



Karlene "Kay" Miss Goch" Lee Gochenour Rudolph

June 12, 1942 - June 9, 2020

Karlene "Kay," "Miss Goch" Lee Gochenour Rudolph, age 77, passed away on June 9, 2020.

Born June 12, 1942, in Washington, D.C., Karlene was the daughter of the late Karl Luther and Irene Crandall Stine Gochenour. She was predeceased, in 2002, by her husband of 17 years, Donald Rudolph, who was a devoted golfer, retired barber, dispatcher for AandP stores in New Jersey, and maintenance man for schools in Camden Co. NJ. She was also predeceased by her only sister, Nancy Gochenour Stiltner in May of 2018. Mrs. Rudolph is survived by her very special brother-in-law Jennings B. "Britt" Stiltner, a 30-year Air Force veteran.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Conway. Mrs. Rudolph was active in mission work. She worked on the cookbook committee and named and edited the God's Great Bounty cookbook. Additionally, she worked on several projects for the Help 4 Kids organization including sandwich making in the summer as well as other seasonal projects such as backpack buddies, the annual school supplies drives, and Lenten and Christmas programs that benefit children in Horry County.

Karlene was a 1960 graduate of Anacostia High School in Washington, DC; and a 1964 graduate of Western Maryland College, having majored in English

and education and graduating cum laude. In 1977, she received her Masters of Arts Degree from Glassboro State University in NJ, where she excelled in all disciplines and graduated with honors.

Mrs. Rudolph was a retired educator, having taught English grammar and literature courses. She touched many lives and influenced many students over her 45-year career at Deptford High School in New Jersey, and at Coastal Carolina University (CCU) in Conway, SC. She planned and produced many plays for the drama department at Deptford High School and won teacher of the year in 1971-72. She served as high school yearbook advisor for 20 years. Additionally, she was the advisor for the National Honor Society for many years, and she was the high school softball coach for 10 years. Her extracurricular teaching duties also included band trip chaperone, and senior trip chaperone. At Coastal Carolina University, she taught freshman and sophomore classes, was yearbook advisor and worked as head judge for the College Board competitions. She also performed in several plays at Wheelwright Theater at CCU.

For over 20 years, she was a devoted golfer, playing many courses with her husband and her home course with "the girls." She was proud to have won 2nd place in her flight of the World Amateur Championship.

She was active in the Myrtle Trace South community and for many years was one of three who gathered, edited and published the community newsletter, The Gatepost. She also served on the original board of directors for one year and worked closely with the writing of the covenants of MTS and the modifications committee.

She was an animal lover and had four special cats, Nimue, Freddie, Gulliver and Magnolia.

Funeral services will be held at Conway First United Methodist Church at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 13, 2020 with Rev. Kyle Randle officiating. Entombment will follow at Hillcrest cemetery in Conway.

The family will receive friends after the service at the First United Methodist Church, Family Life Center.

Memorial donations may be made to FUMC, Building Fund, 1001 5th Avenue, Conway, SC 29526 or Help 4 Kids, 2523 Forestbrook Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588, or Best Friends Animal Shelter, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah 84741.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Conway

1001 5th Avenue

Conway, SC 29526

<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

Tribute Wall

CP

“ I remember her walking into one of my classes to announce I had been chosen for the National Honor Society! She always had a knack for making students feel special and always took the time to listen. Sweet lady, may she Rest In Peace!

Carol Wells Palos - June 19, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ I met Karlene during my internship at Coastal Carolina University. I loved her warm heart, kindness and openness. She was a fabulous cook and I loved eating with her or going out to eat. She shared a lot of her memories in Germany to me and we laughed a lot together about people and the world. She always appreciated the German snacks that I brought her and I know she would have loved traveling to Germany again. Tschüs as she always said to me when we parted ways.

Martin Heinen - June 18, 2020 at 04:41 PM

HJ

“ Hunter & Debbie Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Karlene "Kay" Miss Goch" Lee Gochenour Rudolph



Hunter & Debbie Jenkins - June 12, 2020 at 08:33 AM

MR

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Michelle Rudolph Redfield - June 11, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MR

Kay and my Dad met in the 1980 s They married and I am proud to say she was my step mom There wasn't a day from the first time we met that she didn't make my family feel welcomed We would take our summer vacations to SC Kay was one of the best cooks I've known....but don't go in her kitchen we always joked She was a loving wife, stepmom and Grandmom and she will be missed dearly I thank God she had such a wonderful brother in law that was there every step of the way Rest In Peace Kay You will be deeply missed We love you ❤️

Michelle Rudolph Redfield - June 11, 2020 at 09:08 PM

JG

My deepest sympathy to the Britt and the family of Karlene. I loved working with Karlene over the years with various mission projects at FUMC. The cookbook for FUMC was especially fun-would never have happened if it was not for Karlene and Nancy! Karlene will be deeply missed, she was a special lady. I considered her a friend. She is at peace now and will shine on us from above. Much love and God Bless.

Jan Gawith - June 12, 2020 at 09:01 AM

MR

I have the cookbook I have kept Kay's breakfast quiche recipe as a Christmas morning tradition every year She was a phenomenal cook 😊

michelle rudolph redfield - June 12, 2020 at 10:38 AM

PL

RIP "Gochie" 🕊️

You gave me so many memories which I will cherish for the rest of my life. Happy Heavenly Birthday! Till we meet again.

Pat Lowery - June 12, 2020 at 11:45 PM

JH

“ Judy And John Hartwright lit a candle in memory of Karlene "Kay" Miss Goch" Lee Gochenour Rudolph



Judy and John Hartwright - June 11, 2020 at 05:13 PM

KA

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with close friends and the Gochenour family at this time. Isaiah 41:10

Kathryn - June 11, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SR

“ Karlene was a special lady and she was my friend. She fought a good fight and has now received the ultimate Peace from God.

Sylvia Richardson



Sylvia Richardson - June 10, 2020 at 09:54 PM

JH

“ Jimmy And Lynn Hammond lit a candle in memory of Karlene "Kay" Miss Goch" Lee Gochenour Rudolph



Jimmy and Lynn Hammond - June 10, 2020 at 08:09 PM

KC

“ My friend Karlene. We first meet in 2005 when she came to a plant shop I worked at and told me, "I need you". No one ever told me that. She needed held in her yard. We became good friends. The many hours of talking endlessly, the laughing, and at times crying will be with me forever. I loved Karlene, at her best and at times at her worst. That's what friends are. I will miss her dearly as will anyone whom have had the opportunity to know Karlene

kim constantino - June 10, 2020 at 07:16 PM

JW

Karlene was a special lady. When I worked with Karlene and Nancy with vacation Bible school, Help 4 Kids and God's Great Bounty cookbook, Karlene was always so giving and meticulous. Rest in Peace Karlene. You will be missed.

Jill Watts - June 15, 2020 at 03:27 PM