



Karen Ilene Flynn

June 5, 1938 - January 28, 2022

Karen Ilene Flynn died peacefully in her sleep Friday, January 28, 2022, in Austin, TX. She was 83 years old. She was born on June 5, 1938, to Clarence and Shirley Ellsworth in Severance, KS. She was preceded in death by her husband Mark and brother Neale. She is survived by her siblings Nolan, Liane, and Gerry, as well as her children Megan (Mark), Erin, Bridget (Rob), Mike (Konni), Patrick (Debra), 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Karen worked many years for Menninger Foundation. She helped organize Hot Dog Lunch at Most Pure Heart Grade School and hand sewed uniforms for many former Hayden High School cheerleaders in the 70's. Karen loved reading, adventures with her siblings, and playing bingo.

A summer ceremony will take place and Karen will be inurned next to Mark at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Atchison, KS.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry to hear of your moms passing. The Muffs and us had many great times together*
Darrell and Judy Ehrlich

judy - March 12, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Karen Ilene Flynn*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Prayers for the Flynn family. May memories be your friend at this time. Sorry for your loss.*
Barb DeWalt (Tinsley)

Barbara DeWalt - February 09, 2022 at 07:54 PM



Thank you Barb.

Bridget - February 10, 2022 at 10:54 AM

PD

“ So, you all know how this story goes... but we realize that the “bumps in the road” are real for all families... raising children at many different levels and ages... I was lucky enough to have 2 of their children in my life as very strong influences, some good, some we are not going to talk about in “public places” but nothing that we could not talk to our parents about.. if need be. I have cherished a life-long friendship with Patrick and Michael for many years including grade school and a marriage.. for that I would change nothing. Mike took the part of a “space driven” distance between Patrick and I for several years while we were miles apart to be together in one place... I would never change that for many reasons and too many stories involved! God Bless Christian Okoye and the Chiefs. Sunday! I will always wish the family well and hope that the memories will keep all in “tact” for the memories of your parents and the memories to come with your own families! A very tough time and I wish I could tell that it gets easier over time. We all know that it does not...I love you all and please know that I am with you in thoughts and prayers!

Patrick Desch - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PA

Thank you Pat - love you brother. Patrick

patrick - February 10, 2022 at 06:30 AM

MA

“ We have fond memories of the times we spent with Karen and Mark at Bogey Boys golf gatherings in Topeka. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.
With sympathy,
Mac and Debbie Austin

Mac and Debbie Austin - February 07, 2022 at 11:38 AM

BR

Thank you Mac and Debbie. Debbie, Connie and I mention you now and then. Bridget

Bridget Flynn Richmond - February 10, 2022 at 10:47 AM

MD

I babysat the kids in 1964 as a USAF Lt, Mark Donovan. Great family. Parents visited us in Fla around 2010, cjdmd@yahoo.com. Love to hear from kids.

Mark Donovan - August 07, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MS

“ *My condolences to her family. My daughter became attached to her at the assisted living facility. She cherished the moments she spent with Karen. She couldn't wait to go back to work to see her. We feel like she was part of our family. So sad to hear of her passing. Our prayers to her family 🙏🙏*

Minerva Santellana - February 04, 2022 at 04:55 PM

PA

Thank you Minerva

patrick - February 06, 2022 at 12:37 PM

EF

Thank you Minerva. As a nurse I've worked in several facilities and 1:1 in the homes of the elderly. I know how much I sometimes don't want to get attached to those I care for, but the word CARE stands out for me. My philosophy??? Maybe??? Is that I take care of those who have taken care of others, WITH LOVE, most of their lives. Now it is time for them to be taken care of WITH LOVE!! I believe that if that piece is not a big part of why you are there, please get into a different profession. It is critical when caring for others for them to be able to feel that they are cared about. Enough seniors have no visitors, these people have lost almost all of their independence, and they just want to feel something nice as they age and die. I've had to say goodbye to too many people that I have truly loved, I'm happy that they could find rest and be returned to those who they have loved.

Thank you for sharing your family's story. It makes me feel happy that my ornery mom meant that much to your daughter and her family.

Thank you again,

Erin

2nd oldest after Megan

Erin Flynn - February 07, 2022 at 04:48 PM

BR

Thank you Minerva.

Bridget - February 10, 2022 at 10:49 AM

MS

Thank you for your kind words. We will always remember Karen and cherish her conversations she had with my daughter. I myself have been a nurse for 35 years and it's difficult not to get attached to the patients. But we become nurses to not only take care of them but to treat them with respect and be a special friend.

Minerva Santellana - March 23, 2022 at 09:32 PM

AA

“ Hello Patrick and family,

We are so sorry to learn of this loss. Your mother was always a kind soul to so many! Although we do recall her "feathers" being ruffled now and then when working together at TMC! Her feathers would smooth over fairly quickly.

We recall she would often be the one who would stay late to accommodate the necessary safe staffing pattern for office hours. This would allow late afternoon/early evening appointments to be held for various clinicians and their clients. To us, this demonstrated her willingness to be flexible and amenable to meet the demands of the organization above her own personal needs. We recall you also did this on several occasions Patrick!

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Fond regards,

*Allan and Leigh Alexander
(Former Sergeant in Security; Team Charge Nurse, Evening Nursing Coordinator, Nurse Manager for ED/TRP and PIC programs-currently in private practice)*

Allan Alexander - February 04, 2022 at 04:12 PM

PA

Thank you Allan and Leigh! We appreciate it. Hope all is well :)

patrick - February 06, 2022 at 05:53 AM

JL

We express our sympathy to the family. Karen was one of the kindest and soft spoken people we ever encountered. We got to know Karen and Mark more personally through Marriage Encounter. They were so helpful in creating a loving and caring community of hundreds of married couples in the 1970's.

Jerry & Anna Marie Lammers, Topeka, KS

Jerry & Anna Marie Lammers - February 06, 2022 at 11:41 AM

EF

Thank you so much Jerry and Anna Marie. I think of you often and when I drive down Randolph St I always wonder if you still live there. I ALWAYS want to stop and knock. Would you mind?? Maybe you will answer if you come back to this page.

Erin Flynn - February 07, 2022 at 04:27 PM

BR

Thank you.

Bridget - February 10, 2022 at 10:52 AM

BR

“*Flynn Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. It's always tough to lose a parent, but rest assured that fond memories can last forever.*

--Bill Rogenmoser

Bill Rogenmoser - February 04, 2022 at 02:18 PM

PA

Thank you Bill

patrick - February 06, 2022 at 12:38 PM

BR

Thank you Bill.

Bridget - February 10, 2022 at 10:51 AM

CD

“ *Megan, Erin, Bridget, Mike and Pat*

I am so very sorry for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Christine Desch

Christine Desch - February 04, 2022 at 07:06 AM

BR

Thank you Christine. We appreciate your care.

Bridget - February 10, 2022 at 10:51 AM

MD

So sorry to read your parents obits on Facebook.. They were so hospitable to this Air Force Lt in Salina in 1964. I helped some with high school golf team and babysat too. Remember that love of show tune records. They visited us in Fla over a dozen years ago. Be proud. Mark Donovan. 83, Iowa City. Cjdmdd@yahoo.com. 3193330919. Hope you are all doing well.

mark Donovan - November 18, 2023 at 08:21 PM