



Karen Hargrave

January 3, 1943 - January 29, 2020

Karen Hargrave, age 77, passed away Wednesday afternoon, January 29, 2020 with her loving husband of 58 years, by her side, holding her hand.

She was born on January 3, 1943 in Milwaukee, WI to Frank and Ethel Zvolena.

Karen attended Mukwonago High School where football games, bowling and friends were all highlights of being an MHS Indian. But, the biggest highlight was meeting the love of her life, Larry Hargrave, whom she married on May 5, 1962. Since farming was always their passion, they began their married life together by purchasing a small farm in Ixonia WI. After selling this farm, they operated a dairy farm in Janesville for Melford and Luella Hill.

Some good friends from Berlin then informed Karen and Larry of a larger farm for sale south of town, so in 1972 they moved themselves, their 4 children and all their belongings to Highway 49 where they created a beautiful farm and family. During this time, Karen worked at Sentry Foods, while also helping to run the farm. Taking care of her hard-working family with three meals a day and some type of dessert was always her number one priority. They lived there for 13 years, and then moved to a smaller home to pre retire in, while their oldest son Rick, continued to run the family farm. During this time, Karen also took on the job as Treasurer for the Town of Berlin.

Here is where they had more time to spend with their wonderful family and friends. Karen loved to meet up for breakfast with her girlfriends once a month, take her grandkids on picnics, spend a weekend with the 'Great Eight' gals, enjoy a Friday Night fish fry with their snowmobiling gang, as well as host a multitude of holiday get-togethers with their family. Karen and Larry also had time to enjoy their cottage in Mountain with family and friends.

Karen will forever be remembered for her love of her family, friends, her faith and we can't forget her loving animals, Tippy and Spooky. Her other loves in life were chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate followed by a nice glass of Chillable Red.

Karen is survived and will be sadly missed by her husband, Larry, her four children, Richard (Carla) Hargrave, Robert (Cathy) Hargrave, Lisa (John Meier) Beck, and Lon (Kathy) Hargrave. Her 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren (with one on the way)

will miss her constant force feeding of ice cream and desserts whenever they visited. Ask any one of them how to use a ringer washer, and they will be able to tell you.

Relatives and friends may visit with Larry and family on Friday, February 7 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm and Saturday morning from 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Wiecki- Skipchak Funeral Home of downtown Berlin.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at All Saints Catholic Parish on Saturday, February 8 at 10:30, with Father David Greenfield officiating. Following the mass, Karen will be laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery with a celebration of life to follow at the Berlin Conservation Club at W898 White Ridge Rd. Berlin, WI.

Memorials will be established in Karen's name.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Visitation

FEB 8. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish
N8566 WI-49
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-5252

Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Hargrave*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 04, 2020 at 06:08 PM

JA

Larry & family, we loved the video presentation. Well done. What a way to share Karen with all of us. All our love Jim & Anne Fait

Jim & Anne - February 05, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SK

Such a wonderful video! Thank you for sharing your memories! Karen was beautiful, both inside & out. I think she was smiling in almost every picture. I will always remember Karen for her great smile & her caring genuine heart! Love to Larry & family.--Shan Kramer

Shan Kramer - February 07, 2020 at 04:24 PM

DB

Such a beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady. She truly was a great lady.

Diane Boese - February 09, 2020 at 06:48 PM

CB

That was beautiful tribute to a beautiful, gentle woman! She will be missed tremendously by everyone she touched! Enjoy Heaven Karen!!💕

Claire Beck - February 09, 2020 at 06:49 PM

DS

Incredible ! What a walk down memory lane! You are always going to have the grandest memories! Such an amazing Life for a great family :(hope you all return to great things carrying on her memory !

Douglas Schultz - February 09, 2020 at 08:29 PM

KG

What a beautiful tribute of Karen's life. She had a way of touching the heart of anyone she met. She was such a wonderful lady and surrounded by such a loving family! Heaven gained an angel ❤️

Kristy Guell - February 13, 2020 at 11:43 PM



“ Larry, sorry to hear of Karen's passing. What a wonderful wife and family you to remember
 Bob Wolf

BikerBob Wolf - May 06, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Hargrave.



February 07, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Karen Hargrave.



February 04, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Hargrave.



February 04, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ 184 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 04, 2020 at 06:06 PM



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



February 03, 2020 at 05:22 PM

CS

“ *Words of comfort do not come easy. She brought great joy to my parents and our family. I will miss the twinkle in her eyes and sassy personality that I have admired in her my entire life. She's the beautiful Christian example of being a farmwife, mom, grandma, great-grandma, and dear friend. I pray that her family all can feel her comfort in their hearts. Will truly miss you, our Dear Karen, and rest now in peace.*

Cindy (McCarthy) Sheskey

Cindy Sheskey - February 03, 2020 at 12:34 PM



*Cindy, Thank you for your kind words and for sharing your thoughts. The McCarthy's are the reason the Hargrave's moved to Berlin. :) Such beautiful, beautiful memories of the times you all spent together. God's Peace.
The Hargrave Family*

Cathy Hargrave - February 04, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DD

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



dennis deaton - February 01, 2020 at 10:37 AM



*This is a beautiful picture of an amazing couple! Thank you so very much for sharing this and for being such a wonderful part of their memories.
The Hargrave Family :)*

Cathy Hargrave - February 04, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Hargrave.*



February 01, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Hargrave.*



January 31, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Karen Hargrave.*



January 31, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *I did not know Karen well but I always loved hearing stories about her from her daughter Lisa. I met her a few times and I always thought she was so spunky and always dressed great and looked wonderful. I am wondering if she has her label maker up in heaven; I am sure they would enjoy her organizational skills up there.*

Rest in Peace

Julie Paske-McTier - January 30, 2020 at 12:36 PM



*Karen and her post it notes will be missed. :) Thank you Julie.
God's Peace.
The Hargrave Family*

Cathy Hargrave - February 04, 2020 at 01:05 PM