



Karen Janet Paddock

February 15, 1943 - June 26, 2021

Karen Janet Paddock passed June 26, 2021 after a long illness. Longtime resident of Oakdale, MN, she grew up in St. Paul and graduated from Mechanic Arts HS in 1961. She began her college journey at St. Cloud State and completed it at the University of MN at age 61.

She met and married the love of her life, James Paddock in 1966 and started a family in St. Paul.

Over the years she worked for the MN State Patrol where she met life-long friends "The Farm Ladies" and ended her career as a recruiter for Family Medicine residents at the University of MN, Twin Cities.

Life-long member of St. Paul's UCC, Karen sang in the choir and sat on the church council for many years. She made many friends and often closed down the church after services talking to everyone.

In addition, Karen was a founding member of Oratorio Society of MN, where she sang the music that lifted her soul, filled her heart and gave her great comfort in later years. She was a member and chorus manager for 25 years, making many beautiful friends.

She had vibrant spirit that filled the room wherever she went. Karen touched the lives of so many people and always left a little sparkle. Although she has left us, she will never be truly gone since she has left a little sparkle in everyone's heart.

Karen is survived by her loving husband, James Paddock, of 54 years; her daughters, Alyssa Paddock and Tracey Hammel; and the lights of her life, her

grandchildren, Eric Hammel and Jamie Hammel.

Preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Justin Olson and Mary Olson and her beloved sister, Beverly Rasmussen.

Visitation Monday, July 5th at 4-8 pm at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 W. Hwy 96, Shoreview.

Funeral service Tuesday, July 6th at 11:00 AM (visitation 10-11 AM) at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave., St. Paul.

Interment Elmhurst Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Alyssa,

*I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear Mother.
Sending caring thoughts your way for you and
your family.*

*Sincerely,
Gina*



Gina M Aguirre-Larson - July 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolence to the Paddock family!*
Greg Lucas



Gregory H Lucas - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies to Jim, Alyssa and Tracey for the loss of
your beloved wife and mom. We grieve with you and send our love.*

Vern & Sharon Rasmussen - July 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM