



Karen Ellinwood

October 4, 1940 - December 1, 2024

Karen S. Ellinwood, 84, of Lima, Ohio passed away on December 1, 2024. She was born October 4, 1940 to Henry and Olga (Hagen) Sayles in Billings, Montana. On June 14, 1959, Karen married Darlynd Ellinwood.

Karen attended Radford Private High School in El Paso, Texas, and graduated from Meeteetse Wyoming High School. She attended the University of Wyoming and Bowling Green State University. Karen was an active, involved member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Napoleon, Ohio and in earlier years St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Meeteetse, Wyoming, where she was a Lay Eucharistic Visitor and held numerous church offices.

She was a professional volunteer throughout her life, especially at school for her children's classes. Karen was involved in numerous volunteer organizations including a leader in Boy Scouts, 4H Advisor, Sunday School Teacher and a member of Phi Gamma Nu, National Honor Society. Karen also was a member of Farm Bureau, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, a member of Eastern Star Chapter #670 in Fulton County, Karen was also and a member of the Republican Women's Group and worked as an election poll worker for years.

Karen was a homemaker and partner in the family farming business. She was a truly devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her grandchildren

were a true delight. Karen's interests included family, friends, traveling, playing bridge, entertaining, church involvement and bowling in her earlier years.

Karen is survived by her children, Darrel (Pam Johnston) Ellinwood, Daniel (Kathy) Ellinwood, and Shelly (Thomas) Mazur; 6 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Darlynd.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Thursday, December 5, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of services at 1:00 pm. Interment will take place in Meeteetse, Wyoming. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Meeteetse, Wyoming or Northwest Ohio CASA. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Karen and I go way back, to working at the Green Gables in Cody during the summer. We attended U of WY together and indeed had lots of fun. We kept in touch over the years seeing each other often in the summer when she was here visiting. We had many good times and laughs over the years. She was a treasured friend.

Jeannie Bratton Blenkinsop - December 10, 2024 at 04:26 PM

TE

“ I work at the springs over time I got close to Karen I loved her. The last thing she said to me, Don't lift those heavy boxes ur going to hurt ur self, and we laughed. I'm sorry I couldn't tell her goodbye. I'm so sorry for ur loss. I won't ever forget her.

Terri - December 06, 2024 at 06:14 PM

AB

“ I was her hair dresser for a few years at Shears in napoleon a little over 6 years ago. She was always a fun time when I had her in my chair, she will be missed ♡

Alanna Bogert - December 05, 2024 at 07:05 PM

PS

“ Sincere Sympathy to all of Karen's family. My sister, Grace Schuler, was a friend of Karen's and missed the times they spent together when they organized special meals & get togethers at St John's. Karen was always gracious and kind to everyone, but I'll always remember the pride and joy she showed when her family, especially her grandchildren, came to church with her. She will be missed.

Paula Steele - December 05, 2024 at 10:13 AM

CF

“ My mom, Francee Farmer, considered Karen one of her most treasured friends. After Mom passed in 2008, Karen stayed in contact with me when she ventured to Wyoming. We shared many a laugh and treasured memory over lunch or a visit in Meeteetse. She was a special person, and will be missed.
Cindy Fulton

Cindy Fulton - December 05, 2024 at 09:47 AM

LY

“ My mother, Lois Stange, was a friend of Karen's and I remember her going with my parents to eat at Ten Pin in Ridgeville for a special meal. My sympathies to her family.

Lynn Yarnell - December 04, 2024 at 03:23 PM

PC

“ My heart is heavy hearing of your loss. It is hard to find words to Express how sorry I am to hear of her passing. Your Mothers legacy of kindness and caring was inspiring to us all. She was a pillar of faith at St. John's Episcopal church and truly has been missed. Your Mother brought great Joy to all she met, especially during the holidays.

Penny Conroy - December 04, 2024 at 12:27 PM

NW

“ Norm and Cathy Wehri purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Karen Ellinwood.



Norm and Cathy Wehri - December 04, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Ellinwood.

December 04, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karen Ellinwood.



December 04, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ We send our sincere sympathy to Darrel, Dan and Shelly. Your parents were great neighbors to us on Huddle Road, your Mom a bridge partner to Betty and a true friend. May your fond memories remain in your hearts.
Sincerely, Tom and Susie Snyder

Tom Snyder - December 03, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Karen Ellinwood.



December 03, 2024 at 11:49 AM

LC

“ My sympathy to Karens family.we use to have coffee together at Charlie’s Restaurant in Liberty Center,oh. LaRena Callahan

LaRena Callahan - December 02, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Ellinwood.

December 02, 2024 at 03:48 PM



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



December 02, 2024 at 03:48 PM

LU

“ *"The song is ended, but the melody lingers on."*

Irving Berlin

With sympathy and empathy to you all. Karen will always be with me as she is a part of the fabric of my soul.

Mary Lufkin

Lufkin - December 02, 2024 at 03:30 PM

ML

“ Mary Lufkin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Ellinwood.

Mary Lufkin - December 02, 2024 at 03:15 PM