



Karen S. Krueger

April 20, 1942 - November 24, 2025

Karen Sue Krueger, 83, passed away suddenly, Monday, November 24, 2025, at her home in the Short Mountain community. Born in Highland, IL., she lived most of her life in Trenton, IL. Ms. Krueger was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace Alfred and Lillian Delores Becker Krueger.

She is survived by her daughter, Latisha “Tish” Bates and her husband, Christopher of Woodbury; her grandson, Jedidiah Bates whom she affectionately called “Jedi”; stepdaughters, Kathy Silvey and Angela Schlosser both of Potosi, MO. She is also survived by her cousins, Tom and John Becker of Trenton, IL.

Karen graduated from Wesclin High School in Trenton, Illinois, in 1960 and later pursued studies in interior design. She was a lifelong member of St. John United Church of Christ in Trenton, IL, where she sang in the choir and was a retired secretary. An enthusiastic supporter of the St. Louis Cardinals, Karen never missed a game, whether on TV or the radio. She also loved John Wayne films so much that she named her daughter after one of his movie characters. Her hobbies included crafting, crocheting, spending time with her dogs, and sitting on her porch admiring hummingbirds and her flowers.

She loved eating at 50’s inspired diners such as Webb’s Soda Shop, eating at Roxie’s where she formed a bond with the owners, Summer and Shannon,

and she looked forward to her weekly dates with Charolette at Millennium Hair Salon to get her hair done. Karen also enjoyed Hank's Bowl & eating at the Trenton House.

Most of all, Ms. Krueger was a devoted mother and grandmother. She never missed a single event in Tish's life. She was her biggest supporter. She had a wonderful relationship with her grandson and son-in-law as well. Her presence will be forever missed by them and all who knew and loved her.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated, and a Visitation will be held in Trenton, IL, at St. John's UCC, on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Funeral Service will follow at 10:30 AM.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery, Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's UCC.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. John's UCC
21 N. Walnut St.
Trenton, IL 62293

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen S. Krueger.*



November 27, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ *Carl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen S. Krueger.*

Carl - November 27, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ *I grew up with Karen as a next-door neighbor many years ago. There were no cell phones or electronic devices, just your imagination to create entertainment. The neighborhood kids would get together to play baseball, hide n seek or some other type of activity... Karen and her parents would eventually move to a different section of town, but we continued to go to church together and were classmates from first grade until we graduated from Wesclin in 1960. Went our separate ways after that. but would get together at class reunions. Besides a classmate, I call her my friend.*
Pat Bassler

Pat Bassler - November 26, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ *I knew Karen while growing up in Trenton. I used to see her at what was then Ranz Ford Motor Company on Main Street where her Father, Wally, worked. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Dan Dermody - November 26, 2025 at 04:47 PM