



Karen A. Rodriguez

October 30, 1950 - January 23, 2025

On the morning of January 23, 2025, the Lord called Karen Rodriguez home following unforeseen surgical complications. She was 74.

Karen is survived by her loving husband Vince, son Donald, sister Andrea (husband Roger/son Joseph), many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Andrew & Mary Chonko (nee Banich) and brother Joseph Chonko.

Karen was a woman of deep faith who was a devout member of St Mary Catholic Church in Lorain. Her faith was a guiding light in her life. Her spirit of generosity and kindness touched everyone she met and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

With grace and beauty, Karen lived with MS for over 40 years. Where others would have been crushed, Karen was an example and shining light of positivity. Faced with increasing challenges and difficulties brought on by MS, she found a way to turn them into something positive. "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade" is truly the metaphor that defines her unrelenting positive attitude in the face of adversity.

Karen found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She adored crafts, decorating her home with creative and enjoyable pieces, some that we still hang on the

holidays. She relished the role of mother to Donald and wife to Vince. With a warm smile, she cherished spending time with family and friends. A vibrant soul, she embraced each moment with enthusiasm and joy, enjoying company with wonderful conversation, delighting in the laughter and time spent with others.

Karen had a heart of gold, always ready to lend a hand. She truly knew that it was more of a blessing to give than receive. Her generosity knew no bounds. It brought her joy to share of herself and what she had with those in need. She will be remembered for her selflessness and her nurturing nature. She lives forever in our hearts. Her candle may be dimmed but within us it burns bright and forever.

The family will receive friends Friday January 31, 2025 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am at St Mary Catholic Church, 310 8th St, Lorain. The mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 am in the church with the Rev. Frank P Kosem, retired pastor of St Jude Parish, presiding.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mary Catholic Church
310 8th St
Lorain, OH 44052
<https://lorainstmarychurch.org/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ET

“ So very sorry to learn of Karen's passing. She was a kind, fun-loving person. Though I haven't seen her for many years, I will forever remember so many fun times in our youth. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Eve Torocsik

Eve Torocsik - February 17, 2025 at 11:36 PM

TC

“ Karen was in my home room at Admiral King. She was a really sweet girl. I'm very sorry to hear of her passing. God Bless her family.

Tom Christopher - January 31, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JE

“ Karen was one of the best people I have ever known. Her words of wisdom, kindness, thoughtfulness, and warmth will live on inside of me and all who had the pleasure of knowing her! Although our time together was short, you have inspired me for the rest of my life! Rest in heaven, Karen. Until we meet again! I love you!



Jen - January 30, 2025 at 07:56 PM

GJ

“ *My deepest condolences to all of you.*

Gloria jacinto - January 29, 2025 at 05:20 PM

DS

“ *Dear Vince, our hearts go out to you. We will always remember Karen for her beautiful personality. You were so blessed to have her in your life. Our deepest sympathies. Marvin and Delma*

Delma sosinski - January 29, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Rodriguez.*



January 29, 2025 at 12:44 PM



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

January 29, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Karen A. Rodriguez.*



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