



Karen Pender

March 5, 1940 - March 13, 2021

Karen Pender, age 81, of Alta, Iowa died on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at her home in Alta.

Family memorial services will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. To watch the live stream of the service, please visit St. Mark Lutheran's Facebook page. Burial will be in the Schaller Cemetery in Schaller. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Masks and social distancing are required for all guests in attendance. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Karen Rae Anderson was born on March 5, 1940 in Lake City, Iowa to Everett and Arlene (Youngquist) Anderson.

She was baptized as an infant and later confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church in Gowrie, Iowa. She was raised on a dairy farm and was in 4H and showed cattle at many fairs. Music and sports were her loves in school as well as playing basketball, softball, accompanying many small groups, mixed chorus, and glee clubs on piano. She was active in Luther League and started playing for a church service at fourteen. She still loves playing all these years later. She graduated from Gowrie High School in 1958 as Salutatorian of her

class.

Karen married Robert Underwood and became “mom” to Ron and Brian. They open Playdium Bowling Lanes. The couple later divorced.

Karen moved to Storm Lake in 1979 to open and manage Storm Lake Bowl. Also, she met the love of her life, Bob Pender and gained two more children to love, Sallie and Shane. She spent seven years at Storm Lake Bowl, met many dear friends and took many fun trips to national tournaments.

She became Mrs. Pender on February 2, 1980 and together they purchased the Depot Steakhouse in 1986, where they spent 21 happy years. They totally enjoyed people and shared tears, smiles, and time with many great friends.

Karen was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church. Her church family and friends were the true treasures in her life, and she thanked God for them every day. Lord, now let your servant depart in peace.

Karen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bob Pender; her parents, Everett and Arlene Anderson; granddaughter, Angela Underwood; parents-in-law, Art and Marge Pender; brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Mary Anderson; nephew, Kevin Anderson; and brother-in-law, Tom Pender.

She will be missed by her sons, Ron and Brian (Tonya) Underwood; stepchildren, Sallie (John) Fitzpatrick and Shane (Hayley) Pender; sisters: Phyllis (Norm) Peterson, Rose Mallison, LuAnn (Jim) Suchan; brother-in-law, Llyod (Lynn) Pender; many loved nieces and nephews; two cats, Baby and Buddy. Also, her grandchildren: Sara Underwood, Jadeyn (Tory) Metzger, Taylor Campbell, Jamison Underwood; and tthree special great-granddaughters: Kaylee and Emily Underwood; Graceyn Metzger.

Cemetery Details

Schaller Cemetery

1382 County Rd D15
Schaller, IA 51053

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Tribute Wall

HH

“ Heather Hansgaard lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender



Heather Hansgaard - August 14, 2021 at 06:41 AM

RW

“ So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing Brian, I have fond memories of your Mom in the early days at the Storm Lake Bowl, with her and Greg Klimeck those were great times, and it was a pleasure to bowl there when your Mom managed the center. I always remember her upbeat personality, and her humor and kindness. Truly a one of a kind lady !

Robert Wetherell - March 19, 2021 at 09:17 AM

SS

“ Steven And Colleen Swanson lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender



Steven and Colleen Swanson - March 18, 2021 at 07:42 PM

KR

“ Karen was such an amazing, loving, caring person. She was so full of kindness. I will always be grateful to her and Bob. So many memories of them both that we will always cherish. Our sincere sympathy to all of her family.

Kaaren and Jamie Rogers - March 17, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Pender.*



March 17, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Karen was a friend to everyone she met...a truly wonderful lady! Her Faith and her Family were lights she shone on her life. Our sincere sympathy to her family. How happy we are, though, that she and Bob are once again reunited! Bernnie & Annie Onnen*

Ann Bernie Onnen - March 17, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Ann Bernie Onnen lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



Ann Bernie Onnen - March 17, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



John and Connie Demers - March 17, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Karen Pender.*



March 17, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *Karen will be remembered for her music, resilience, humor, friendship . . . my sympathy to the family . . . I was privileged to know her! And, I'll always remember the "Karen and Bob welcoming committee" during my days at St. Mark in Storm Lake.*

Rev David Halaas, - March 16, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 16, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Melissa Reiling (Petersen) lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



Melissa Reiling (Petersen) - March 15, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Pender.*



March 15, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Im still in total shock in the loss of a very special lady and most importantly, friend. We always said I love you when I'd leave. I just saw Karen on the Tuesday before her passing. I will miss our visits every 2 weeks when I'd go clean for her. Love you Karen....until we meet again*

Angela grienke - March 15, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Pender.*



March 15, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF KAREN PENDER. MAY SHE RIP. MAY HER FAMILY ALSO BE AT PEACE.*

*LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA*



PATTY GUNVILLE - March 15, 2021 at 09:56 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. She was definitely one of a kind, sweet and funny, always helpful and making others laugh! She never knew a stranger! I always loved her, and have very fond memories of her that I will always cherish. Thank you for making my life a little sweeter, Karen! You are loved and will forever be missed!

*LuAnn (Hirschman) Bobolz
and Family*

LuAnn Bobolz - March 15, 2021 at 08:19 AM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



connie roche - March 14, 2021 at 06:50 PM

KG

“ *What a wonderful friend. She was so caring. She, Bob Ronnie and I had many wonderful times together. So sorry to the family, she was proud of you all.*

Karen Grieme - March 14, 2021 at 03:41 PM

WT

“ *Wilbur/Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



Wilbur/Karen Triplett - March 14, 2021 at 11:26 AM

MY

“ *Mark / Chris Young lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



Mark / Chris Young - March 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM

KG

“ *So sorry for your loss. continue to cherish all of the memories!*

Kathy Grienke - March 14, 2021 at 10:12 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Grienke lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



Kathy Grienke - March 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

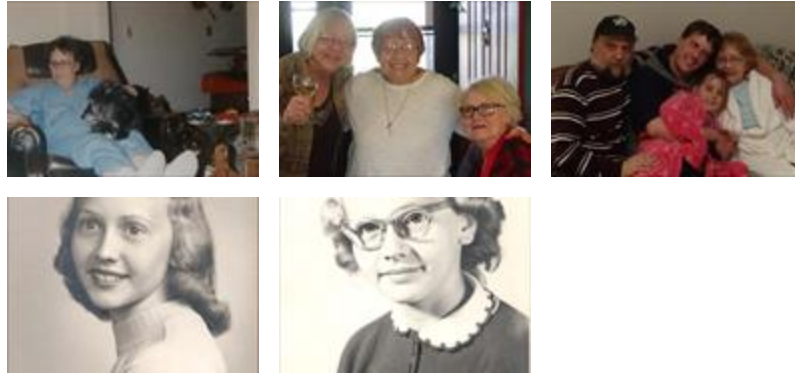
BS

“ *My sincere condolences to Karen's family. We have lost a good friend, but Heaven has gained a special person. 🙏*

Brad Strader - March 14, 2021 at 07:10 AM

RU

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Ron C Underwood - March 13, 2021 at 08:25 PM

CR

“ Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender



connie roche - March 13, 2021 at 07:27 PM

PH

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of this amazing lady! We will NEVER forget Karen, Bob and The Depot in Alta, Iowa! So many memories!! Now they are together again! Our prayers, love and friendship go out to all the family!

John and Pam Henderson

Pam Henderson - March 13, 2021 at 06:23 PM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender



Pam Henderson - March 13, 2021 at 06:20 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Julie McKinney lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender



Kevin & Julie McKinney - March 13, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karen Pender.



March 13, 2021 at 05:44 PM

MY

“ Mark / Chris Young lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender



Mark / Chris Young - March 13, 2021 at 04:00 PM

JS

“ *Jim And Nicki Sheplear lit a candle in memory of Karen Pender*



Jim and nicki sheplear - March 13, 2021 at 02:34 PM