



Karen Ann Lee

May 2, 1960 - December 1, 2019

Karen "Karone" Lee age 59 of Sterling passed away Sunday Dec. 1, 2019 with her children at her side. Karen was born on May 2, 1960, the daughter of Steve F. and Marcella M (Janota) Bednar.

Karen's main passions in life were teaching, fishing, and being a Grandmother. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Following college, she taught for 20 years, ranging from Kindergarten through 8th grade and special education. She was currently teaching at Rock Falls Middle School.

Karen was preceded in death by her mother, father, and nephew Joshua J. Bednar.

She is survived by her children Brian (Lauren) Lee of Dixon, and Celia Lee of Amboy; her grandchildren Colton and Amelia. Karen is also survived by her brothers Neal Bednar of Romeoville, Steve (Christine) Bednar of Plainfield, James Bednar of Sublette and her sister Linda Bergreen of California.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday Dec. 7, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette with the Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Burial will follow in St Mary Cemetery in Sublette. Visitation will be on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. A memorial has been established Rock Falls School District 13.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

110 Rockyford Rd
Sublette, IL 61367

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
201 S Locust St
Sublette, IL 61367

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Ann Lee*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Karen Ann Lee*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *karen lee was the best middle school teacherus students have had she was the teacher i looked up to when i had no one else to talk to she kept every student happy and when we found out she passed away it was the most difficult thing ever the whole school took a day to remember how great of a woman she was to everyone she was the one who kept us all happy and made us laugh on our bad days she would throw stuff at the students as a joke and i wish she was there to see me graduate rock falls middle school becuase it would have meant everything to me to say my goodbyes to the one teacher i looked up to*

Katelyn Kirby - February 13, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Marcus Kenneth Surrena was added to the Family Tree.*

Breanna Surrena - December 10, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ *Breanna Fayth Surrena was added to the Family Tree.*

Breanna Surrena - December 10, 2019 at 11:45 AM

RG

“ Our sincere condolences to Karen's immediate family and close friends. To me, Karen was Steve's kid sister back in the old neighborhood when we were kids. Christine, Steve's wife and I were classmates at Epiphany Grade School and still good friends. Again, our deepest condolences on your loss. Ray and Adrienne Garcia.

Ray Garcia - December 07, 2019 at 12:59 PM

DS

“ Our prayers and condolences Brian, Celia and family, during this difficult time.

Joe and Diane Stewart

Diane Stewart - December 06, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Lee.



December 06, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Lee.



December 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM

YP

“ Your friends at CGH Pharmacy purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Karen Ann Lee.



Your friends at CGH Pharmacy - December 04, 2019 at 11:27 AM

LG

“ She was a Woodhaven Angel, she took my son with her to Yogi Bear when he was driving me crazy. As she flies on Angel wings into the arms of her heavenly mother, know you will be missed, but the happiness and memories made will live on forever. Prayers go out to each and every family member and friends. My sympathies
Linda Graff

Linda Graff - December 03, 2019 at 08:01 PM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss. I first met Karen when she worked at Riverdale School. She was always busy working with one of her students and them first.



Stacy D - December 02, 2019 at 08:45 PM

MW

“ I have so many memories of Karone I wouldnt know where to begin. I met her almost 15 years ago when she lived across the street in Amboy. I used to also take care of Marcy when she lived in her apartment in Sublette. She was always ready and willing to talk whenever we just happened to run into each other. She was always such a kind caring person. My deepest sympathies and condolences to her family. May she forever Rest in peace.

Meggie Wiley - December 02, 2019 at 01:08 PM

KI

I only knew her in grammar school but it sounds like she turned out to be a wonderful person. Rest in peace Karen.

Kitty - December 02, 2019 at 08:27 PM

SH

Karone will be so missed by so many people. She touched the lives of family, friends and so many students over the years. She was enjoying her experience of being a Gramma and I'm thankful she had that. Fly with the angels, Karone, and rest peacefully for eternity. We will miss you.

Mike and Shon Halacka

Shon Halacka - December 04, 2019 at 11:58 PM