



Karen Mary Keller

July 16, 1943 - December 28, 2025

Karen Mary (nee DeBruzzi) Keller, a truly beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, earned her angel wings on Sunday, December 28, at her home, surrounded by family, following a courageous six-month journey with pancreatic cancer. She faced her illness with grace, strength, and the same quiet determination that defined her life.

Karen was born on July 16, 1943, in Duluth, Minnesota, the daughter of Anthony and Irene (Rosetti) DeBruzzi. The only sister among four brothers-Gary (Kathy) DeBruzzi, James DeBruzzi, David (special friend Carol Pearson) DeBruzzi, and Edward (Jane) DeBruzzi-Karen grew up learning strength, patience, and humor, qualities that served her well throughout her life.

Karen graduated from Denfeld High School in 1961. In her early twenties, Karen relocated to the Twin Cities, where she built a life rooted in hard work and deep relationships. She spent nearly 40 years as an office manager with MetLife in Edina, where she was respected and valued for her reliability, positivity, and kind-hearted nature, until her retirement.

On July 23, 1977, Karen was united in marriage to the love of her life, Paul Gregory Keller. Together they shared a devoted partnership and raised three children-Kevin (Jessie Barber), Kristina (Danny Boyle), and Kyle (Becky) Keller-whom Karen loved fiercely and supported unconditionally. She was a steady presence, a trusted confidante, and the heart of her family.

Karen was a loyal friend, a supportive sister, an adoring aunt, and a warm, generous soul to all who knew her. Nothing brought her more joy than her

grandchildren: Greta, Wyatt, and Marryn Keller, and Marietta Boyle. She was happiest cooking alongside them in her kitchen, especially making her beloved Italian dishes like stuffed shells and pizzelle cookies, cheering them on from the stands at sporting events, or applauding proudly at dance recitals. Karen embraced life fully and taught her family that life is meant to be enjoyed. She loved traveling, sharing adventures with friends and family, creating "artsy craftsy" projects to give to loved ones, and cheering for her favorite team the Minnesota Twins. In 1987, she even took her oldest son, Kevin, out of school to attend the Minnesota Twins World Series parade-an enduring example of her joyful spirit, her love of fun, and her gift for making meaningful memories.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Irene DeBruzzi; in-laws, Gregory and Ethel Keller; brother, James DeBruzzi; sisters-in-law, Mary Leslie and Kristine Dembiczak, and brothers-in-law Jerry Weier and John Leslie. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished by her husband, children, grandchildren, brothers, extended family, and the many friends whose lives she touched. Karen's legacy of love, generosity, laughter, and joy will live on in all who knew her.

Services will be held on Friday, January 9, at 11:00 am at the Church of St. Edward in Bloomington, with visitation one hour prior at 10:00 am. Burial at Fort Snelling will take place at a later date. The livestream link is www.stedwardschurch.org/funerals

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RO

“ Karen, you will be remembered for your love of people and your kindness; also, your love of the band Eagles. Their album, ‘Eagles, Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975) ‘ has become the number one best seller - I know you brought their music with you to heaven to share and have many a sing-a-long. Love and Hugs. Robbie

Robbie - February 03 at 08:45 AM

SP

“ I'm a school friend of Karen from high school. She always had that instant smile.
Saw each other two years ago.
May her family keep her in their hearts 💕
Shirley Hendershot Peterson

Shirley Peterson - January 09 at 09:55 AM

DD

“ Dan Debruzzi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Mary Keller.



Dan Debruzzi - January 07 at 10:51 AM

EM

“ *Elaine Ketterer, Deena & Travis Martin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen Mary Keller.*



Elaine Ketterer, Deena & Travis Martin - January 07 at 09:25 AM

KC

“ *I am a former neighbor. my husband grew up in New Jersey and was missing not having authentic homemade pizzelle cookies at Christmas. For the next years before we moved Karen would bring him those cookies he loved so much. Such a beautiful heart she had.*

kate Currie - January 06 at 09:06 PM

JS

I worked with Karen at MetLife for many years. She was such a amazing woman! I can't ever remember a time that she was not upbeat, happy and a pleasure to be around. She will be greatly missed.

John Scheidler - January 08 at 08:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Mary Keller.*



January 06 at 09:55 AM



“ *Your friends at ROACH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Mary Keller.*

Your friends at ROACH - January 06 at 09:55 AM