



Obituary

Born: Saturday, October 2, 1948

Died: Saturday, February 29, 2020

Karen Kay Deitzman, age 71, of El Dara, IL passed away on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. She was born on October 2, 1948 in Dayton, OH to Howard and Ethel Weller Kesling. She married Thomas Jesse Deitzman on May 21, 1968 and he preceded her in death on June 1, 2017.

Karen worked at Barry Community Care Center in the kitchen for many years. Her greatest joy in life was being a homemaker, raising her children and running the household. She also loved being a grandmother and great grandmother. Karen was the perfect anchor to her husband, conforming to his adventurous lifestyle and always standing by his side. To quote a family friend, "Behind every great man is a greater woman." Karen was a past member of the El Dara Christian Church, and was a Christian in faith. Karen was a loving and caring woman who created a nurturing home for her family and was a rock to many friends when in need. She enjoyed growing succulents, tending to her koi pond, and gardening. She had been residing at Barry Community Care Center since 2015, where she enjoyed doing crafts and visiting with friends.

Service Summary

Private Interment

Visitation

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Mar 06, 2020

Niebur Funeral Chapel

629 Mortimer

Barry, Illinois 62312

She is survived by her children, Erika (Sean) White of Quincy, IL, Leticia Farmer of Colony, TX, Melissa (Stephen) Hennley of Mountain Grove, MO, Ingrid Deitzman of Wentzville, MO, Ursula (Bruce) Jones of Barry, IL, and Thomas Joshua Deitzman of El Dara, IL; eleven grandchildren, Thomas Jordan Deitzman, Ashley Jones, Tera Deitzman, Levi Jones, Sierra Romanski, Morgan Romanski, Jerred Farmer, Cameron Farmer, Logan Farmer, Shayden Farmer, and Lauren Elkins; three great grandchildren, Liam Thomas Brysenn Deitzman, and Micah Ross; one great great granddaughter, Adelyn Farmer; sisters, Karol (Richard) Hellhake of Bradenton, FL and Kathy Kesling of Oklahoma; brother, Fred Sheets of Miamisberg, OH; sister-in-law, Janey Hembraugh of Kansas City, MO; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Thomas Deitzman; daughter, Nichole Deitzman; grandson, Jacob Dunham; and parents, Howard and Ethel Kesling.

Celebration of Life with family meeting friends will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Niebur Funeral Chapel in Barry. Interment will be held privately at a later date at Taylor Martin Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to be made to Taylor Martin Cemetery or to the Pike County Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be left to the family at

www.nieburfh.com. Niebur Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Karen's memory to the following organizations:

Pike County Animal Shelter

Taylor-Martin Cemetery
El Dara, IL