



## Karin Michelle Reis

April 3, 1973 - September 27, 2024

Karin Michelle Reis, age 51, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, September 27, 2024 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will take place Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2024 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE is in charge of the arrangements.

On April 3rd, 1973, Robert and Evelyn (Braun) Reis and four brothers welcomed home a happy baby girl Karin Michelle Reis in Storm Lake, Iowa... who just happened to have Downs Syndrome. She was baptized, confirmed and received First Communion at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Raising an individual with developmental disabilities is a challenge. To help the family face this challenge, were many friends and family, along with several agencies to help Karin succeed in life. Early on with AEA and the Storm Lake Special Education department who had amazing, dedicated teachers and support groups. She participated in the Special Olympics throughout school and in 1993 she received her certificate of attendance from Storm Lake High School. Karin then moved to the Lutheran Family Services group home to learn life skills for independent living. Shortly, Bob realized she could do well on her own and purchased a forever home for her on Lake

Avenue. Karin was extremely proud of being able to live independently and have her very own home. With the tremendous assistance of BV County Public Health, they supported her in various household duties. There she was able to live her best life and enjoy her many activities and hobbies.

Many special people and other agencies have come and gone as she grew into her adult life. Ressler Drug was one of her first jobs, they embraced her challenges and gave her a good work home for several years. When the business was sold to Hy-Vee, she worked there for a short time.

Then Genesis Development (now Imagine the Possibilities) gave her various employment opportunities and home assistance. Karin mostly enjoyed seeing her friends at Day Hab and going on various outings with them.

Karin always kept busy even though the TV was on (full blast), you could find her sitting on the floor working on some creation. Happily working on crochet, scrapbooking or placing large amounts of scotch/packing tape to various items labeled "this belongs to Karin M. Reis" not to mention puzzle and coloring books were always by her side to occupy any down time. She took great pride in painting her own fingernails and the endless flow of nail polish kept us all guessing what color or colors she would have on next.

Anyone who met her, knew her endless happy disposition. One kind word or a sweet gesture toward her and you were an instant friend. Church was also very important to Karin, and she attended mass every Sunday she could. Karin enjoyed many years bowling with the Alley Kits League and going to State tournaments. Karin was a charter member and a Past Club President of the Kiwanis Storm Lake Tornadoes Aktion Club. She enjoyed assisting in various projects and fundraisers and loved the club dances as she could really "bust of move"!

Family was Karin's greatest joy and always looked forward to visits from her brothers, nieces, nephews, aunts or cousins, getting down on the floor and playing with all her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Lastly, she was always thankful for her four brothers (and sister in laws) help with various tasks, fix-its, doctor appointments and a few ice cream runs.

It truly took a village (more like 3 or more) to raise this fine lady! Karin will truly be missed by many.

Karin is preceded in death by Grandparents Bernard and Erna Reis, Ignatius and Francis Braun. Parents Robert and Evelyn Reis. Sister, Kathy Jo Reis and many of her aunts and uncles.

Those left to cherish her memory are brothers Mark (Julie) Reis, Runnells, Mike Reis (Sharon Modtland) Ankeny, Curt (Connie) Reis Storm Lake, Dan (Judy) Reis Winterset. Along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews along with many, many dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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## Funeral Mass

OCT 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karin Michelle Reis*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 02, 2024 at 03:14 PM

SG

*Such a beautiful tribute. It was such a joy to be a part of Karin's life. So many happy memories from classroom, Special Olympics and adult night class and peer gatherings. I just say this and am so sorry to have missed attending visitation and mass. Karin was a very special gal!  
Sincerely, Sandy Getzmier*

**Sandy Getzmier** - October 04, 2024 at 11:28 PM

SL

*Karin was truly a very happy, loving person. She always had a smile on her face and was thrilled to talk to anyone she knew. She was thrilled to learn how to crochet and tried her hand at sewing and was pretty good at cooking for herself. She will truly be missed. Sandy Loucks*

**Sandy Loucks** - October 11, 2024 at 05:42 PM

SN

“ *Shonda Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Karin Reis*



**Shonda Nelson** - October 03, 2024 at 02:57 PM

CF

“ Our sincere condolences in the passing of Karen. Our thoughts and prayers to you and the entire family 🙏🙏🙏



Craig and Mary Farrell - October 03, 2024 at 01:45 PM

JK

“ James L Konradi lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



James L Konradi - October 02, 2024 at 06:28 PM

DW

“ Dale and Doris Wiley lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Dale and Doris Wiley - October 02, 2024 at 11:37 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 02, 2024 at 11:16 AM

GO

“ Garry & Joyce Olson lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Garry & Joyce Olson - October 02, 2024 at 12:23 AM

KG

“ Karla & Gary lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Karla & Gary - October 01, 2024 at 11:11 PM

EC

“ Eagle Sign Co. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karin Michelle Reis.

Eagle Sign Co. - October 01, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karin Michelle Reis.



October 01, 2024 at 10:09 PM

PO

“ Karin was always a friendly, lively, fun person as I remember. A great person. My Mom told me the other day that my dad used to always give her a bad time, and she would tell Mom, he was her boyfriend..... She will be missed!!! Gone too soon!!!

Pat O'Leary - October 01, 2024 at 09:02 PM

BC

“ Bill and Chris Caton lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Bill and Chris Caton - October 01, 2024 at 08:55 PM

MH

“ Mary and Erland Heinrich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karin Michelle Reis.

Mary and Erland Heinrich - October 01, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karin Michelle Reis.



October 01, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Karin Michelle Reis.*



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October 01, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Sheila Mills lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Sheila Mills** - October 01, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - September 30, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Peg Flynn** - September 30, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DJ

“ *Dave/Kari Jansen lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Dave/Kari Jansen** - September 30, 2024 at 07:12 PM

DZ

“ *Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Deborah Zerfoss** - September 30, 2024 at 04:56 PM

TM

“ *Terra McKeag sent a virtual gift in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Terra McKeag** - September 30, 2024 at 04:40 PM

JF

“ *Jean Fassler lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Jean Fassler** - September 30, 2024 at 02:04 PM

AR

“ Aunt Bev, Donna, Gail, Frank, Jessi Reis purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Karin Michelle Reis.



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**Aunt Bev, Donna, Gail, Frank, Jessi Reis** - September 30, 2024 at 01:38 PM

NH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



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**Nicki Harrington** - September 30, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PS

“ I was saddened to read of Karin’s passing! She always greeted me with a smile! I remember back in the day when I used to eat a lot of lunches at Ressler Drug and she’d be working her little heart out! Heaven gained a beautiful angel! Patti Snyder

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**Patti Snyder** - September 30, 2024 at 12:12 PM

AK

“ Adam and Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



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**Adam and Angie Kutz** - September 30, 2024 at 11:12 AM

NM

“ Nancy (Neuroth) Miller lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Nancy (Neuroth) Miller - September 30, 2024 at 11:03 AM

Michelle Henderso

“ Michelle Henderson lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Michelle Henderson - September 30, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TM

“ Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Tammy Miller - September 30, 2024 at 09:16 AM

JO

“ Jacque Olson lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Jacque Olson - September 30, 2024 at 07:52 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**John/Connie Demers** - September 30, 2024 at 07:29 AM

JD

*Always loved Karin's smile! She was a hard worker at Ressler Drug and at Genesis. I'll miss seeing her at church. Thoughts and prayers to her family.*

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**John/Connie Demers** - October 02, 2024 at 10:40 AM

AW

“ *Al & Angie Wadsley lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Al & Angie Wadsley** - September 29, 2024 at 07:47 PM

RS

“ Karin was a great person .i enjoyed taking her bowling on Thursday night when she was on the same bowling team as I was .she even went to state bowling with us as a team and she was so fun to have along on the trip .i have known Karin for along time as her parents and my parents were on the fire department together.i am going to miss Karin as she always gave me crap and she always asked how my parents were .and she would say I like them a lot .know she is sharing fun times in heaven with my mom and dad and her parents and sister Kathy .she will be deeply missed bye a lot of her fareway friends she had when she would go shopping for groceries.robins Stephan



Robin stephan - September 29, 2024 at 06:51 PM

WT

“ Wilbur and Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis



Wilbur and Karen Triplett - September 29, 2024 at 06:46 PM

JM

“ So very sad to hear this. Karin always had a smile to share. I remember her telling me last year that she turned 50 and she was so happy about that. A special soul gone in person, but not in spirit. My condolences to the Reis family  
Kevin & Julie McKinney



Julie McKinney - September 29, 2024 at 06:28 PM

PB

“ *Pat and Gene Barnett lit a candle in memory of Karin Reis*



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**Pat and Gene Barnett** - September 29, 2024 at 04:36 PM