



Karen Behrens

July 12, 1964 - March 13, 2020

Karen A. Behrens, 55, of Lytton, IA, died Friday, March 13, 2020 at University of Iowa Hospital.

Private Family Services will be held Friday, March 20, 2020 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Calvin Blessington, Josh Collins, Jennifer Fountas, Jason Collins, and Eric Blessington. Casket Bearers will be: Aaron Holmes, Gavon Buckley, James Buckley, Kaylin Blessington, Justin Johnson, Josh Johnson and Bre Johnson. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda and online condolences may be left for Karen's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Karen was born July 12, 1964, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Carroll the daughter of Paul and Mary (Rotert) Tiefenthaler. She grew up and was educated in Breda and Wall Lake. She married Marty Behrens on October 31st, 1992, in Carroll, IA and established their home on a farm just south of Lytton where they spent their entire life together.

From 2004-2014, Karen was a teachers aid for the Rockwell City-Lytton school district where she enjoyed every moment helping kids learn & shape

their minds, eventually she was forced to retire due to her battle with Cystic Fibrosis. In October 2018, Karen was gifted a second chance at life with a double lung transplant but her long battle eventually came to an end due to complications.

Karen is survived by her husband Marty of Lytton; her daughters: Nicole Behrens and friend Scott Thompson of Ft. Dodge, and Christine Behrens and friend Jordan Rozenboom of Pomeroy; her grandsons: Kenray and Connor; her sisters: Eileen (Kent) Blessington of Auburn, and Marlene Tiefenthaler of Auburn; her brothers: Arnold Tiefenthaler of Breda, Verny Tiefenthaler of Breda, Zeke (Linda Gifford) Tiefenthaler of Indianola, Gary (Jan) Tiefenthaler of Adel, and Glenn Tiefenthaler of Auburn; her parents in-law: Larry and Virginia Behrens of Carroll; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Lauri Behrens of Omaha, Cheri (Denny) Johnson of Ozark, MO, Vicki Douglas of Charlotte, NC and Russell Behrens of Carroll; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mary (Rotert) Tiefenthaler; her brother Gene Tiefenthaler; and her grandparents Conrad & Mary Tiefenthaler and Henry & Argina Rotert.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I just heard that Karen passed. My deepest sympathies to her lovely family. I was fortunate to care for Karen, and her brother Gene before I retired as the CF Rt in Omaha. Karen was a hard working woman who so loved her family. I'm sad she's gone.

Jane Matsui

Jane Matsui - April 12, 2020 at 04:44 PM

KR

“ The angel wings she was gifted took her up to Heaven. God received another good one.
The picture is so her. Always had a smile and never complained. She lived her life to the fullest. Her family always came first and she will be watching over ALL of you.
It was (is) an honor to know her.
Rest Peacefully Karen.

Kathy Blessington Rodman

Kathy Blessington Rodman - March 19, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Behrens.



March 19, 2020 at 12:21 PM

BF

“ *Beth Grote Bobenmoyer & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Behrens*



Beth Grote Bobenmoyer & Family - March 18, 2020 at 08:02 PM

BF

“ *So Sorry for loss of a amazing fighter. Working with Eileen and talking about past time growing up around the corner from where Karen and her family was raised. We had some good talks and Eileen was a strong sister and always by Karen's side when she was able to be. Not a day went by where Eileen did not think of her strong sister Karen. Prayers to all of you and hope the memories stay close to your heart.*



Beth Grote-Bobenmoyer & Family - March 17, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Behrens.*



March 17, 2020 at 03:03 PM

EM

“ *My deepest sympathies to you all. Karen was such a fighter through such difficult times. May you remember the joyous memories you shared.*

Always, Emily Mathews, Transplant Social Worker

Emily Mathews - March 16, 2020 at 01:20 PM

RS

So sorry to hear about Karen. She babysat for us for many years. What a nice person she was . R I P Karen

Renee Steinkamp - March 18, 2020 at 01:57 PM

EB

“ *Karen was the best sister you can have. Always there for you. Even when she was sick she would still worry about everyone else. Family was Karen's number 1 part of her life. Her laughter and spunk will forever be missed. She loved Marty, the girls and grandsons so much. Fly high my beautiful sister, you are pain free now and home with Mom, Dad and Gene. You are our guardian angel. Love you forever*

Eileen Blessington - March 15, 2020 at 05:05 PM