



Karen Sweeney

October 12, 1950 - June 3, 2025

Karen Sweeney left behind a devoted and caring husband John after a three year long bout with pancreatic cancer. They would have been married 45 years on August 16th. She was born and grew up in the Bronx. She was the oldest of seven children. Her brothers and sisters were Nancy Todaro (Joe Todaro), Virginia Freiman (Martin Freiman), Charles Weickum, Frank Weickum and Donald Weickum (Peggy Weickum). Her sister Wendy Tangredi preceded her.

While Karen and John had no children of their own she loved all sixteen nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

When they got married, they moved to Monroe, New York and lived there for 4 years until John got a promotion with IBM and moved to Frederick, Maryland where they lived for 23 years. She taught pre-k where she enjoyed teaching young children.

Karen and John lived in Mount Joy for 17 years. She continued to work with children as a school aide at Rohrerstown Elementary and later at Hershey ECC.

She was always outgoing and involved in her community either running a social event or helping. Her greatest joy was in organizing the community's 10th year anniversary party. She enjoyed dancing, reading, playing Samba and Mah Jongg and other card games. She also enjoyed gardening, being outdoors and taking walks.

Karen and John enjoyed traveling to various countries in Europe. They

recently were on a 15 day cruise of the Mediterranean and was looking forward to their next adventure.

A special thank you to Dr. Matthew Brennan, oncologist at the Ann B Barshinger Cancer Institute (ABBCI), and their dedicated staff who looked after her. Instead of flowers, please consider making a donation to the ABBCI in her name.

A memorial service honoring Karen's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the funeral home before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Memorial Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ John, we share your sadness. We will always remember Karen’s great personality. She inspired us all with her zest for a fully-lived life. Her sweet disposition, her positive demeanor, her love and service to our community, her loyalty and dedication to you will always be sweet and treasured memories. You and her family will be in our thoughts and prayers especially during the most difficult times.

Sincerely,
Rey and Sharon Cortez

Sharon Cortez - June 11, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Karen Sweeney.



June 10, 2025 at 09:54 PM

JC

“ John, please accept our deepest condolences. Steve and I have so many fond memories of Karen's caring nature. She was always so thoughtful and cheerful whenever we saw her. Karen helped the community in so many ways. We will never forget her.

Judy and Steve Czarnecki

Judy & Steve Czarnecki - June 08, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AS

“ Our deepest condolences to John and their family. Karen was so well liked in our community and always ready to helping out. She will surely be missed Ann & John Sceppa

Ann Sceppa - June 08, 2025 at 07:19 AM

JW

“ It was a shock to hear of Karen’s passing. She was a lovely and caring woman, friendly to everyone. She will be missed ❤️.
Janis and Lou Wack

Janis Wack - June 07, 2025 at 12:08 PM

SB

“ Patrick and Sandy Batutis
We will truly miss her! She always greeted us with a hug and kiss. She would do anything for anybody. She was a true inspiration to all who loved her she gave of her time organizing so many community events for us. She loved our community and she loved us all. John and family are prayers are with you all. We will all see her again someday!

Sandy Manwiller- Batutis - June 07, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JK

“ Karen had a heart of gold, always thinking of others! Her beautiful spirit and giving nature will be missed in the community. She inspired us all by her zest for life and desire to live each day to the fullest. Love and prayers to John and family!

John and Judy Kline - June 07, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JC

“ Dear John and family, my sincere condolences go out to you. I participated in bingo at our clubhouse and appreciated Karen's dedication in serving our community. She was always kind and positive. She will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jo Cochran - June 07, 2025 at 07:13 AM

NL

“ Karen was one of the first people I met when we bought our home here in Four Seasons, I will miss her! Nadine Lederer. She was a lovely lady!

Nadine Lederer - June 07, 2025 at 06:59 AM

WB

“ My sincere condolences during this difficult process. Praying for the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. - Wanda I Betancourt, Baldwin Way.

Wanda Betancourt - June 06, 2025 at 09:52 PM

SC

“ I will always remember Karen taking care of so many details at our group holiday and special event meals

She loved playing cards and Mahjong within our community. Always very positive.

She will be missed greatly

Sandra L Cauler - June 06, 2025 at 09:34 PM

FG

“ Words don't describe how Vinny and I feel about the passing of a wonderful and thoughtful person like Karen. She will definitely be missed by the whole Four Seasons community.

Our condolences to John and her family.

Sincerely,
Fran & Vinny Garguilo

Frances M Garguilo - June 06, 2025 at 09:21 PM

JM

“ John, we were so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Will always remember her kindness to everyone , willingness to help anyone and her zest for life. Our condolences to you and the family. Jane and Charles Mattina

Jane Mattina - June 06, 2025 at 07:13 PM