



## Karen Lenz

August 15, 1945 - March 26, 2015

Memorial services for Karen Lee Lenz, a resident of Alexandria and formerly of Eagle Bend and Miltona, will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 4, 2015, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Rev. Melissa Ehrhardt presiding. Friends may call one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. Karen passed away at the age of 69, on March 26, 2015, at her residence in Alexandria.

Karen was born on August 15, 1945 in Osakis, MN to Clarence and Corrine (Sursely) Lennes. She attended 1st through 4th grade at Red Oak Country School in Eagle Bend then went to Eagle Bend High School. After graduation, she went to Pearl Loman School of Cosmetology in Minneapolis and worked as a beautician in St. Louis Park for 4 years.

In 1965, Karen entered a marriage that ultimately ended in divorce, but blessed her with 2 children, Denise and Jim. In 1972, she was united in marriage with Ron Gray. Together they owned Main Street Café and built R & K Carwash in Eagle Bend. They added to that, with her brother Tom Lennes and his wife Shirley, a self-service gas station and grocery store. Ron passed away due to a rare cancer in 1985. Karen & Shirley's Gas Station was sold to Tom & Shirley after his death. She moved to Miltona and worked at Club Miltona until becoming disabled.

On March 24, 1995 Karen married Allan Lenz. She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary in Eagle Bend. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and playing cards.

Karen was followed in death by her husband Allan, on April 2, 2015. She was preceded in death by husband Ron Gray; parents Clarence and Corrine Lennes; sisters Twyla Piepho and Michelle Larson; and brothers Jack Lennes and Robert Lennes.

She is survived by her children Denise Harris of Alexandria and Jim Gray of St. Cloud; sisters Clarice Johnson of McGregor and Sheila Falk of Rose City; brother Tom (Shirley) Lennes of Eagle Bend; stepchildren Allan (Kelly) Lenz II of Spring Valley, WI, Paula (Chad) Becker of Browerville, Sandra Lenz of Sartell, and Kevin (Heather) Lenz of Belton, TX; and 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers are Karen's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Interment will be in the Hope Cemetery in Eagle Bend at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Hope Lutheran Cemetery

15115 County Road 22  
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Eagle Bend  
300 Main St. W.  
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

## Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JE

“ We so enjoyed getting to know Karen and Al during their years in Miltona. It was always fun to visit with them and I have a couple cherished recipes from Karen that we will always remember her by. She could always smile and put the best construction on things despite her difficult health. I am comforted that both her and Al are together again.

*With fond memories and our sympathy,  
Blaine and Jo Elbert*

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**Joleen Elbert** - April 09, 2015 at 08:31 AM

SL

“ Kare-Bear, you are greatly missed every single day!! You were a big part of my life and thank you Lord for every moment we shared. I know you will hear all our prayers to help us through these difficult days. Love you. Sandy

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**Sandra Lenz** - March 31, 2015 at 09:37 PM

BA

“ Karen was a wonderful sister-in-law. She had a great sense of humor and always a smile on her face. Never had a bad meal at her house and she could bake like no one else. She will be fondly remembered.

*Bonnie Alsleben*

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**Bonnie Alsleben** - March 31, 2015 at 07:19 AM

VJ

“ *Sorry for your loss!* ”



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**vickie johnson** - March 30, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ *Kelly Andreasen lit a candle in memory of Karen Lenz* ”



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**Kelly Andreasen** - March 30, 2015 at 01:39 AM

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“ *Bruce & Lucy Rehm lit a candle in memory of Karen Lenz* ”



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**Bruce & Lucy Rehm** - March 29, 2015 at 02:10 PM

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“ *Michelle (bjerke)Boehland lit a candle in memory of Karen Lenz* ”



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**michelle (bjerke)Boehland** - March 29, 2015 at 11:37 AM

DW

“ *I worked for Ron and Karen at the Café in Eagle Bend. We had some silly moments! Enjoyed having her in my life. Although we haven't had contact lately, I remember her fondly! Doris Winter*



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**Doris Winter** - March 29, 2015 at 08:22 AM