



Karen S. Tortorici

June 25, 1960 - September 1, 2022

Karen Tortorici, 62, of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Thursday, September 1st, 2022, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in Manhattan, NY.

Born June 25th, 1960, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Sarah McNally Donnelly. In 1987, Karen moved from Brooklyn to Old Bridge, NJ where she spent her entire life. Karen was the beloved wife of Pat Tortorici. They were married for 40 wonderful years. Together, they raised their children Joseph and Amaris.

Karen served her community for 27 years working as the Municipal Alliance Coordinator for the prevention of substance abuse for the township of Old Bridge. During that time, she touched countless lives and made a difference on a daily basis.

Karen loved going to the beach, watching sunsets, the New York Yankees, and dancing like the disco queen. She could often be found cooking for and spending time with her countless family and friends. Karen most of all lived for her children and grandchildren.

Karen was the devoted wife of Pat Tortorici. Loving mother to Joseph Tortorici and his wife Pamela Tortorici, and her daughter Amaris Biel and her husband Kamil Biel. Cherished grandmother to Stella, Joe Joe, and Vayda. Karen is

also survived by her sister and brother-in-law MaryLou Candido and her husband Nat Candido, sister Linda Dunn, and is predeceased by her sister Rachael D'Alessio and her husband Michael D'Alessio. She is also survived by countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family who all loved and adored her.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, and Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at St. Thomas the Apostle located at 1 St Thomas Plaza Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857. Interment will be in Marlboro Memorial Cemetery, Morganville, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Marlboro Memorial Cemetery

361 HWY 79
Morganville, NJ 07751

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
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SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
1 St Thomas Plaza
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen S. Tortorici*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - September 06, 2022 at 10:47 AM

LH

So beautiful my prayers for my family and my condolences Lorraine and family

lorraine herbst - September 06, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Karen S. Tortorici*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DO

“ *Don lit a candle in memory of Karen S. Tortorici*



Don - September 01, 2023 at 03:56 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Murray lit a candle in memory of Karen S. Tortorici*



Barbara Murray - September 07, 2022 at 03:48 PM

LH

“ *Lorraine Herbst lit a candle in memory of Karen S. Tortorici*



lorraine herbst - September 06, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.*



September 06, 2022 at 02:32 PM

TC

“ *Trudy & Bill Cristallo lit a candle in memory of Karen S. Tortorici*



Trudy & Bill Cristallo - September 06, 2022 at 01:03 PM

TR

We were friends of Karen and Pat through our dear close friends on SI, Theresa and Mike Kenny. Karen was a beautiful, caring, wonderful woman, who will be deeply and sorely missed. May her soul rest for eternity with our Lord Jesus Christ

Trudy - September 06, 2022 at 01:19 PM

CF

“ *So so many memories and every one puts a smile on my face! That's just the person you have always been!! Always knew how to make us laugh and have a good time. Still cannot believe you are gone ... family parties and get togethers will never be the same. Will miss you forever. Will love you forever. Always a special place in my heart for you. Love you Aunt Karen*

christa fern - September 06, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *327 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - September 06, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.*



September 06, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.*



September 05, 2022 at 11:36 PM



“ *Linda Marusic & Pete purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.*



Linda Marusic & Pete - September 05, 2022 at 11:17 PM

LM

“Gone too soon my friend. I will miss our endless conversations where we would always out-talk each other. You were truly one of a kind. There will not be a day when you will not be missed. I'll miss you now. My heart is sore, as time goes by I'll miss you more. I know you can feel my tears. And you don't want me to cry. Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone so precious had to die. You will live on in all of us each & every day. So rest my angel, be at peace. And let your soul fly free. Until we meet again my Kaka



Linda Marusic - September 05, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 05, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.*



September 05, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.*



September 05, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.*



September 04, 2022 at 10:30 PM



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Brooke Dubinski - September 04, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *You will forever be in my heart. You made everything look effortless. An amazing hostess with the mostess. You made everyone feel like the most important person in the world and were always the life of the party. Oh Karen, I will miss you so much! I am so glad you shared your potato string bean salad I freak loved it. I love you!!! Always, Brookie ❤️❤️❤️*

Brooke Dubinski - September 04, 2022 at 07:07 PM

PT

“ I truly thought you'd outlive us all. Having gone through this already, you tried so hard to fill a void for me you knew could never be filled with my own mother (and you having felt the same way, too). Now, I have two voids that can never be filled, but I am so blessed ... so incredibly blessed that you gave me my amazing husband. I am so grateful that you raised him to be the man, husband, and father you knew he could be. I teased you a lot ... and you took it. We didn't always see eye to eye .. but you always loved me for all of my faults and quirks without judgement. I didn't say the words "goodbye" on the last day we were together, but I pray that you felt how much I meant it when I told you how much I loved you when I kissed you before I left. Stella has so much of you in her and I hope that you send her signs like butterflies and rainbows and blue birds to show her that you're always around her like my mother sends her cardinals. She misses you so much -- I know you heard what she said in the car ... and I know you know I cut that thought right down ... "they always come back<3" ... I love you so much, Kaka!

Pam Tort - September 04, 2022 at 08:23 AM

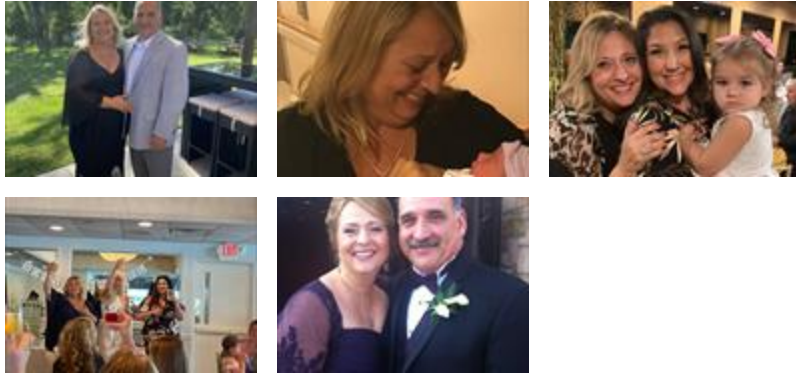
PM

Karen, what can I say other than you were an amazing person without doubt! I met you many year ago in Brooklyn, being friends with Luba & I remember the spunk you had then. We reconnected @ Luba's birthday/Halloween celebration in 2019. We talked & reminisced & caught up a bit. You will be sorely missed by so many but I know you left your gift for your loved ones to carry on for you. Rest easy Karen & I'm confident we'll continue to reminisce together up above. As they say, your body may be gone, but your spirit will live on for eternity.

Pattie Mulroy - September 04, 2022 at 04:39 PM

PT

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Pam Tort - September 04, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



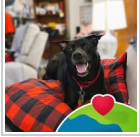
September 04, 2022 at 07:22 AM

JT

“ You will never be forgotten. You are so loved and had so much more to do. Our hearts are broken. John and Olichka



John Tortorici - September 04, 2022 at 07:15 AM



“ I will forever to be grateful to Karen for being such a caring, loving person. Working with her at the township made the work day go fast with her laughter and stories. Rest easy my dear friend. Prayers to your family, Lynn Arzig

Lynn Neira Arzig - September 03, 2022 at 06:47 PM



“ Stella, Joe Joe, and Vayda purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



Stella, Joe Joe, and Vayda - September 03, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 03, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 03, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 03, 2022 at 08:19 AM



“ My dear cousin and best friend. I was so blessed to have you in my life. I was blessed with you in my life and you made me a Better person. When you loved you loved hard. I thank you for always being by my side. I will love you all my life.
Love your cousin, Theresa 🙏

theresa kenny - September 02, 2022 at 11:13 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 02, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ Karen was a beautiful person who always had a smile on her face. Our daughters attended dance together years ago. My son also worked with her in OBHS with the Teen Alliance and other clubs to help with Drugs and Alcohol.
Rest in Eternal Peace My Friend 🙏❤️

Carol Nappo and Family - September 02, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 02, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 02, 2022 at 06:17 PM



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



September 02, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Karen S. Tortorici.



September 02, 2022 at 05:49 PM

MI

“ Karen, you have a heart of gold and I will miss your messages, dance moves and laugh immensely. You will forever live on in the hearts of each and every one of us who has been blessed to have know how beautiful you are inside & out. Thank you for being you sweet Karen ❤️ I love you always
-Michelle Collette

Michelle - September 02, 2022 at 05:34 PM

NC

“ Aunt Karen there is zero chance you will ever be forgotten. The impact you have made in your years on Earth have been immeasurable. I will miss you for the rest of my life but always include things about you in my daily life. I love you Aunt Ka.



Natale Candido - September 02, 2022 at 05:18 PM