



Karen E Giordano

October 2, 1964 - December 18, 2013

Karen Giordano (nee Phipps) age 49 of Chesterton, formerly of Merrillville, passed away on December 18, 2013 after a courageous battle against breast cancer. She was a graduate of Andean High School, class of 1983. She attended Indiana and Purdue Universities and earned a degree in Safety Engineering. Karen was employed by Amerisure Insurance as a Safety Consultant.

Karen loved spending time with family and friends. She had a great sense of humor, loved to have fun, and enjoyed music. Having spent most of her life in NW Indiana, Karen developed a deep appreciation of Lake Michigan and its beautiful beaches.

Karen was a loving mother, devoted wife and caring friend to many. She will be remembered by all who loved her as someone who knew how to be a friend.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sam Phipps and step-father, Robert Nutt.

Karen is survived by her husband, John Giordano III; daughter, Samantha Giordano and son, John "Jack" Giordano IV all of Chesterton; mother – Joyce Nutt of Crown Point; sisters – Janie (Thomas) Bell of Magnolia, TX, Laura (Michael) Ryan, Valparaiso, Kay (Jose) Ramirez, Munster and Nancy (David) Sternberg, Solon, OH; mother and father-in-law – John and Nicki Giordano, Crown Point; brothers-in-law - Doug (Sue) Giordano, Crown Point, Dave (Jen) Giordano, Schererville, sisters-in-law - Jill (Steve) Eichler, Crown Point, Amy

(Bryan) Hudson, Gentry, AR, many special nieces and nephews who are dearly missing their "Aunt Bea"; and beloved four-legged friend, Otis. Funeral service Monday, December 23, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Rev. G. Thomas Jones officiating. Friends are invited to meet with Karen's family on Sunday from 1-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Phight Like a Phipps Girl for her children's education.www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Dear family, of Mrs. Karen Lesch:

Please accept my sincere condolence for your loss. The hurt that we feel when we loose someone we love can sometimes be unbearable. Comfort from God's word can help us cope. Revelation 21:4 says "God will take away all sorrow mourning outcry pain and even death..." Only our Creator can make this promise a reality, and bring us the comfort we need during these difficult times. May these thoughts bring your family hope and peace of mind.

*Sincerely,
T. Smith*

T. Smith - December 26, 2013 at 03:02 PM

KL

“ We are so sorry for your loss, you are all in our thoughts and prayers

Mark and Karen Lesch(Zimmerman)

Karen Lesch - December 22, 2013 at 05:38 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Karen E Giordano.



December 22, 2013 at 09:43 AM



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Karen E Giordano.*



December 21, 2013 at 06:02 PM



“ *Dear John, Samatha and Jack: My heart is touched by such a young mother and wife dying. I am truly sorry. I pray the God of all Comfort will help you through these difficult times. Death is never easy, but these passages brought me much comfort and I pray they will you also as you read and meditate on them. Psalm 34:18, Revelation 21:4,5 My Sincere sympathy*
Sue Parsons

Sue Parsons - December 21, 2013 at 04:15 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prays.*

*Sincerely,
Judy and Ray Kijowski,*



r. Kijowski - December 21, 2013 at 02:38 PM

JH

“ *Joni Ledbetter, Lisa Mazzaferro-Lanzi, and Merry Henry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen E Giordano.*



Joni Ledbetter, Lisa Mazzaferro-Lanzi, and Merry Henry -
December 21, 2013 at 12:02 PM

TR

“ *I AM SO SORRY JOHN YOU ARE IN ARE PRAYERS*

Troy - December 21, 2013 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ *Major Loren Rachford Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen E Giordano.*



Major Loren Rachford Family - December 21, 2013 at 09:33 AM

WA

“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear wife and mother. The bible calls death an enemy .(1 Corinthians 15:26) Our Creator is "the source of life" and has given us a wonderful hope that will comort your family at Acts 24:15.*

Wanda - December 20, 2013 at 03:05 PM

CJ

“ Chris, Mike, Ashley, Eric, Dave, Kevin, Sean, Debbie, & John purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Karen E Giordano.



Chris, Mike, Ashley, Eric, Dave, Kevin, Sean, Debbie, & John
- December 20, 2013 at 02:41 PM



“ Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Karen E Giordano.



December 20, 2013 at 01:04 PM



“ To the Giordano and Phipps family, our hearts go out to you. She will be missed by many but forever in our hearts. Never forget her smile, laugh, humor and most of all her love for all that were blessed to know her. She was the most beautiful person we knew, inside and out! Too many memories to share but fondest is when John and Karen came to visit in New Orleans b.c. ((before children) and us going to a jazz club where John of course knew bartender and we were treated like celebrities. And Karen and Carlos dancing on bar all night. Memory i will cherish forever. Lots of memories I will forever cherish in my heart. We love you and you will never be forgotten. Carlos planted an orchid for you so we will always remember how you touched our lives. May peace be with you and know we love you. Love, Lisa and Carlos xo

Lisa Marie Riley - December 20, 2013 at 11:18 AM

RR

“ *A candle has been lit in Karens memory. May she rest in heavenly peace.*

Robert Ryan - December 20, 2013 at 10:36 AM

LC

“ *Lisa and Carlos purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Karen E Giordano.*



Lisa and Carlos - December 20, 2013 at 09:29 AM

AP

“ *Dear Joyce:*

As I read Karen's obituary this morning, my heart was breaking. I know she fought the fight as any Phipps would. Please accept my sincere sympathies and those of the Pink Ribbon Society Family. If there is ANYTHING I (we) can do for you, please don't hesitate to call. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this time.

Sincerely,

*Ann Peters
Pink Ribbon Society*

Ann Peters - December 20, 2013 at 09:00 AM

AP

“ *Ann Peters lit a candle in memory of Karen E Giordano*



Ann Peters - December 20, 2013 at 08:52 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen E Giordano.*



December 19, 2013 at 10:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen E Giordano.*



December 19, 2013 at 03:33 PM