



Karen Mikulik

March 19, 1944 - April 26, 2021

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Karen Mikulik. She was born on March 19, 1944, to Frederick and Olive Zinck. Along with her sister, Sandra (Bender) they lived in Queens, New York. They moved to New Jersey and she attended and graduated from Passaic Valley Regional High School in Little Falls, New Jersey. She continued her education at Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, New Jersey, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree. Karen worked for ITT Defense Communications and Aerospace Communications Division in Clifton, New Jersey, for 48 years from August, 1962, until she retired in March of 2010. She began her career there as an Executive Secretary and ultimately advanced to a Senior Program Financial Analyst. She was also a Real Estate Agent in New Jersey with Crown Real Estate for 30 years. On September 10, 1966, she married the love of her life, Joseph. They spent 54 wonderful years together. Karen and Joe moved from Pompton Plains, New Jersey in 2011, to Dunnellon, Florida, where they became avid golfers. Then they moved to a beautiful new home in Ocala, Florida, on March 12, 2021. She died at home on April 28, 2021. She had a keen way of including all of her nieces and nephews in her busy life and was always there with her "Auntie" wisdom and caring. And all of her life she was an extra special sister to Sandra. Prior to golfing, she loved softball, tennis and bowling. She was also a lover of animals, especially her dogs Duchess, Brandy, Cayenne and Sass. She also enjoyed spending time with horses. Karen was a kind and gentle soul of high intelligence and integrity. She could

accomplish anything she put her mind to. She had a great imagination and a creative mind. She enjoyed writing stories and poems. She gave freely of herself to those who could use her help. The Lord decided it was her time and she now rests in peace and her suffering is finally gone. With the blink of an eye she disappeared from us but her presence will always be a part of our lives. She will always be remembered in our hearts and minds. She is survived by her husband Joseph; her sister Sandra Bender (of Mahaffey, PA.); her sisters-in-law Arlene Mangarelli and her husband Glenn; Joy Szmyd and her husband Bill and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many friends both in New Jersey and Florida. Visitation in Florida will be held on Thursday May 6, 2021, at Roberts Funeral Home, 6241 SW SR-200, Ocala, Florida, from 11 am - 3 pm. Memorial Service will be held at 2 pm with a repast following. A Memorial Service will be held at a future date in New Jersey.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I can't think of just one, there are too many to count! In the summer of 2010, we lost our beloved dad. A lot of the family got together at Cathy and Vin's house for fun, food and precious family time. We played a SUPER rowdy game of spoons until utensils where flying! I will miss Auntie very much.

Love,
Cindy

Cindy Bender - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Aunt Karen was a force of nature. She arrived with fanfare, brightened the room, made everyone feel at ease and kickstarted any celebration. There was no party until Karen and Joe arrived. There was dippity-do, Tab and beehive hair on Ring Place; that groovy apartment on Colonial Drive. There was the house with the wonderful dogs and muddy stream in Bloomingdale. The split-level on Evelyn Place with the special "kids" pool room (still not sure why that door locked on the outside, lol). Aunt Karen would have the latest decor, fashion and style; looking professional and smart wherever she was going.

Aunt Karen was always genuinely interested in what a person was saying or doing, She listened with her heart and was encouraging and supportive when needed She was a strong woman and an excellent role model. Karen only retired from ITT when she was ready to do so.

Aunt Karen and Uncle Joe allowed me to stay with them for a year while getting started. The good times and life skills they taught remain a valuable part of who I am today. Laughter around Aunt Karen was always hearty and plentiful.

Aunt Karen was a vivacious, fun, athletic, intelligent, beautiful and charismatic woman who will be dearly missed and always remembered. You are forever in my heart Auntie.

Cathy

Cathy Bender - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With our deepest sympathy. Andy & Jeanette purchased flowers for the family of Karen Mikulik.

Andy & Jeanette - May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM