



Karen Joan McCaffrey

February 9, 1947 - June 23, 2022

Karen Joan McCaffrey of Bonita Springs, FL passed away peacefully at her home on June 23, 2022. Born on February 9, 1947, she grew up in Allenhurst, New Jersey.

Karen is survived by her daughter Becca Knuth and son-in-law Jim Knuth; granddaughter Jolie Knuth, of Asheville, NC; brother Neil McCaffrey and sister-in-law Cindy of Fredon, NJ; nephew Bryan McCaffrey (Erin) of Union, NJ; nieces Kellene Young (Ernie) of Austin, TX and Kirsten McCaffrey of Manhattan, NY; step-children Carrie Therriault of Trumbull, CT, Tyson Freeman of Santa Rosa, CA and Peter Freeman of Newport, RI. Karen is predeceased by her parents Jack and Kay McCaffrey of Allenhurst, NJ; partner Peter Alan Freeman of Easton, CT; and brother Bruce McCaffrey of Huntington Beach, CA.

Karen was a passionate force for those around her both professionally and personally. She worked her way up the corporate ranks to hold executive positions at top luxury corporate travel companies in Fairfield County, CT where she lived for decades. In particular, Karen treasured her early years at Lindblad Expeditions as a cruise director and event organizer where she was part of maiden exploratory expeditions into places like China, Papua New Guinea and Antarctica.

Karen applied her unique spirit to all facets of her life. She was a cancer survivor. Karen also donated a kidney to her ailing brother, Bruce McCaffrey. She lived a full life filled with laughter, world travel and many, many dinner parties with friends and family, many alongside her long-time partner, Peter Freeman. She will be missed, but not forgotten.

A Memorial Luncheon will be held in New Jersey this September. Please contact the family directly for more information.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CurePSP, 1216 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001. <https://www.psp.org/>.

To sign Karen's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Joan McCaffrey*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I met Karen as a freshman in high school and we were instant friends. I loved her adventurous spirit and laughter. Although we didn't see each other after high school, I named my daughter Karen because I like the name so much. Sending condolences to the family. I had hoped to re-connect with Karen some day.*

Suzanne Siegel - September 05, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ *I met Karen at Newcomers in Bonita Springs ~ she instantly took me under her wing introducing me to fellow members and quickly became a dear friend. My deepest condolences to her family.*

Melinda Sammis

Melinda Sammis - July 12, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *The most caring soul with an ever ready smile. Lovingly Marli Bills*

Marli Bills - July 11, 2022 at 04:43 PM

LD

“ Karen, it was a pleasure to know you through our time in Newcomers and Encore. You were a lovely lady. I pray that your family, once the sorrow lessens, will embrace and share together their wonderful memories of you and the time you spent together with JOY!

Linda Duncan - July 11, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JR

“ I met Karen when she moved on our street in Bonita Springs. I enjoyed her stories and her macaroons! She hosted a "Ladies Night" dinner dance which was a big success. I will miss you Karen.

JoAnne Richmond - June 30, 2022 at 04:45 PM

JW

“ I grew up in Allenhurst with a great group of kids. The beach club was our go to place.
I also worked with Karen at Emanuel Deetjen & Co in NYC back in the late 1960's.
She had an amazing personality and an extraordinary zest for life.
Joe Williams

Joe Williams - June 29, 2022 at 09:33 PM

NS

“ Being around Karen was about smiles and laughter. We so enjoyed neighborhood events with Karen here at HW. How nice to connect with her at Newcomers and Encore. We are so glad to have known this very special person.

Neil and Laine Spearing - June 28, 2022 at 05:47 PM

KS

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Karen in Newcomers and later on shared special events with her. She always had a smile to give and an open heart

Karen Stupalski - June 28, 2022 at 03:07 PM

MC

“ Karen was very kind to me and my wife. She never judged us and always loved unconditionally. I worked for Karen for about 5 years but she always treated me as her friend. We laughed and enjoyed each other's company. She always had encouraging words for me and my coworker Laurie and she she treated us like gold. She became a true friend, not a client. I will miss her and she is dear in my heart.

Michelle Cerami - June 27, 2022 at 06:46 PM