



Roxann "Roxie" Vivian Karelis

June 22, 1955 - November 13, 2020

Karelis, Roxann "Roxie" (Mulligan). Beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend to all who knew her. Age 65 of Cambridge formerly of Roseville passed away unexpectedly 11/13/20.

Roxie passionately dedicated her adult life to serving victims of domestic violence. She actively served on the state coalition board of Violence Free Minnesota, formerly known as Minnesota Coalition of Battered Women (MCBW). She was also beginning a new journey with Support Within Reach in Bemidji, MN and looking forward to being a positive influence on the communities she served.

Anyone who knew Roxie knows that her family, friends, and work meant everything to her. Whether it was a big family get together or a small gathering, Roxie always enjoyed her time simply visiting, playing cards, Yahtzee, or an occasional trip to the casino.

Preceded in death by her father James Mulligan. Survived by children Trisha & Patrick (Jill), grandchildren, Kallie Jo, Jenecie, & Kellen, mother Vivian, brother Tim & sister Bonnie Johnson (Mitch) & nephews Bart, Trevor (Jessica), & Sean (Brittney) and many other relatives & friends.

COVID protocols strictly enforced. A private memorial service will be held for the family on Saturday, November 21, 1pm and livestreamed via Zoom. See Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell website for zoom link. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or

sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelation 21:4

Recording of Service at:

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Roxie was the definition of putting everything and everyone else first. She was so selfless and lived every area of her life that way. I'm grateful for her compassion, generosity and love. Oh, and her gambling advice. She truly was a gem!*

Kristina - November 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *I miss you Rox!*

suzanne nevala - January 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *No words can express the deep sadness I feel at your loss. Rox was a beautiful, loving, kind woman. She helped many during her too short time in this world. We look forward to the world to come. The kingdom which has no end. Love and Prayers Colleen*

Colleen Stennett - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Trisha & Patrick -- your mom was an amazing woman! We remember her fondly from Steve's days at Budget Mart! Roxie was 1 of a kind -- she was always a positive, dedicated employee, amazing with customers and her staff ... such a kind, warm, spirited person and we will never forget her! A fond memory that Steve has is that Roxie LOVED bingo nights with her team where we would share an iced down bucket of beer bottles and lots of laughs! With our deepest condolences and big hugs to both of you and your families ...



Steve & Kar Theissen

Steve & Kar Theissen - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Joe and I want to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of this very special woman, who we have shared so many precious moments with, she will be missed by everyone who loved her. With deepest regrets, may she Rest In Peace, and still live in our hearts.

Joe and Shelly Mikel - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Trisha, my heart is just broken. Your mom was such a wonderful person. I remember all the times we sat and visited at the table at teen challenge. Natalie, Sam... Everyone loved her so much. She will be missed by many

Diana White - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *What a beautiful service, befitting of a woman who touched so many people's lives through her work and passion for advocacy. Although Roxie's tenure with Support Within Reach end much too soon, the impact of her leadership and vision is everlasting. My deepest sympathies to your family, Char, Rayha, and all those whose lives were enriched by Roxie's love, friendship and compassion.*



Sherry Shadley - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ *Sorry for your lose.*



Riley Irish - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *I met Roxy at the most broken, dark time of my life. Because of her and her work at the Refuge...my kids and I found safety and comfort. The moms got to attend a DV gala while I was there. I remember how everyone in the room loved her. She's an angel. Both figuratively and literally. Roxy has a place in my heart and my story forever💜 Rest In Peace. My kids and I love you.*

Briana Steele - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *Roxie we were blessed to have you with us on earth and we are blessed to have you as our angel watching over us! You will be greatly missed.*

Vicki Flor-Behrens - November 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Ahh Ma I still cant believe it. My heart is in pieces. I dont know how to do this life without you. You gave me many memories and words of wisdom that I will forever cherish and hold in my heart. I miss you so much ma. Jenecie does too. It will never be the same. Watch over us mom. We need you. We love you forever and always.*

Trish - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *I can't say enough how much she will be missed by everyone who knew her. She is my sister from another mother. (Thanks Viv for giving this wonderful human to our world!) I pray for peace, calmness. and compassion for this awesome family. Love you Dix!!!!*

Tom and Lisa Ostertag - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Rest In Peace Roxie!*



Kristin Camacho - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SO

“*Roxie was such a wonderful person. She will be missed by all. My deepest sympathy to her family.*”



Stephenie Och - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“*Roxie was such an amazing woman and a leader in the work to end domestic violence. She had a vibrant spirit that would light up a room. When Roxie would stand and speak her truth on behalf of victims, no matter who was her audience, people would listen. Her passion and strength helped so many in need. She was a warm and true friend to so many who loved her. When visiting with Roxie, it was so apparent her greatest joys were her children, grandchildren and family. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit, work and legacy will be with us forever.*”



Shelley Cline - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MA

“*I did not know Roxie long, but she was an amazing advocate and mentor. She had a new job in my region , and I was looking forward to working with her. I will miss her wisdom and kindness.*”



Mandie Aalto - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Many many memories with the Karelis family, and friends. I will always be grateful for the opportunities I had because of Roxie at work and everything I gained as her friend. She raised great kids and mentored many others. We've all laughed together and now will share sorrow together but she is definitely going to a great place and will continue to watch over us all. God bless her family and friends, and thank you for being one Roxie, we'll miss you!!!*

Dale Hale - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Lou Powell - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *I cannot tell you how sad I am for you with this news. I have so many fun memories with Roxie, she was a fun cousin. I will think of her often. Rest well Roxie. Love you.*

Deb Wakefield - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TR

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Trish - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I knew Rosie so briefly in our work together for battered woman; she was my supervisor. Roxie was such a firecracker, and did what needed to be done. She challenged me in a way I needed to be challenged and I'm grateful to have had that with her.*

I'm so sorry for her friends and family, and I hope they are able to find peace.

Michelle Nast - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM