



## Karen Peel Gossler

November 4, 2019

Karen (“Kitty”) Peel Gossler, age 75, died peacefully November 4, 2019, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Karen was born in Jacobus, PA, to Clair and Madlin Smith. She graduated from Dallastown Area High School; she also had a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Elizabethtown College and a Master’s degree from Penn State University. Karen was in the nursing field for nearly 40 years. In addition to Pennsylvania, she lived in Naples, FL; Sedona, AZ; and Fort Collins, CO. Karen loved to travel; some of her favorite places to visit were Ireland, Greece, Costa Rica, South Africa, and the Galapagos Islands. She also enjoyed spending time with family and volunteering with various organizations, especially libraries.

Karen is survived by her children Christopher Peel of York, PA, and Jennifer Peel of Fort Collins, CO; sisters Bonnie Arnold of Irwin PA, and Pamela Barnhart of York, PA; son-in-law Christopher West of Fort Collins, CO; grandchildren Kyle Peel of Mechanicsburg, PA, Kimberly Peel of Mechanicsburg, PA, Rio West of Fort Collins, CO, and Sierra West of Fort Collins, CO; brothers-in-law George Arnold of Irwin, PA, and Dale Barnhart of York, PA; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Karen was preceded in death by her father, Clair Foster Smith, and by her mother, Madlin Smith.

A service will be scheduled in Pennsylvania, day and time to be determined. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona, AZ, 86336.

# Comments

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“ I am so saddened to learn of Kitty's passing. Kitty and I were first cousins; her mother and my father were siblings. Kitty and I were born in Jacobus, PA within two weeks of each other. She and I played together from the time we were very young. She was born as the middle child of three girls and I was the oldest of three girls. She and I were in the same elementary school classes from grades 1 through 8. Kitty and I were also in the same brownie/girl scout troops and Sunday School classes. My family moved to Arizona in 1959 and Kitty and I lost contact. Kitty visited Sedona, AZ with her mother and we briefly re-connected. Kitty eventually moved to Sedona, but never got in touch with me until her sister Bonnie and, her husband George, visited a few years ago. After that I continued to call Kitty for afternoon tea. We met for tea several times. I remember the last time we were having tea, she mentioned her daughter, Jennifer, wanted her to move to Fort Collins, CO. I never heard from Kitty again. I was so shocked to learn of Kitty's passing in the local Sedona Red Rock News. During one of our visits, Kitty told me how much she enjoyed volunteering for the Sedona Public Library. Having spent 42 years as a school librarian/media specialist, I loved the fact that Kitty enjoyed volunteering at our local public library. I extend heartfelt condolences to all of Kitty's family members. May the many memories hold her in your hearts.

With deepest sympathy,  
Tana Williams

Tana Williams - November 30, 2019 at 07:38 PM

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“ The West Family is deeply saddened by your loss and are THANKFUL we're a part of your family!!!! Bill, Stacey, Will, Avery, and Ainsley

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“ My deepest condolences to all the family. Cousin Don Smith

Donald L. Smith - November 18, 2019 at 09:56 AM