



Karen J. Velzka

February 23, 1959 - December 18, 2023

Karen J. Velzka, age 64, lost her short battle with cancer on Sunday, December 18, 2023. Karen was born in Racine, WI on February 23, 1959, to the late George Rieckhoff Jr. and the late Shirley Stettler. On September 8, 1984, she was united in marriage to Scot Velzka in Franksville, where they lived their life together.

Karen spent 38 years devoted to her residents of Southern Wisconsin Center. She enjoyed her home and flowers, especially glads, her birds, and her family. Karen prayed every night for strangers in pain.

Living without Karen are her loving husband of 39 years, Scot Velzka; siblings, "Sissy" Sandy Rieckhoff, George (Kathryn) Rieckhoff III, Sue Malicki, Lynn (Mike) Fettes; her "bestie" Joyce Zeisse; her special family, Jeff and Whitney Squires, and their children; in-laws, Cathy (Rodney) Austin, Robert Velzka, Jerald (Donna) Velzka. She cherished all her nieces, nephews and many friends. She deeply missed her "boys," Charlie, Jake and Joker. Karen was grateful to her neighbors, who have been there for her.

In keeping with Karen's wishes, a private family service was held.

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

Our Karen was taken too soon.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ I will always remember Karen for her caring heart. A coworker who quickly became a good friend. She taught me so much. I will always treasure my memories of our lunch and breakfast get togethers to "catch up" and the random texts between us. Karen truly was a special person. An angel on earth and now an angel in heaven. She will be missed deeply. Jan

Jan Wilkening - December 22, 2023 at 09:21 AM

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“ I have so many memories, we worked side by side for 11years, we were a well oiled clock. Karen was the best co-worker to have, she made me look forward to being at work. Always patient and kind, she took care of the residents at SWC like they were her Family, she was the best of the best!!! When I think of Karen there will be a smile on my face and love in my heart ❤️ May she rest in peace with her fury babies that passed before her. She loved her boys!!! Gone too soon but never forgotten!❤️

sue saal - December 21, 2023 at 02:46 PM

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I have Know Karen before Scot and Karen married and she was very kind loving ❤️ person she will be surely missed !!!

Donald Fowler - December 21, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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God has gained another angel. Even with all you were dealing with, you still would always ask how we were doing. We are going to miss your sassyness and your delicious baked goods you would make us. You are one in a million, and we're going to miss you something terrible, but will always remember all the years of our friendship. Love you always Karen,

Bill and Jodie Acker - December 22, 2023 at 08:32 AM