



## Karen Bernabe

July 18, 1952 - July 27, 2019

Karen Bernabe, age 67, of Lindenhurst, passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2019. She was born on July 18, 1952 in Elma, Iowa, to the late Wesley and Doris Haskovec. Karen grew up in Iowa on a farm, participating in activities like 4-H. At one point, she was a pen pal for her husband Bernie while he was in the Navy. Upon their first time meeting, he proposed to her on the spot. They stayed together in the Philippines where he was stationed for 2 years, then traveling around until he retired from Great Lakes Naval Base where they made Lindenhurst their home for the last 38 years. Karen enjoyed anything creative, especially crafts and craft shows. She was a Teachers Aid for over 30 years for District 41 schools. She loved her grandchildren immensely. She was funny, spunky, strong-willed, and a fighter.

She is survived by her husband Bernie; daughters Kristin (Tony) Sunby, Noelle (Joel) Morgan, and Emily (Corey) Fauser; grandchildren Avery, Ezra, Henry, Jack, Charlie, and Piper.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Pat Portee and Denise Haskovec.

Memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 3 – 7 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046 with a service at 6:30 pm.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

AUG 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Karen Bernabe

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Karen Bernabe

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ I am so sorry to see this sad news. My deepest sympathies to Karen's family. You will all be in my prayers. As a Substitute teacher at Thompson school I was always happy when Karen was the aide in the classroom. She was so patient with the students and so helpful to me as the sub. I remember how Karen always spoke so fondly about her grand children. She was so proud of them. My son was in third grade and she was the aide and the class had the best Christmas crafts/gifts. She worked with each of the students to make the gifts so special! I still have them! I will always remember Karen's smile and positive attitude. Again I'm so sorry.  
Debbie Hotle

Debbie Hotle - August 01, 2019 at 07:34 PM



“ Lake Villa District 41 Board and Administrators purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen Bernabe.



Lake Villa District 41 Board and Administrators - August 01, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 31, 2019 at 10:38 AM

JB

*My sincerest sympathies go out to the entire family. I remember Karen both as a parent and teacher's aide. As a parent she established strong family values in her daughters. I recall that they always had to be home for dinner; I thought that was great to establish a time in the day for them to share. As a teacher's aide, she was kind, caring and compassionate. I recall her wonderful crafty side - probably the more creative person I know! Love all these photos that show her with family and always smiling. Beautiful soul who leaves behind beautiful memories for family and friends. She will forever be in all of your hearts.*

Judy Bock - August 01, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Karen Bernabe.*



July 30, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Bernabe.*



July 30, 2019 at 04:50 PM

CM

“ Karen was a shining star at Martin School in Lake Villa! The children thrived from her caring ways. Karen was a thoughtful co-worker and staff member. My thoughts and prayers are with Karen's family. Cathy Mack

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**Cathy Mack** - July 30, 2019 at 09:12 AM