



Karen H Colburn

December 1, 1947 - June 23, 2020

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, Karen H. Colburn was welcomed into the arms of the Lord at Waccamaw Hospital in Pawleys Island, SC.

Karen was born December 1, 1947 to the late George H. and Mildred S. Hock in Baltimore, MD. In addition to her parents, Karen was preceded in death by her brothers, Bruce and Craig Hock. Karen is survived by her husband Jack; her son Chris; granddaughters Megan and Erin, sister Pam Freitag; and many nephews and a niece.

Professionally, Karen worked in a number of roles, including as a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines; a staff draftsman for Bendix Corporation on the Apollo 11 project; swim instructor at the Towson YMCA; and an electronic drafter on many medical equipment designs for Becton Dickinson, where she retired in 2005.

After moving to Pawley's Island in 2005, Karen was active in the community, both as a member of Precious Blood of Christ Church and in the social life at the River Club. Quick with a smile and a kind word, Karen was loved by the many people whose lives she touched.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Precious Blood of Christ Church (1633 Waverly Rd., Pawleys Island SC) privately by her family.

Private interment to follow at a later date.

Flowers may be sent to the church the day of the service. Any contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-3428

Tribute Wall

DK

“ My name is Donna Culotta-Kehler. I never met Karen but I dated her brother Craig when I was in high school at Norte Dame Prep in Towson, md. I was also friends with Bruce. I remember hearing about their sisters and when I randomly came across this obituary , I had to reach out ...especially since I now live part time in North Myrtle beach. I am sure you are still missing Karen even though it is now almost 2 yrs since her passing.

Donna kehler - May 27, 2022 at 10:34 PM

KL

“ Dear Jack and Chris,

I am so sorry to hear about Karen. We miss you both so much. When we visited you in South Carolina, Tom and I didn't even have kids. I wish that Karen could have met our children. I met her 32 years ago at BD when I was just 18 years old. She was such a great friend to me. I miss her dearly but am glad that she is safe in Heaven.

Love, Tom & Kelly Lorenz

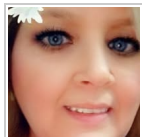
Kelly Lorenz - July 10, 2020 at 10:33 PM

MP

“ I was honored and privileged enough to know my Aunt Karen for 52 years, and was the nicest, funniest and most compassionate person I have ever met. I can never remember a time when I was talking to her that I did not laugh. She had a smile that could light up a room. I believe her spirit is in each and everyone one of us that she touched.

Love, Mike, Lisa, Maura and Colin

Mike Payne - July 06, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ I had the greatest pleasure of getting to know karen while she was at Becton Dickinson. She was one of the sweetest, honest and lovable ladies I have ever met. She will always been in my heart and in my favorite memories.

Lori Turner - July 02, 2020 at 03:22 PM

JS

“ Dear Chris and Jack-

So sorry to hear of your loss. Chris, your Mom was one of the best - I'll never forget her excitement at watching all of us swim at Loyola. I'll be praying for you and your family. Take care.

-Jim Stefansic

Jim Stefansic - June 30, 2020 at 05:24 PM

KR

“ Remembering one of the most positive people I have ever known! Karen always had a smile on her face, a kind word for everyone, and that infectious laugh will never be forgotten. My sincere condolences to Jack and her entire family.



Karen Ruder - June 30, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JH

“ I always enjoyed seeing Jack and Karen in Mays Chapel we were neighbors on Blondell Court where we had many great conversations and laughs. In the summer we would gather at Padonia Swim Club to continue having fun. Karen would always make you feel great with her million dollar smile and kind nature. She will be missed my prayers go out to Karen, Jack, Chris and family.

Joe Herbert - June 29, 2020 at 10:32 PM

SP

“ Karen was a constant "light" in our River Club community. She had the wonderful gift to make all people she met feel welcome and special. She will be missed by us all.

Susie and Gary Pavek

Susan Pavek - June 29, 2020 at 08:00 PM

JS

“ Every time I see a Manhattan, I think of the Colburns. As one of the families who started their lives on Blondell Court with the Colburn's- all I can say is how privileged and lucky we were to of had her as a neighbor and great friend. Chris, Jack and Karen, because you know she's listening in- we love you and always have since the day we met you. Love always, Jasmine, Shriver, Lil Bob in heaven with Karen and David.

Jasmine Shriver - June 29, 2020 at 04:35 PM

KG

“ Dear Jack and Chris,

There are too many wonderful memories of Karen that Bob & I will always hold in our hearts which began when I first met you both at the Yorkshire for Bloody Marys before the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1969 to our last trip to Pawley's Island in 2015. There are not enough words to describe Karen; she was a dear friend to us. I can still hear her voice and her infectious laugh, and those are the memories I will always cherish. She is resting in peace, and may God strengthen you both during this time....

*With our love,
Bob & Kathy Garrett*

Kathy Garrett - June 29, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ Jack,

We are so incredibly sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Karen was a huge part of my 20 year career at Becton Dickinson. I spent more time with Karen than my wife so I always called her my work wife but she was more like a mom to me. Karen was a great friend and confidant. She was always there to help in anyway she could with work issues or personal situations. She helped me emotionally with the passing of both my parents. Her up beat personality was always a great thing to look forward to every day going to work. Even after you both moved to Myrtle Beach, you both were so inviting to let us visit and show us around that Cathi and I moved here in 2015. We really enjoyed meeting up with you guys to get dinners, catch up on families and friends, and visiting at your house to get some of that chocolate cake. Our prayers go out to you and your family at this very sad and difficult time, but we know Karen is in great hands!!! God bless all of you!

She will be missed!!!

Steve and Cathi Price

Cathi Price - June 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JM

“ Our hearts are broken. We will miss our dear friend so much. Her smile was not only beautiful, it was contagious. Karen was the most positive person we've known. She always had a kind word and was willing to help in any way. We will miss our dinners with her and Jack, and all the laughs we had. Hopefully, she can get a Manhattan in Heaven at 5:00 every day.

Jack, Chris, and her sweet granddaughters were the loves of her life. Our prayers are with you at this sad time.

We love you dear Karen, we miss you, and we thank God for you.

Tom and Janet May

Janet May - June 28, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen H Colburn.



June 28, 2020 at 09:19 AM

VC

“ Jack - Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Karen was such a wonderful person. We will miss her bright smile and funny stories.

Vince & Roberta Civitarese

Vince & Roberta Civitarese - June 27, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *My heart hurts to know that Karen is gone. She was such a bright light in my life throughout all of high school, and it could not have been the same without her smiles and laughter. I am so sorry for your loss, Jack and Chris, and your precious grand children. I know she treasured all of you. Such a loss to the world. God bless.*

Peggy Fiorini

Peggy Fiorini - June 26, 2020 at 07:55 PM

KJ

“ *Karen was a kind, beautiful, funny, lady who always had a wonderful smile and good word for everyone. She will be greatly missed. Prayers and best wishes to her family. RIP Karen.*

Kim Jackson

Kim Jackson - June 26, 2020 at 12:47 PM

MM

“ *Rest in peace, my dear friend. Thank you for the wonderful beach memories.*

MaryAnn MACDONALD - June 26, 2020 at 10:22 AM

AS

“ *Karen was one of the first people that my husband, Tim, and I met in the neighborhood. She was the most beautiful, welcoming soul we could imagine meeting. Her smile was always radiant and she lit up the room just by being in it. We are so sad to hear of her passing. Our condolences to Jack and her family.*

Angie Sloan

Angie Sloan - June 26, 2020 at 09:33 AM

PC

“ Karen was everyone’s friend in high school & everyone loved her. She had a big smile for all & a wonderful laugh. Our entire TC class of 65 that are left behind will miss her. I will remember her for all the fun we had & her perpetual smile. So very sorry Jack & Chris as I know she was your world. Penny Shettle Crawford

Penny Crawford - June 25, 2020 at 10:52 PM

DP

“ Karen was always welcoming and inclusive of new people in the community. What a kind and sunny soul she gave us.

Deborah Phillips - June 25, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Karen was one of the most wonderful and upbeat individuals that my wife Joan and I have ever met! In "Karen terms," she was absolutely precious. Her passing truly shocked us. And we so very much regret not having her as a friend for longer than we did. May God take good care of you, Karen.

John Campbell - June 25, 2020 at 06:42 PM

WO

“ My memory of Karen goes back to Mays Chapel Village on Blondell Ct. we would bring cocktails and food out and sit on our steps. Karen and Jack always had their Manhattans. I remember Karen running back and forth to her kitchen because she’d have dinner cooking and it always sounded delicious. I felt inferior as a cook. Karen was a good listener and would give you heartfelt advice. She was a beautiful sweet woman. My heart hurts for you Jack and Chris.

Wanda Ohare - June 25, 2020 at 04:54 PM