



Karen Erkenbrack

April 18, 1942 - November 30, 2024

The funeral service celebrating the life of Karen Erkenbrack of Wadena will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 6, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Nate Loer presiding. Visitation will be at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Leaf River Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

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Karen's memorial service may be viewed by going to Immanuel Lutheran's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/immanuelwadena> or [www.youtube.com/@ILCWadena](http://www.youtube.com/@ILCWadena)

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On November 30, 2024, Karen passed away with family by her side at Astera Health in Wadena, MN. She was 82 years old.

Karen Louise Reece was born to George D. and Noreen (Attleson) Reece on April 18, 1942, on the Reece family farm north of Wadena, MN. She attended District 11 country school until 6th grade and then Wadena Public Schools where she graduated with the class of 1960.

Karen married LaVern Erkenbrack on July 7, 1962, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. They moved to Texas the next day and returned to Minnesota in November 1963. From 1985 until her retirement, Karen worked in the strapping department at Homecrest Ind. In leisure hours she enjoyed

flower gardening, birdwatching and tracking family history. Mostly of all she treasured hours with her family, especially with her grandbabies and great grandbabies. She also devoted time to the Leaf River Cemetery Board.

Preceding Karen in death were her husband, LaVern (2021); parents George and Noreen; son, Dean; siblings: David, Charles, and Harlan Reece and Lois (Bill) Nelson; parents-in-law, Vernon and Elfa (Dickhoff) Erkenbrack; brothers-in-law, Donald and Gene Erkenbrack and Jim Murray; and sisters-in-law, Karla Reece & Delphine Whaley.

Surviving Karen are her children, Daniel (Melissa) Erkenbrack and Kimberly (Mark) Wynn, both of Wadena; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Donna (Ralph) Lundahl and Renee Murray; brother-in-law, Ronnie Erkenbrack; along with sisters-in-law: Dorothy Bounds, Marlys (John) Barker, Diane Reece, Bernadine Reece, and Donna Erkenbrack.

Honorary pallbearers will be her granddaughters Rebecca & Emma Erkenbrack, and "The Fab 5" Nora, Russell, Charlee, Alice & Nash Adams

Serving as pallbearers will be Jacob Dettwiler, Jaden Erkenbrack, Steven Erkenbrack, Cory Reece, Jason Reece, John Barker, and Shannon Erkenbrack.

Memorials in Karen's name may be directed to the Leaf River Cemetery, (c/o 613 1st St NE, Menahga, MN 56564)

Cemetery Details

Leaf River Cemetery

12195 170th Street
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Erkenbrack



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 04, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JP

“ Deepest Sympathys. I remember working at homecrest for many years with Karen. She was always a sweetie. She suffers no more this world. She is in Heaven and one day we will be united with all of our loved ones that have gone before us as our LORD has promised. May the Memories give you peace. GOD bless you all. Your angel will be watching over you.



jackie perius - December 08, 2024 at 12:38 PM

LN

“ Heartfelt sympathies on the loss of your mom! Linda (Savaloja) Nelson



Linda Nelson - December 06, 2024 at 12:54 PM

AF

“ *Andrea and Amy Erkenbrack & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Erkenbrack.*

Andrea and Amy Erkenbrack & Family - December 04, 2024 at 09:19 PM

AF

“ *Andrea and Amy Erkenbrack & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Erkenbrack.*



Andrea and Amy Erkenbrack & Family - December 04, 2024 at 09:19 PM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Karen Erkenbrack*



Dixie murray - December 04, 2024 at 05:52 PM

MM

“ *Marjorie Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Karen Erkenbrack*



Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - December 04, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 04, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Mary Swier lit a candle in memory of Karen Erkenbrack*



mary swier - December 03, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ *Sympathy and Prayers to all of Karen's family. Eternal Rest grant unto her. May she rest in Peace.*



Sue Theisen - December 03, 2024 at 08:57 AM

PA

“ I called her Momma Erkenbrack from the day I met her. She was an amazing kind beautiful lady, and I will miss hearing about her escapades. Rest in Jesus' arms until we all see each other again.

Penny Autey - December 02, 2024 at 09:10 PM

CG

“ Cary & Diana Goeden lit a candle in memory of Karen Erkenbrack



Cary & Diana Goeden - December 02, 2024 at 01:05 PM

PJ

“ She will be greatly missed. Karen was a wonderful person - a loving Wife & Mother. May she rest in peace.

Pat Erkenbrack Johnson - December 02, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JJ

“ Jon and Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Karen Erkenbrack



Jon and Patty Johnson - December 02, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JE

“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Karen Erckenbrack*



Jane Erckenbrack - December 02, 2024 at 10:24 AM

KA

“ *Kimberly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Karen Erckenbrack*



Kimberly Anderson - December 02, 2024 at 07:39 AM