



Karen Akerstrom

June 15, 1943 - May 8, 2010

Karen K. Akerstrom, 66, passed away, Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Midland Hospice surrounded by family and friends after a courageous battle with leukemia. Karen was born June 15, 1943 in Horton, KS. She graduated from Washburn Rural High School in 1961. Karen married Larry G. Akerstrom on June 25, 1961 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She managed Meadow Lanes Bowl for many years and also worked right alongside her husband and son in their business, Superior Carpet and Construction. Karen belonged to the Moose Lodge and the American Legion. She enjoyed her Friday night couples golf and Tuesday ladies golf group, bridge group and bowled in many leagues. Karen was proud to be the "Christmas Angel" at Valeo. Survivors include her husband, Larry; son, Brent Akerstrom (Terry); daughter, Tammy Freed (Curt); brother, Wayne Gerdes; twin sister, Carole Newell; grandchildren, Don, Amber, Scott, Angela Akerstrom, Jordan and Jared Freed; great granddaughter, Ariana Akerstrom and many nieces and nephews; step father, Gene Robinson. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Carl Gerdes and Helen Gerdes Robinson; nephew, Bryan Johnson; in law's, John and Lola Akerstrom. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8p.m Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish, Topeka, KS 66614. Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Topeka Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lodge and Valeo Drug and Alcohol Recovery Center, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Akerstrom*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Larry*
Our hearts and prayers are with you in this time of loss

Bill & Eula Snyder - May 14, 2010 at 12:31 PM



“ *Larry and Family,*
We just wanted you to know we were thinking of you in this time of need. You have our sympathy and our hearts.

Jeff Henderson and Shelley Elsea - May 13, 2010 at 09:54 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of the lose of Karen. Our Hearts and Prayers go out to all of you. She will be missed.*

Robert and Pam Nielsen - May 13, 2010 at 11:08 AM

CM

“ Larry and Family:
I did not know Karen or you but want to express my sincere condolences to you and all of your family. I believe that my Grandmother Edna Amelia Akerstrom-Fox who passed 43 years ago was your Father Johns sister. I always remember my Mom talking about Aunt Lola and Uncle Johns when I was little. I am now 72 years young and everytime I see the name Akerstrom, it brings back such vivid memories of my dear beloved Grandmother who I loved so much. I hope your memories are as vivid as mine are of my Grandmother. May God Bless Your Whole Family.

*Carolyn Mitchell-Johnson
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Carolyn Mitchell-Johnson - May 11, 2010 at 09:52 AM

DH

“ *Our sympathy goes to Larry and family. Karen, was one of the nicest, sweetest, women we have ever known. Our condolences to the family and you will be in our heart and prayers.*

David and Michelle Henry - May 10, 2010 at 01:48 PM

KR

“ *Larry and family -*

I am very sorry to hear that Karen passed, the last time I saw her was prior to her going to KU. She was such a light when she came into the Cancer Center and it was a joy to have known her. My thoughts are prayers are with you in this time.

Katie K. RN - May 10, 2010 at 01:25 PM

RP

“ Larry,, It made me so sad to read about Karen. I remember when my mom was married to Jerry, Karen was always so nice to me. I saw her at the grocery store a couple of years ago and she remembered me from so long ago. Just know she will always be with you in your heart as she watches over you. With deepest sympathy
From: Larry and Roxanne Payne

Roxanne (McCall) Payne - May 10, 2010 at 01:11 PM

TF

“ Our sympathy to Larry and family members. Karen, was a fine, grand, and happy lady. Our family wil miss her.

The Richard E. Freed family - May 10, 2010 at 08:37 AM

BM

“ Karen was good caring and lovely lady with gentle smiles, laughing eyes, and a loving heart.
We will always remember the good times we had camping with her and her family. You will always be rememberd in hearts and prayers.
With deepest sympathy.

From: Bob and Patty McCormick

Bob and Patty McCormick - May 09, 2010 at 09:20 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. Although I have not seen Karen for a while, I have many good memories of her kindness and love. May Karen rest in peace and her love fulfill your hearts in this time of sorrow.

Lori Dresch (McCormick) - May 09, 2010 at 09:44 AM