



## Karen M. Nystrom

August 13, 2019

Karen M. Nystrom - 1948-2019, passed away from complications of acute myeloid leukemia on August 13, 2019. A native Detroiter, Karen resided in several places in her young adulthood including: Madison, WI, Toronto, Canada, and Burlington, VT, before moving to the open skies of New Mexico in 1983, finally making a home in Fort Collins, CO in the summer of 1999. Karen had a long professional career in servitude of others, originally as a public health nurse, and then becoming a speech therapist specializing in language and literacy therapy working with young students which brought her the most joy. She is survived by husband John, her three children – Maral (Daniel), Stefan (Ayisha), and Anya, her grandson Malik, her mother, Mary Mahakian, her sister Carol (Bill) Farris, her brother-in-law Gary (Deborah) Nystrom, and nieces Margaret, Penelope, Janelle and newpew Ian. A private service will be held for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, Karen requested donations be sent to Fund for Armenian Relief at <https://farusa.org/donate/>. For check donations please make it payable to:  
Fund for Armenian Relief Mailing Address: 630 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Please write in Memo/Comment section: In memory of Mrs. Karen Nystrom.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen M. Nystrom*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Karen was the root of the words (caring, giving, and acceptance). She dealt with her ups and downs for the last few years with much courage and always hope. Karen was the kind of person that so many of us strive to be. We send our love and prayers to her family.*

*Bruce and Mary Ann St. Peter*

**Mary St. Peter** - August 20, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *John and family, I am so sorry at the loss of your precious Karen. The world is worse off from losing this most amazing and beautiful soul. Love and hugs to everyone! Jeanan and Sue (Juanita) Gerber*

**Jeanan and Juanita Gerber** - August 19, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *In memory of Karen, a lifelong friend to me, wife to John and mother to Maral, Stefan and Anya. I am grateful that she had those wonderful extra years to travel and enjoy life. Karen had a life well lived and I will miss sharing life stories with her. Peace to you, Karen, her family and friends. Normayne Day*

**normayne day** - August 19, 2019 at 09:18 AM

RA

“ When Karen's initial diagnosis did not take her from us but put her into a miraculous remission for some years I remember her sending me an email describing a most beautiful sunset she witnessed when she was in Steamboat Springs. She was especially grateful for having seen it's beauty since she was well past the time doctors had predicted she would no longer be with us. On the day of her passing, August 13, I was witness to one of the most spectacular sunsets Fort Collins has ever seen. The clouds actually parted and light of various colors seemed to flow out of the sky in 3D motion and opened up the heavens in a gesture of welcome and hospitality. As soon as I saw that sunset, I thought of Karen's description of the sunset she saw a couple of years ago and knew she was still communicating to me. Karen, you are in the arms of God. May the peace of Christ be with you John and all your entire family. with love and blessings, Rosean

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**Rosean Amaral** - August 16, 2019 at 05:21 PM

JF

“ Karen became our friend through her docent service at Bas Bleu theatre. When she learned of my beloved Deb's battle with ovarian cancer, she became our frequent visitor, always bringing something delicious to share, as well as comfort and delightful company. She also shared with us her own remarkable history of leukemia, which Deb found amazing and helpful. Karen was a woman of courage, grace and spirit. John, my heart is with you in this time of loss.



*Jonathan Farwell*

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**Jonathan Farwell** - August 16, 2019 at 02:22 PM

JS

“ *John: We have fond memories of our visits with you, Karen and the family in Manistee !  
Many thoughts and prayers are with all of you!  
Jack & Lee*

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**Jack & Lee Swanson** - August 15, 2019 at 03:36 PM

FG

“ *From Peter and Gabi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen M. Nystrom.*



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**From Peter and Gabi** - August 15, 2019 at 08:40 AM

JS

“ *Sadness that my friend since childhood no longer walks the earth. I will hold her in my heart as long as memory endures. Judi*



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**Judith Sielaff** - August 15, 2019 at 12:03 AM

 Sally  
Sprung

“ *What a gentle soul and PERFECT match for cousin John! Won't it be a WONDERFUL DAY when we meet again in HEAVEN!!!! Huge Hugs to all the family ❤️ We LOVE you! Sally & Larry*

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**Sally Sprung** - August 14, 2019 at 05:42 PM

DB

“ *Intelligent, organized, reserved, kind-hearted, selfless...These are some words that express my experience with Karen as co-caregiver to her mother, Mary. Would that we could have spent more time together as just friends. A most noble soul. I hope she relaxes in heaven a while before she takes on the role of guardian angel to 20 or 30 of us mortals that she decides to take pity on!*

*My sympathy to all the people whose hearts she touched as well as her dedicated family.*

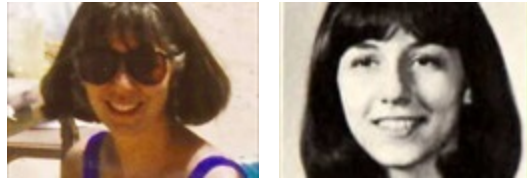
*Diane Bradley*

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**Diane Bradley** - August 14, 2019 at 05:11 PM

DN

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**Deb Nystrom** - August 14, 2019 at 03:09 PM

DN

“ Stuffed peppers at Fort Collins. Also getting recommendations to visit Arches in Utah and the Colorado Nat'l Monument on the way to the Grand Canyon in 2015.

*Chocolate Mousse*

*The chocolate restaurant.*

*Your family and good times in Farmington Hills and Manistee, Michigan.*



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**Deb Nystrom** - August 14, 2019 at 03:05 PM

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FUNERAL CARE

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**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory** - August 14, 2019 at 02:40 PM