



Karen Ann Rogers

February 16, 2021

Karen Ann Rogers, age 77, beloved Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend and Lover of Books passed from this world into the next on Tuesday morning February 16, 2021, at MorningStar Assisted Living in Fort Collins, CO. She leaves behind her Husband Don Rogers who was at her side; along with their three children, Scott, Stacy and Mark.

Karen was one of 7 siblings, being the second from the youngest. She is survived by one sister, Betty and one brother, Craig. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Joleen and three brothers, Delbert, Dick and Clair.

Born and raised in Nebraska, Karen graduated from North Platte Senior High School in 1961. As her father put it, "Karen never met a stranger and could talk a blind man out of his cane." Describing Karen as a "people person" couldn't be more accurate. She continued her studies at Business School in Denver, graduating with an Associates Degree in Business.

Karen met her husband, Don Rogers of 57 years, in Denver, CO. Together they raised three children, Scott, Stacy and Mark. As the wife of a Forester, she lived and thrived in many small towns near big forests. From Walden, CO near Rabbit Ears Pass to Del Norte, in the San Luis Valley of Southern CO to the Black Hills of Custer, SD to the legendary boomtown of Leadville, CO

eventually settling down in the college town of Fort Collins, CO. The friendships she formed while living in these places were so very special and important to Karen.

Always ready to go and learn something new, she made her home in Fort Collins, CO. Anywhere she went she would make friends. And anywhere she went, she would take friends. A woman of great generosity, boundless compassion and unconditional love. A woman whose smile and laugh would light up the room. A woman who celebrated acceptance, inclusion and the joy of friendship and family.

Karen's outgoing nature with people suited her well working as a county clerk and the front office for several doctors and medical practices. She was the friendly face that greeted you when you arrived as well as when you left. She loved to volunteer with MOPS groups at church and help with assembling backpacks for children in local schools.

An avid reader, Karen loved learning, books and her dogs. She was a regular at the library and enjoyed being in several book clubs over the years, as well as supporting Friends of the Library. She and Mac, her fluffy samoyed were members of HABIC (Human-Animal Bond In Colorado). They would visit school children and of course, Karen would read with them while Mac provided the animal assisted therapy.

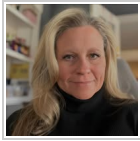
Grandmother was another of Karen's titles she wore with pride. Her grandchildren Emma, Jack, Kailea and Malia loved her very much and could always count on Grandma to read a story, talk to them during picnics, tea parties, take them shopping, on trolley rides for ice cream and to cheer them on while watching their activities. The grandchildren knew Karen's favorite thing to make for dinner were "reservations."

Karen was a 50 year passionate member of PEO, a philanthropic organization that supports women's education through scholarships, supports Cottey College and many other philanthropic projects. Karen was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi.

Karen was a loving person and she was surrounded by friends and family as the angels called her to help organize a book club in heaven. She has been and will always be a shining light in our lives and is deeply missed. We will miss her every day until we see her again.

At request, her body has been cremated and in the months to come, there will be a gathering in Fort Collins, Colorado for Friends and Family to eat and drink and celebrate her life. Details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, and in her honor, in lieu of flowers, she would likely ask that you be kind to one another, be good to one another, and support causes which do the same.

Tribute Wall



“ I just found that Karen had passed. I worked with her for many years in the 90’s. Her smile and wit were amazing. As a new mom and shy human. Karen taught me so much about life and how not to it or yourself too seriously. I remember times at work where we laughed until we cried and she made working fun! She loved her family and friends dearly and was kind to all. I always knew there would be a special place in heaven for her. She was classy without trying and her beauty was so natural. I am so blessed to have crossed paths were her and be able to call her my friend. Until we meet again friend.

Annette Stevenson - June 23, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Karen Ann Rogers*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ We were sad to learn of Karen's passing, but we know that her faith in God takes care of everything. We loved Karen and have the best memories of her and your family while you lived in Custer. There is no question that she will be missed by your family and so many friends. Karen was a special one! May God's love and grace surround you all,
Bonnie and Mark Thompson

Bonnie and Mark Thompson - April 20, 2021 at 12:02 PM

AS

“ Dear friends, We are so saddened to hear of your loss, but heaven’s gain. She was one classy friend. We all said, “she always looked like she just stepped off the front cover of a magazine. “ our family has so many fond memories in the Black Hills. I could write pages of our adventures! I am so thankful for all our spiritual conversations. You were blessed to have her as your wife, your mom, your grandma, your sister and our dear friend. All our love, prayers and blessings, The Svoboda’s

Al Svoboda - March 03, 2021 at 07:36 PM

ST

“ Karen was one of the most positive and friendly people that I met as we volunteered for McBackpack each week. Preparing bags, loading them w/healthful food that underserved .children could take home for the weekend.She pitched in each week and took on all types of jobs even as she always was the best groomed, dressed and coiffed lady among us!
Her smile, humor and stories of adventures kept us entertained as we worked together. I could see her in all types of activities and with all types of people and being just the same Karen that we all enjoyed, liked and gained so much from knowing even if just for a couple of hours each month.
I think of her often and as time passes my hope is that family and friends will remember all the best times.....with love, Karen. Shelly Terry

shelly terry - February 28, 2021 at 06:00 PM

Jl

“ Like everyone who has posted a message to Karen's family, I am saddened to hear of the loss of such a lovely lady. I knew her long ago when she worked at our doctors' office, then again when we were members of the Poudre River Readers book club... we always had so much fun when she went with us to Steamboat for the Literary Sojourn. My regards to whomever wrote her beautiful obituary...it is perfect!

Sincere condolences to all of you.

Jacque Ingram

Jacquelyn Kay Ingram - February 28, 2021 at 05:57 PM

NB

“ Dear Rogers family,
I wanted to express my condolences for your loss. I had the privilege of working with Karen at Associates in Family Medicine from 1995 until she retired. She was a remarkable, classy, wonderful woman. She was very helpful and friendly to me when I first started at AFM and made me feel very welcome. She knew all the patients and greeted them by name and with a friendly smile when they came in the door. She went out of her way to help patients and staff. After she retired, I was able to see her occasionally and was impressed with her connection to the community, volunteering for organizations such as filling backpacks with school supplies for PSD. She was a very kind soul and I know you will miss her greatly. I will remember her very fondly.

Sincerely,

Nancy Butcher

Nancy Butcher - February 28, 2021 at 05:00 PM

DR

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Don Rogers - February 27, 2021 at 06:03 PM

MS

What a handsome couple! Karen could easily have been a model. We enjoyed being neighbors on Manassa Court/Shenandoah Circle many years ago. Mark, their son, was the best babysitter we ever had, and such a talented artist. Karen was part of the group that went with me to Glenwood Springs on the train to celebrate my 40th birthday. From that trip stemmed the Poudre River Readers book group which she was an avid member of. Mark, Stacey, Scott, Don, Stephen and I are thinking of you. Love, MaryLou Smith

MaryLou Smith - February 28, 2021 at 12:15 PM

KS

Two of my most favorite people in the world!!!! I am so very blessed by God to be related to them and to have known their love through the years. I am missing you so much Aunt Karen and will be here for Uncle Don and the kids.

Kathleen Spencer - February 28, 2021 at 12:38 PM

IM

“ *Karen was a North Platte high school classmate. I remember her smile and friendliness. Condolences to her family.*

Ivan McMurtry - February 27, 2021 at 02:17 PM

SP

“ Thought and prayers to the Rogers family. Our family met Karen over 30 years ago when she worked at the doctors office. She always made a person smile! She will be missed.



Schanna Preuit - February 26, 2021 at 06:25 PM

JJ

Karen was a classmate of mine at North Platte high school; she always had a lovely smile and my condolences go to her family in their time of sorrow; God bless all of you

JUDY ISLEY - February 27, 2021 at 04:30 PM

NB

Karen was a beloved Sister in my chapter of P.E.O., and I will always cherish memories of her energy, her beautiful smile, and the way she expressed her concern for the wellbeing of others.

Norma Brown

Norma Brown - February 28, 2021 at 12:59 PM

RS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and family. Karen was a beautiful person inside and out! May the Lord Bless You and Keep You as you miss your dear wife, mother and grandmother!
Rod and Alene Starkey

Rod and Alene Starkey - February 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM

JH

Our dear, dear friend of 56 years! So many memories we wouldn't know where to begin. The memories bring us smiles and comfort as we miss you. Sending love and prayers to all the family.

Joe and Lindy Hartman - February 28, 2021 at 02:06 PM

TD

Don and Family,

We are deeply grieved to learn of Karen's death and so sad that we cannot physically be with Don at this time of great loss. Don is a college friend with whom we reunited when we moved to Fort Collins and met your lovely wife and mother Karen. Karen was always warm and gracious, even when we stopped in unannounced. We will miss our times together.

Paula and Tom Dille

Thomas M Dille - February 28, 2021 at 08:31 PM

DK

Uncle Don, Scott, Stacey and Mark

I will always remember Aunt Karen's smile and positive attitude. You just couldn't help but to be happy and care free when being around her.

Duane Kimball

Duane C Kimball - March 02, 2021 at 10:02 PM

ML

Karen was a special lady. I remember her from Associates in Family Medicine and from the Golden Meadows neighborhood. It was always fun when Karen, Debbie Graff and I could get together. She will be missed.

Mary Lacock

Mary Lacock - March 04, 2021 at 02:26 PM