



Karen Rose Schrauben

June 24, 1941 - June 10, 2012

Karen Rose Schrauben of Delta Township passed away June 10, 2012 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Karen was born June 24, 1941 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Robert and Lucille (Schray) Barker. Over the past 40 years, Karen invested her time in serving others, tirelessly volunteering as an active member of St. Michael Parish, Sacred Quest Retreat Team, Hospice, Marriage Encounter, and Bulldog Club of Michigan. In addition to being commissioned as an Ecclesiastic lay minister with the Diocese of Lansing, she was also the recipient of the CTA-MI "In the Spirit" Award 2012. She also worked at Delta-Center Elementary School, Town-Country Animal Hospital, NY Life Insurance Company and Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Karen was preceded in death by her husband of forty-eight years, Dennis on August 25, 2010. She is survived by daughters, Amy (Hal) Mann and Kristine (Steve) Prince and son, Robert J. Schrauben; grandchildren, Justin (Ginny), Tyler, Dawson, Elizabeth, Matthew, Robert II, Erika (Zak), Andrew and Alex; 3 great grandchildren and Sister Janet (Willard) Seymour. Karen is also survived by several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews of the Schrauben family. She was preceded in death by her step-mother, Claudia Barker and brother, Dean Laningham. A funeral mass will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 11:00 A.M. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge with The Reverend Fr. James Eisele, Celebrant. The family will receive friends Monday 6-8:00 pm and Tuesday 2-4:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and

Tuesday 6-8:00 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church with a scripture service at 7:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be given to Loaves and Fishes, Hospice House of Mid-Michigan or the Pancreatic Cancer Discovery Fund – University of Michigan. Online condolences and memories at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 W. Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
<https://www.holihanatkin.com>

Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

JUN 12. 7:30 PM (ET)

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345 Edwards Street
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Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall

JC

“ *My life will never be the same. . .*

not because of Karen Rose Schrauben's death,

but because of her LIFE.

She and I often discussed our favorite Gal

--The Holy Spirit--

and how She would take

a spark of Faith,

a glimmer of hope,

or a flash of Love

and fan it into

a raging inferno.

And as we all know,

Karen was indeed

the Holy Spirit's Raging Inferno,

or as I call her:

God's Energizer Bunny.

Karen often called me

a Loving Rabble Rouser,

(among other things)

as well as giving me the name

Bushel Tipper

as I tried to help anyone we met

move their light

out from under the bushel.

In the case of Karen's tipped bushel, I'd joke

"Oh my God what have I helped unleash upon the world!"

I Love Karen ,

but that's no surprise

*for as many of you who also love her know,
She was so easy to Love.*

*The surprise for me
was that she loved me!
And she loved me As I Am,
despite all my failings
and my Nuttiness.*

*For me, and I suspect for many of you,
Karen was an embodiment of
God's Unconditional Love.*

*The priceless gift that Karen Rose Schrauben gave to me
--and likely many of you--
Was the Gift of enabling me
to see myself
through the eyes of someone who Loves me.*

*That gift and Karen's daffy-dilly persistence
resulted in
many, many, retreats, workshops, seminars, in-service programs,
and*

*the publication of at least half of my books
(she would not let me stop)
that would not have happened
without
The Holy Spirit's Energizer Bunny,
Karen Rose Schrauben.*

*Thanks, God for Karen
and
Thanks Karen for having the Courage to be
Who God Created You To Be!*

Love, John

John Chuchman - June 15, 2012 at 04:13 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Karen Rose Schrauben.*



June 12, 2012 at 11:20 AM



“ *Dear Kristi, Amy and Rob,*

You were so blessed to have such a loving, patient and giving mother. Her life was lived fully, and it was an example of her faithfulness as a Christian. She will indeed be missed by all that knew her and loved her. God's Kingdom is enriched by her presence and your dad is happy to have her back beside him.



Rod and Mary Jo

Mary Jo Stewart - June 12, 2012 at 11:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Rose Schrauben.*



June 11, 2012 at 11:55 PM

KH

“ Dear Kristi, Amy, Rob, and Family,

Our condolences to you for the loss of your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was one of a kind, a beautiful soul, who touched many lives while she walked the earth, including ours. We will never forget Karen's radiant smile, her compassionate heart and her charming sense of humor. She lit up a room whenever she entered because of her positive attitude and genuine delight in human interaction.

It was a pleasure to know Karen. Her vibrant spirit must be causing quite a stir in heaven. We can imagine how joyful her reunion with Denny must be! We hope your cherished memories comfort you and bring you strength in the days ahead.

Kathleen and John Herrick

Kathleen Herrick - June 11, 2012 at 05:00 PM



JB

“ Karen's Family and Friends,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who knew and loved Karen. She touched our family many times and brought joy, love and compassion to our family.

Reva Ferguson, Jane Bielecki, and Jackie Murray our families.

Jane Bielecki - June 11, 2012 at 02:06 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Cox lit a candle in memory of Karen Rose Schrauben



Jennifer Cox - June 11, 2012 at 10:42 AM

JN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you experience the loss of Karen. As her health care providers at Lake Lansing Family Practice, we have special memories of her smile, her caring approach to others, and her kindness. She brought many gifts to the world and shared them with so many in her work, her family, and wherever she went. May you feel peace as you go through the grieving process, and celebrate the memories of her living for years to come.

Most Sincerely,

the staff and health care providers at Lake Lansing Family Practice

Julie Thomas-Beckett, N.P. - June 11, 2012 at 07:23 AM

JC

“ Having written so many words, I can find none to adequately express my Grief at the Loss of a Dear Dear Friend who changed my life in oh so many ways. I miss her terribly and will forever house her spirit in my heart.

John Chuchman - June 11, 2012 at 06:26 AM