



Karen Stafford Lyon

November 6, 1954 - November 26, 2017

Karen Stafford Lyon, 63, a resident of Copperleaf Golf Club in Estero, FL since September of this year, passed away on November 26, 2017 at Health Park Medical Center in Fort Myers, FL following complications from a cardiac event.

She was born in Charleston, SC on November 6, 1954, the second of four children to Richard Stafford, LCDR, USN (ret) and his wife Betty who preceded her in death, along with a younger brother Dana Stafford in 2008. Karen is survived by her husband of 28 years David C. Lyon, CDR, USN (ret), her two siblings Rick and Gail Stafford from Tampa, FL, along with two stepchildren and their families Heather Vargas-Lyon and her husband Jorge from Seattle, WA, and William Lyon and his wife Amelia from Missoula, MT.

Karen is a 1978 graduate of the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL where she majored in Biology. She was commissioned an officer in the U. S. Navy following graduation from OCS in 1981, and subsequently gained her specialty in Integrated Undersea Surveillance Systems for Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare. Karen was stationed at San Nicolas Island, CA, Monterey, CA, and Pearl Harbor, HI during her Navy career. Her personal awards include the Navy Commendation medal and Navy Achievement medal along with other unit and command awards. She was a Lieutenant when she resigned her commission in 1992, accompanying her husband Dave to

Colorado Springs, CO, with follow on tours in Italy, and Dahlgren, VA, while helping raise their two children.

Following Dave's retirement from the Navy in 1999, they moved to Hayden Lake, ID to be near his family. She was both a caregiver for his parents and worked as a State Graduate Exam Tester in Coeur d'Alene. She was a member of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church for many years, and an avid bird watcher with an almost encyclopedic recall of bird species in the US. Karen is a devoted fan of the Seattle Seahawks and epitomizes the true spirit of "the 12th man".

She was predeceased by her favorite black lab, Shadow, with whom she now resides, and is survived by her devoted dog Kirby.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled at 11am on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the Copperleaf Golf Clubhouse located at 23101 Copperleaf Blvd, Estero, FL 34135. Remembrances of and tributes to Karen can sent to the family at: www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com via her Obituary page.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 501 E. Wallace Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, 208-664-5533.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Copperleaf Golf Clubhouse
23101 Copperleaf Blvd.
Estero, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Stafford Lyon*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Our sympathies and prayers are sent out from all of us at River City Physical Therapy. Karen has been a great example of putting people and relationships first. She was such a loving and caring person and will be missed greatly.*

God bless your family.

Scott Randklev - December 05, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ *Thinking of you with deepest sympathy Dave. My heart breaks for you. So many memories from working with Karen at North Idaho College. Always talking about Shadow and then Kirby and Gail and I loved to tease her about her accent. Many good times. May your faith sustain you and loving memories lift you, and the prayers of many caring hearts help heal your sorrow.*

*God Bless you,
Mary Edwards*

Mary Edwards - December 03, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Stafford Lyon.* ”



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