



## Karen Anne Ciechna

July 6, 1980 - January 25, 2009

Karen Anne Ciechna, age 28, of Valparaiso, formerly of Lakes of Four Seasons, passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Karen was a graduate of Boone Grove High School and St. Anthony's School of Nursing, and attended Purdue University. She was employed as an LPN at Whispering Pines Nursing Home. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Edward and Joanne Sautier and Cyrene Klir. Karen is survived by her loving parents, John and Michelle Ciechna, her brother, Nicholas (fiancé Jill Potratz) Ciechna, 2 aunts, Christine Ciechna of IN and Patricia (Dennis) O'Sullivan of FL; 3 uncles, Edward (Janice) Sautier of IL, John Sautier of WI and Gregory Ciechna of Valparaiso; and numerous cousins, special friends; and her very special 4-legged friends, Layla, Dudley and Duke. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her kind heart.

Funeral service will be private with cremation at the Burns Funeral Home Crematory. There will be no visitation. Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Whispering Pines Nursing Home, 3301 N. Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383 for a memorial being made in Karen's Memory. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Karen, I met you in 6th grade and we were very close in Elementary and Junior High; however we drifted apart during High School. We were neighbors and rode the same bus. You will always be a wonderful friend to me and it makes me sad to know that you are gone. The thing I remember most about you was your kind heart and warm smile. I wish we would have stayed in touch and never drifted apart. I regret letting that happen. I find comfort in knowing you are in a better place. I wish your family many condolences in a time when things seem to be at its darkest. Things will get better. Slowly, with time. I wish you all the best and send many prayers your direction. Love you all, Kelly J. Kljajic (Belmares).##imported-begin##Kelly Kljajic Belmares##imported-end##

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January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Michelle, John and Nick,  
It was such a shock to hear of Karen\'s sudden passing. Karen was such a sweet and loving girl and your family was always so very close. My heart feels your pain. Please know that I have you all in my prayers. May God and your love carry you through the tough days ahead. God\'s Blessings, Aline Busse##imported-begin##Aline Busse##imported-end##

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“ To Karen Ciechna's Family and Friends:

*Please accept our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Karen was a wonderful employee here at The Whispering Pines Nursing Home and was very much loved by our residents and her fellow staff members. Karen was most compassionate in the care she shared with our residents, and her kind and loving nature provided a natural fit for her work here. She was a big part of The Whispering Pines family and she will be greatly missed.*

*Rest in Peace, dear friend, in the loving embrace of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*From your Whispering Pines Family.*

*Special Note: At this time we are making plans for a permanent memorial in Karen Ciechna's name.##imported-begin##From your Whispering Pines Family##imported-end##*

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January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family of Karen,

*It is with heartfelt sadness to learn of Karen\'s passing. She has been our mom\'s day nurse at Whispering Pines Nursing Home since our mom came to live there in May of 2007. Our family has come to love her for her compassion for the elderly, the care she gave our mom, her calls to our homes saying \\'This is Karen from W.P. This is a non-emergency call.\\\' Her love and skills for taking care of our mom made us feel so good that she was generally the day nurse in charge of her. We will always remember her smiling face, her cheery attitude, and for being a wonderful LPN. Know we appreciated her so much. She will be greatly missed and thought of often.*

*Sincerely,  
Ann Shore\'s family  
Ann Shore  
Jan Shore  
Jim & Jane Shore and the boys###imported-begin##Jan  
Shore###imported-end##*

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January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Michelle and John and nick. What a shock to hear of this very sad news. i\'m so very sorry. Please know that you are all in our thoughts. We are praying for God to give you some peace in your time of grief. karen was a beautiful and loving daughter and such a kind person. God be with you all.###imported-begin##Rae Jean Flesvig###imported-end##

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January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ John, Michelle & Nicholas,  
We were so shocked to hear of Karen\'s passing. Karen was a kind, loving person and will always be remembered as a friend. Our prayers are with all of you! We are sure God welcomed her with open arms. May God be with you now and in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Bob, Connie, Jeff, Jason & Joel Fry##imported-end##

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“ you were a very caring person. you did the best at your job. you will be miss by many.##imported-begin##Krystina Austin##imported-end##

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“ Chris, I\'m so sorry to hear of your loss. I know you and your neice where close, and I will keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Rebecca Price##imported-end##

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“ Karen, you had a heart of gold and such a happy, bubbly personality and an awesome sense of humor. Glad we were friends. You sure are going to be missed.##imported-begin##Heather Reid, LPN##imported-end##

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