebration, I know, she knew, what she had meant to me and how life gets in the way of relations. Karen, you are apart of me in every breath I breath ❤️❤️



Toni - April 10, 2025 at 02:59 PM

MR

“ When our kids were little we would visit Bob and Karen. Bob would take us on a "nature walk" on the shore of Lake Michigan. Karen would stay back and make us all a meal. She would always make some sort of dessert that the kids would just love. They were always willing to help anyone with anything they needed. Recently Karen and Lupe found me the knee high stockings that I use as a lint filter on my washing machine. I looked and looked and asked at numerous stores. I told Karen about not being able to find them. She said she would look the next day when her and Lupe went shopping. A few days later a box of knee high stocking were at my house. That's how she was. I asked her how much I owed her and she said, "nothing". She was very caring, generous, fun, and always to help anyone with anything.

Mary Retzlaff - April 10, 2025 at 01:00 PM

JH

“ We are heartbroken. We will miss our monthly dinners with Karen and Lupe. Karen was our newslady. Always keeping us abreast of family happenings as well as worldly events. She was a sweetheart.
😭 Hugs to all who knew her and loved her. Larry and Julie Herbst

Julie Herbst - April 10, 2025 at 11:29 AM