



## Karen Ann Herkenrath

April 1, 1941 - April 13, 2021

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital  
Live Stream available at <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1132890>

Karen Ann Horst Herkenrath was born on April 1, 1941 in Hebron, Nebraska to Albert and Loraine (Reemts) Horst. She grew up in Hebron where she attended grade school and graduated from Hebron High School in 1959. As a young girl, Karen was active in swimming, ice skating, sports and had a passion for animals.

Karen married Richard Herkenrath on February 5, 1966 at Holy Name Church in Omaha, Nebraska and they were blessed with two children: Mark and Lisa. Karen and Dick raised their family in Omaha until they moved to Elkhorn in 1974.

After her children started school, Karen worked in the school cafeteria. Then later she worked in clerical positions at Skelgas, Enfields, Brumko and Big Red Scorebook. Karen enjoyed golf, bowling and was an avid sports fan, following Nebraska and Creighton athletics passionately. She was big-hearted and helpful but also had a stubborn streak. Karen enjoyed watching the birds while enjoying a hot cup of coffee, reading the newspaper and working crossword puzzles. She savored a good cup of coffee and brunch at Shirley's Diner.

Karen passed away at her home in Elkhorn on April 13, 2021 at the age of 80 years and 12 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and

Lorraine and sister Donna Hergott. Karen is survived by her husband Dick; son Mark (Lisa) of Silver Lake, Kansas; Daughter Lisa (Roger) Brewer of Gretna, Nebraska; 3 grandchildren; brother Max (Colene) Huntsville, AL.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Karen Ann Herkenrath*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - April 20, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Karen Ann Herkenrath*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *For over 50 years you were my friend, sister and rock! We spent wonderful times together raising our kids, crying, laughing and loving our families! Richard, Mark and Lisa my heart is broken for all of you. Please know how much I loved her and I wish I could give you all a hug. Prayers*

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**JAN CHRISTENSEN** - April 20, 2021 at 07:41 AM



“ *We are so sorry for not being able to attend the memorial for Karen. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult of times.*

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**Darrell and Joan Smith** - April 19, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ How do you say goodbye to the women that was the funniest one around? She was a light to our family especially my mother. I wish I was there to give Dick a hug. Karen, you will be missed.

Sira Lissi Weaver - April 19, 2021 at 01:40 PM

HP

“ Karen made the greatest cheese garlic bread for so many fun get togethers! She had a one of a kind laugh and was so much fun. I'm sorry for your loss, Dick, Mark and Lisa.

Holly Paasch - April 18, 2021 at 07:40 PM

RB

“ Ray Buell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen Ann Herkenrath.



Ray Buell - April 17, 2021 at 12:19 PM

RB

“ The Nick Bruck Family sends their heartfelt sympathy as we wrap our arms around all The Herkenrath Family. Our memories return to Portsmouth and recall growing up with The Herkenrath's through social events, classmates and marriage. The Herkenrath name has been a large part of The Bruck's. Take comfort now that Karen's love for birds will now lift her to heaven and her love will continue to shine down on all. Karen now rests in peace. The Nick Bruck Family, Ron.

Ron Bruck - April 17, 2021 at 09:27 AM

LD

*The DeWees family send their love and support and remember Karen as a very loving and kind individual who was always smiling and ready to listen. Our deepest sympathies Laurel & Doug*

**Laurel DeWees** - April 17, 2021 at 06:38 PM

DJ

*I consider Karen as a sister..WE had so much fun over the years in person and over the phone...loved all the same things, worked crosswords together( she was much better than I)and loved our families dearly...She will be missed..I am so happy she went peacefully...we should all be so blessed..sending hugs and prayers to Dick, Mark and Lisa , Lisa and Roger...and her three grandsons ELI, Wyatt and Ryan...Blessings!!*

**Darla Johnson** - April 20, 2021 at 05:47 PM

CP

“ *Cindi and Joe Provo purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen Ann Herkenrath.*



**Cindi and Joe Provo** - April 15, 2021 at 10:45 PM