



## Karen Rose Sermersheim

February 27, 1943 - July 27, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Karen Rose Sermersheim, age 77, of Jasper, Indiana, formerly of Hickory, North Carolina, passed away at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Karen was born in Jasper, Indiana, on February 27, 1943, to Wilfred "Betts" and Josepha R. (Gutgsell) Sermersheim.

She was a 1961 graduate of Jasper High School. She attended St. Benedict College and VUJC.

She worked in the offices of Aristokraft in Jasper for 12 years and moved to Hickory, North Carolina, and worked for King Hickory Furniture in the data order entry and invoicing departments for 32 years and part time in the deli of Lowe's Foods in Hickory, North Carolina.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

She enjoyed crossword puzzles, oil painting, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals and the PGA. She was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels in Hickory, North Carolina, for seven years. She loved and enjoyed her cats and

all animals.

Surviving are her sister, Jane (Karen Andry) Sermersheim, Griffin, IN, her brother, Scott (Rosemary) Sermersheim, Taylorsville, NC, brother-in-law, Gerald (Barbara) Otto, Jasper, IN, brother-in-law, Kenneth (Roseann) Klein, Kernersville, NC, nephews, Chris (Jayme) Otto, Jasper, IN, Todd Klein, Hickory, NC, Ethan Sermershiem, Boone, NC, and nieces, Colonel Keriann Klein, Gainesville, VA, Emily Sermersheim, Winston-Salem, NC, eight great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her parents are two sisters, Diana Klein and Janet Otto.

Private family services were held at Becher-Kluesner Funeral Home in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dubois County Humane Society, the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, or the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Rose Sermersheim*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Karen and I worked at Aristokraft together and we had many talks at Jerry's restaurant till three in the morning. We had many adventures when we worked together - especially Halloween and Christmas and bowling. She was a good friend she was a good soul loved her animals. She was so proud of her nieces and nephews loved her family. I will miss her and her talks. I used to come visit her in Jasper when I came to visit my family. You're in heaven now Karen you and God had your little chat and I'm sure everything is resolved. you're with your sisters and your parents and our other friend Gloria. I look forward to seeing you in heaven someday when my time comes. Rest in peace karen with love (Judy Hoffman Stofleth)*

**Judy Stofleth** - December 17, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ *Emily Sermersheim-Weaver lit a candle in memory of Karen Rose Sermersheim*



**Emily Sermersheim-Weaver** - August 11, 2021 at 12:57 AM

BW

“ Beverly Werner lit a candle in memory of Karen Rose Sermersheim



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**Beverly Werner** - August 02, 2020 at 02:25 PM

KS

“ My sister, Pat & I visited Karen in N. Carolina not long ago. She was so sweet to us, her cousins. it was like when we grew up in Jasper all those years ago! Pat has the same birthday (Feb 27) & I was the exception in this trio. Enjoyable, meaningful & so many memories with her. Now she's with the angels enjoying her heavenly reward. RIP kind soul!

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**Kathlyn E. Sermersheim** - August 01, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ Aunt Karen was really probably the truest thing I ever had to a Grandmother. I was fortunate enough to have 4 amazing aunts on my Dad’s side of the family, all of which majorly impacted my life and all of which live in me today embodied in my actions and personality. I would give anything in the world to see the 4 of them together again along with my old man laughing and joking, those are the moments that defined what family means to me. I’ve lost 3 of them now, and I feel like it just gets harder every time. Aunt Karen happened to be the one I was blessed to spend the most time with, and she was also the one who I kept in contact with the most. Even now I was texting with her as recently as last week. Hell I’ve been receiving letters almost monthly from her since I left home for college. I cannot begin to put into words how much the loss of her resonates deeply within me, and the rest of my family. I will forever feel guilty for not managing to make it to Indiana more frequently to see you. All I can do now is pray that you’re finding peace and you’re finding the rest of our beloved family on the other side. If I could, I’d draw a little doodle on here like you always used to on the cards you’d send me. RIP to one of my favorite people in the universe.

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**Ethan Sermersheim** - July 30, 2020 at 06:22 PM

VK

“ Virginia Knies lit a candle in memory of Karen Rose Sermersheim



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**Virginia Knies** - July 30, 2020 at 10:55 AM

VK

*Karen was the most giving and loving lady, she always had a smile for us. Rest in Peace, My Friend and Classmate!*

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**Virginia Knies** - July 30, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *I worked with Karen at King Hickory Furniture.. She was one of the most amazing and sweetest people you could ever want to meet..She was kind, caring and would help you when you needed her..She is now free from pain and is walking the streets of heaven with our Lord and Savior...*

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**Wanda Yancheski** - July 29, 2020 at 05:17 PM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear of Karen's passing. She was always such a sweet person. She will be missed. Our condolences to her family.*

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**Marty and Sonya Steltenpohl** - July 29, 2020 at 01:38 PM

PJ

“ *I worked with Karen at King Hickory her duration there. She was so missed when she left Hickory and thought of very much. She was the most caring and giving person you could ever meet. My hopes were to see her again someday but now it will in the kingdom of heaven. Karen, I will miss your Christmas cards and Birthday wishes. Rest in peace, you will never be forgotten.*

*Patsy Johnson*

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**Patsy Johnson** - July 29, 2020 at 01:29 PM

ES

“ My Aunt Karen was like a second mother to me growing up. She was always there for my brother and I whenever we needed. I loved our weekly Sunday dinners, piano lessons, and all of the times we had her over to the house. She was the first person to take me to see Phantom of the Opera on stage, and she always made sure to have the BEST collection of movies for me to watch when I would go to her apartment. Words can not describe how kind and thoughtful she was. She had the biggest heart for all of her family, and any animal that she came across. I know that she is no longer suffering, and now she can see my Aunt Diane, Aunt Janet, and my grandparents again. I hate that she won't be able to see me walk down the aisle, or buy our first house, or raise animals and kids on our own. But I know that she will be watching over me every day, and I will always be so grateful for the moments we had together. I love you and will miss you always.

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**Emily Sermersheim** - July 29, 2020 at 06:44 AM

ES

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**Emily Sermersheim** - July 29, 2020 at 06:43 AM

KK

“ Our loving God call my Aunt Karen home this past Monday. She will be truly missed but we know that she is with our loving father, her sisters (my mom Diane and my Aunt Janet), and her mom and dad (Josie and Wilfred). I know you are at piece and without pain. You will be missed but I know I will see you again in the kingdom of heaven. Tell mom we are all doing great! Love you so much. Keri Klein

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**Keriann Klein** - July 28, 2020 at 06:18 PM

CO

“ We lost our aunt Karen Sunday morning she will be sadly missed she was a very big help to my kids growing up she loved and would do anything for any of her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews as well as the rest of the family. Karen you were back home with your mom and dad and my mother and your other sister Diane God rest her soul you will be missed but never forgotten love you so much your nephew Chris Otto

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**chris otto** - July 28, 2020 at 06:04 PM