



Karen S. Manahan

September 22, 1960 - April 8, 2020

Karen Sue Manahan, 59, of Napoleon, Ohio died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 at her residence. Karen was born September 22nd, 1960 in Napoleon, Ohio to Albert and Louise (Spiess) Vandenberghe. On August 18, 1984, she married Thomas R. Manahan in a quiet family ceremony at her mother and father-in-law, Ray and Marilyn Manahan's home.

Karen was a 1979 graduate of Napoleon High School and a graduate of The University of Toledo College of Law in 1998.

Karen worked alongside her husband Tom and operated Manahan Law Office in Napoleon. Karen is a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, baking, and vacationing with family and friends. She lived for cooler fall nights, warm cups of coffee, and simply spending time with her husband and family. She made every funny movie funnier, every room brighter, and every joy in life more joyous. She was our family's rock and source of comfort, and she will always be missed.

She is also survived by her daughters, Kristi L. Bowling of Napoleon, Katilyn S. (Daniel) Kusnier of Cincinnati, and Karilyne R. (Steven) Shaker of Columbus; grandchildren, Conner J. Bowling, Grace K. Bowling, Henry R. "Hank" Kusnier, and Eleanor L. "Nellie" Kusnier; and siblings; Linda (Dale) Rittenhouse of Napoleon, Mike (Pam) Vandenberghe of Napoleon, Kathy (Len) Durham of Chiefland, Florida, and Lisa (Bob) Wagner of Napoleon. She

was preceded in death by a brother, David.

Due to the current health concerns, services will be private. A public memorial service will be announced in the future. Memorial contributions are suggested to United Way of Henry County 611 North Perry Street. Napoleon, OH 43545. Karen was so proud of her daughter, Karilyne, and her contributions in starting the United Way of Henry County Wonder Chef nutrition education program for Kindergarten students. Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergergray.com.

A memorial gathering, celebrating the life of Karen Manahan will take place at Oberhaus Park on Tuesday September 22, 2020 from 4-8:00 p.m. Full obituary and condolences may be shared at rodenbergergray.com.

Due to the current health conditions surrounding COVID-19, masks will be required to attend in accordance with the State. Please also respect social distancing and make use of the website to contact the family if you are not feeling well or are unable to attend.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Oberhaus Park
750 W. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Tom and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Karen. She always brightened the office as I know she did all of your lives. Rest In Peace Karen

Mike Shaneyfelt

Mike Shaneyfelt - September 28, 2020 at 08:30 AM

RW

“ Tom, I'm so sorry that you had to endure such a sudden loss. We never know what we can withstand until we have to, and I pray that you can carry on in good health and spirit until you are reunited. It will be the blink on and eye for Karen, but how joyous it will be for you both. May God bless you with peace and good health. Do take care of yourself.

Robin Weirauch - May 06, 2020 at 04:52 PM

LB

“ Tom, we are sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Karen was wonderful with us every time we walked into the office. We will always remember what a lovely person she was.

Lew & Karen Bechtol - April 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM

PO

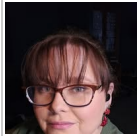
“ Dear Tom and family, Sandy and I were so saddened to hear of Karen's unanticipated death. It is always a shock to have to face a sudden death in the family. We do understand and are very sorry that you all have to experience this part of life right now. We continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.

Paul & Sandy Oehrtman - April 15, 2020 at 05:13 PM

MH

“ Dear Tom and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. When my Aunt Frances Zachrich needed to come to your office several times a few years ago I was the one to bring her. She thought so much of Karen and also Tom. They were so helpful to her and so kind, caring and genuine. May your memories give you the strength in these times of sorrow. May God bless and keep all of you in the days and years ahead.. Peace be with you.
Marilyn Hershberger & Frances Zachrich

Marilyn Hershberger - April 14, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Karen. She was such a friendly person and our deepest sympathies to Tom and family.
Kathy ReBeau, Michele and Zach Fruth

Michele Fruth - April 14, 2020 at 01:15 PM

NH

“ Karen was kind, and sweet. She was the kind of person you'd tell all your secrets to and know she'd never share them with anyone else. We were classmates in high school and became closer as adults thanks to the Internet, and I'll miss the opportunity to see our friendship blossom further. My sincere condolences to her husband and family for this sudden and tragic loss.

Norbert J Howe - April 14, 2020 at 08:38 AM

JD

“ We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Karen. Gone too soon and we know how you will miss here. We are send prayers.

Judy Dickmann - April 13, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen S. Manahan.*



April 13, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family of Karen Sue Manahan. She was a bright light of caring and kindness. May God bless and keep her in His care, and give her family and friends strength and comfort.*



Mike & Karen Willeman & Family - April 12, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *To the Tom Manahan Family
So very sorry for your loss.
Karilyne, We did not know your Mother well;
but are sure she was a wonderful person to
have raised such a beautiful person. Our
sincere condolences to all.*



Gary & Lila Wernecke - April 12, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss .Karen was a very nice lady very caring to every one she met . Will be missed by every one who knew her. God bless your family and will say a Prayer for you.RIP Karen God is getting a sweet angle !*

Keith and Judy Rose - April 12, 2020 at 08:58 AM

DH

“ Karen was one of the sweetest , kindest person I ever knew❤️ She brought sunshine and love wherever she went. So Sorry for your loss .. will keep your family in my prayers 🙏

Debbie Hefflinger - April 12, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Karen S. Manahan.



April 11, 2020 at 09:53 PM

GH

“ Gertrude H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Karen S. Manahan.



Gertrude H. - April 11, 2020 at 09:39 PM

WM

“ Tom - We are just at a complete loss of words to express our sorrow for your loss. Karen was such an extraordinary person and it is a joy to have known her. We are praying for you all.

Wes & Steffenie Merillat.

Wes Merillat - April 11, 2020 at 08:03 PM

KH

“ My heart grieves with and for you all. Karen touched m life in so many ways her infectious smile, her listening ear, her positive attitude, and her loving heart. We shared a lot of wonderful times and created special memories in these past years, and I am going to miss her more than I can express. She loved all of you with all of her heart. She was blessed to have you and we were blessed to have her. ... Love to all, Kelly

Kelly Haseman - April 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM

LS

“ Our deepest sympathies. Always enjoyed sharing Jamaica stories!



Lee Slee - April 11, 2020 at 02:14 PM

JS

“ Dear Tom and family, so sorry to hear of Karen’s passing. May the Lord give you strength in the days ahead. Sending many hugs 🤗

Jan Stover - April 11, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ Cross Wind Chime - Bronze was purchased for the family of Karen S. Manahan.



April 10, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket* was purchased for the family of Karen S. Manahan.



April 10, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Karen was a very nice person and friend I will miss her.*
Connie Sell

Connie Sell - April 10, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Karen S. Manahan.



April 10, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ *Karen will be greatly missed. She was an inspiration to me and many other people. She always had great advice to give along with a smile. And you could always count on a laugh or two.*



Angela Straight - April 10, 2020 at 04:00 PM

AW

“ Tom and family, my deepest sympathy. I always enjoyed it when Karen came into the Recorder 's office and we talked about growing flowers. Arlene Wallace

Arlene Wallace - April 10, 2020 at 03:42 PM

JW

“ Beautiful lady who we appreciate so much during our father in laws passing. Always loved stopping by the office to her bright smile and just chit chatting. Thoughts and prayers from Jeff and Char Weber.

Jeff and Char Weber - April 10, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen S. Manahan.



April 10, 2020 at 01:25 PM

BR

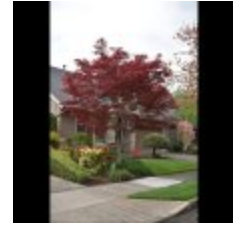
“ Brent Gray Family & Kathy Rubinstein purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen S. Manahan.



Brent Gray Family & Kathy Rubinstein - April 10, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Karen S. Manahan.*



April 09, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *We Meekisons have Karen in our hearts. Beth Ann*



Beth Meek - April 09, 2020 at 05:34 PM

SF

So sorry.. One of the sweetest persons I knew.. Prayers for the family Tom and girls..and their families.

Sandy and Ron Foor - April 10, 2020 at 02:01 PM