



Karen Lee Carman

May 4, 1942 - April 20, 2024

Karen Lee Carman, age 81 of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 7:00 PM on April 20, 2024, at Mattoon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Mattoon, IL. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is assisting the family.

Karen was born on May 4, 1942, in Springfield, OH to the late Elroy and Leona M. (Creachbalm) Rutroff. She married Paul V. Carman on February 7, 1997, in Charleston, IL; he survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. She is also survived by one daughter, Charlotte L. Thornton of Pana, IL; one brother, John Rutroff and wife Patty of Leesburg, FL; two grandchildren, Briana Hendrickson and husband Ryan of Champaign, IL, Brittini Merkel and husband Dan of Indianapolis, IN; two great-grandchildren, Braden and Evelyn Merkel of Indianapolis, IN; sister-in-laws, Marjorie DeBuhr of Mattoon, IL and Nancy Price of Portland, OR.

Karen retired from General Electric in Mattoon, IL. Prior to that, she was employed at the former Link Clinic in Mattoon, IL. She was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Mattoon, IL.

Karen enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids, shopping with her daughter, and gardening. Together for over 50 years, Karen and her husband, Paul, loved spending their days playing games, sitting on the front porch, and making coffee for one another.

A loving wife, mother, Nana, and friend, Karen will be deeply missed and remembered for the love and laughter she brought to everyone who knew her.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Tribute Wall

PC

“Sweetheart, since the beginning of time, no man has loved a woman any more then I loved you. I'll be joining you soon, dear.
Loving you always, Paul

paul carman - April 26, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JM

Karen was one of the nicest, most pleasant people I ever worked with at GE. I was lucky to call her a friend. She will be missed!

Jackie Miles - April 26, 2024 at 08:30 PM

NP

Karen was a wonderful sister-in-law! Always very kind to mom. She will be missed by all the family very much. May she rest in peace!

Nancy Carman Price - April 27, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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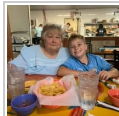
Aunt Karen will be missed so very much. I will always cherish the time I got to spend with her, and Uncle Paul. May she rest in peace.

Billie Carman Long - April 28, 2024 at 11:05 AM

FE

I lost one of my best friends! I will miss her so much! We did a lot of trips together with Sarah Bush bus travels!we shopped, gambled and got together with friends for breakfast! Also Paul and Karen always had coffee pot on for me to come over and visit!!! We had so many fun memories together! Rest in peace bestie!!! Love you

Faye Edwards - April 29, 2024 at 01:52 PM



So sorry to hear this, such a nice person.

Joy Hilligoss - May 02, 2024 at 12:24 PM