



## Karen Anne Hilt

July 5, 1951 - January 7, 2024

Karen Anne (Wilson) Hilt was born July 5, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan to Robert and Wanda (Suraj) Wilson. Karen grew up in Southfield where she graduated from Benedictine High School in 1969. Later in life, Karen earned her bachelor's degree in information systems from Maryville University.

Karen was the proud mother of two daughters; Heather and Megan, but when she married Gary Hilt on October 26, 1996, in Omaha, Nebraska, she suddenly had bonus children! She was very fond of Gary's children, Kelly, Eric, Kindra, Ingrid, Austin and Brandon.

Karen worked for many years for Mutual of Omaha, retiring from the company in 2017. She enjoyed stained glass art and playing dominos with friends. Her favorite time spent was traveling with Gary and studying the word of God.

Karen will be remembered as a strong, sassy, knowledgeable, ambitious, reliable, loving and beautiful woman. She has a quick wit and an infectious laugh. Karen was a natural born leader, referred to by her family as, the President. Her favorite color was purple, and she loved Christian music. She adored the years she spent with Gary, cherished the birth of her children, and she was honored to give her life to Jesus.

Karen passed away at her home in Omaha, Nebraska on January 7, 2024, at the age of 72 years, 6 months, and 2 days. She was preceded in death by her

parents Robert and Wanda Wilson, brother Art Wilson, and brother-in-law Mike Januszkowski. Karen is survived by her husband Gary of Omaha and formerly of Beloit, Kansas, daughters Heather Williamson and her husband Brandon Beasley of Centralia, Missouri, and Megan Mabrey of Centralia, Missouri; her bonus children Kelly Hilt of Beloit, Kansas, Eric (Mindy) Hilt of Beloit, KS, Kindra (Crys) Hollen of Beloit, Kansas, Ingrid (Lee) McMillan of Beloit, Kansas, Austin Hilt of Omaha, Nebraska and Brandon (Kayleigh) Hilt of Yutan, Nebraska; 28 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; brother Raymond Wilson, sisters: Sharon (Bill) Roy, Lynne Januszkowski, Marilyn (Wally) Kowalkowski, and Carol (Philip) Schretter; and many nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of family and friends

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Karen Anne Hilt*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - January 16, 2024 at 12:51 PM

KE

“ *I regret so that I was unable to attend Karen’s funeral and visitation today—many things beyond my control. Karen became a sweet friend to me over this last year and a half. We would book our high-dose Vitamin C infusions together and encourage one another and cheer one another on. She spoke so fondly of all of her family and always expressed appreciation for how wonderful Gary was to her. Her laughter could light up a room, and her love for our Lord was just as inspiring. I am saddened by her loss, but comforted knowing that she is experiencing the joy of heaven. Much love to all of her family and loved ones. ❤️  
My deepest condolences, Kendra Camio*

Kendra - January 22, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Anne Hilt.*



January 16, 2024 at 08:21 PM

MM

“ I have 41 years of memories with my beautiful mama. Even though I don't feel that will ever be long enough, I am so grateful for what I did get. She has been apart of my everything. The moments worth celebrating! The moments that had us laughing, our sides hurt. The moments when I was in such a dark place, that she reached in to help pull out! She cried with me. She encouraged me. She believe in me. She loved me unconditionally. She saw me.

The moment I will remember forever, was during one of the roughest moments in my life. I was on the phone with her and she was telling me all the mama things. But at the end she said "Give it everything you have, Megan Christine. If it still doesn't work, I will always be your safety net."

She indeed kept her word even before that statement was made. She has always been my safety net. Throughout my whole life.

Her laugh was the most beautiful sound.

Her smile, when she retold stories, was that of pride in the people she loved the most.

The look she gave her husband was of such love that it taught us kids that true love is real and not to settle for anything but that.

She was one in a million. I am so thankful she was mine!!



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**Megan Mabre** - January 16, 2024 at 10:09 AM

LJ

“ Karen and I were always together growing up. She always looked out for me. When I started going to Wayne State University, she showed me how to register for classes, how to get around campus and where to park. We did get a few parking tickets when we parked on the street with meters. (chuckle) Your sister, Lynne

Lynne Januszkowski - January 15, 2024 at 11:23 AM

GS

“ Gary and Linda Sanford purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen Anne Hilt.



Gary and Linda Sanford - January 14, 2024 at 07:07 PM

GS

“ Gary and Linda Sanford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Anne Hilt.

Gary and Linda Sanford - January 14, 2024 at 07:07 PM

RW

“ Karen, my sister. A wonderful person. Caring and responsible. I remember being a dishwashing partner with her. It was actually fun. She got me to stop running and removed my tee shirt when a hornet was inside stinging and stinging. Whew. Thank you sis!!!

Raymond Wilson - January 13, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MK

“ Dearest Karen, one of our “big kids.” The MVP on many CYO teams at St. Michael’s. I have many memories but one of my fondest is when you subbed for Dad and took me to a square dancing church event. I loved it! I was so grateful that you agreed to take me and be my partner that night. My personal MVP ❤️

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**Marilyn Kowalkowski** - January 13, 2024 at 12:40 PM

GC

“ Gladys Cross lit a candle in memory of Karen Anne Hilt

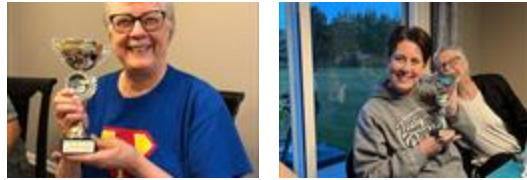


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**Gladys cross** - January 13, 2024 at 09:41 AM

CD

“ My wife and I have known Karen for over 15 years. She was a loving, caring, gracious, kind person who loved the Lord with all of her heart. We have been playing Mexican Train Dominions with her and husband Gary, Dave and Mary Scearcy and ourselves for the past several years. During that time we discovered that Karen was not only organized (she kept us all moving) but also very competitive. She provided the traveling trophy that was presented to the winner each time we played and quest who have the biggest smile when she won the trophy? Let me give you a hint, it was Karen. But she didn't save that smile just for herself as we saw it come out when Heather joined one night winning trophy. As matter she shared that smile with Gary, Dave, Mary, myself and Annelle for as I have already said she was a loving caring person who loved the Lord with all her heart. We will miss her but look forward to seeing her again when we enter the presence of our Lord Jesus. We were all blessed to know her



Chuck Dent - January 12, 2024 at 01:14 PM

CI

“ I only knew Karen for a few short years but in that time I grew to look up to her, respect her and love her. She was my sister in Christ, a beacon of light during times of despair, and in the darkness of grief she lifted me up and encouraged me. The Lord put her in my life for a reason and through her I saw HIM, Jesus!! What a blessing she was. Not only to me but to many others. I see her standing in front of HIM as he says “Well done, good and faithful servant “. Love you Karen!

cindy - January 10, 2024 at 08:04 AM

ME

*I will always remember her beautiful smile and warm demeanor. We always felt loved and welcomed in her presence. She always invited us to share in family events and family meals during a time when we needed it most. Her kind and loving spirit will never be forgotten and I will always be grateful for the time we got to spend with her.*

*Love, Melissa and Lydia*

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**Melissa** - January 11, 2024 at 09:08 PM