



Karen A. Hansen

September 26, 2022

Karen A. Hansen, 84, of West Hartford, Connecticut passed away peacefully on September 25, 2022. Karen was born in Corning, NY, the daughter of Holger T. Hansen and Beatrice (Galusha) Hansen. She came to West Hartford at the age of three. Karen attended West Hartford Public schools, graduating from the old Hall High School, now the Town offices. Karen went on to college and attended Earlham College in Indiana, graduating with a degree in history and political science. After graduation, she taught at the Oak Wood School in Poughkeepsie, New York. From Oak Wood, she went on to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts for graduate work. Karen returned to Connecticut to teach at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CT for several years before accepting an opportunity at UConn Law School as Director of Admissions. She continued in higher education working at CCSU as Associate Dean of Student Services, including career services, co-op, counseling, educational opportunities, and other services until she retired. Karen enjoyed music, reading, travel, all things politics and daily monitoring with interest in world events.

Karen is survived by Barbara Snowden Van Dine, a life-long companion since childhood, Laura Van Dine (Robert Wolinski), Tisa Van Dine, Lee Van Dine (Nancy) and four granddaughters, Samantha Wolinski (Michael Moote), Jessica Wolinski, Anna Van Dine, and Georgia Van Dine; a brother G. Holger Hansen (Anne), a sister Diane Hansen, and a brother David Hansen (Cathy); a nephew Peter Hansen (Allison Chisholm), nieces Debra McConnell (Jim),

Sarah Hansen (John Terwilliger), Marta Wicke (Nate), Erica Hansen, and Rebecca Armstrong (Arlo) and several grandnieces and nephews. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Karen's name can be made to the Girl Scouts of America, Connecticut Chapter, 340 Washington Street, Hartford, CT, 06106 <https://www.gsofct.org/en/give/donate.html> or the McAuley Resident Association Flower Committee, 275 Steele Road, West Hartford, CT, 06117.

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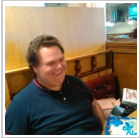
“ Karen was one of two of the kindest neighbors I had the privilege of knowing. My deepest sympathy. Laurie Wall

Laurie Wall - October 17, 2022 at 08:22 PM

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“ Karen and Barbara were an integral part of a circle of friends from junior high and high school. Truly friends forever as we reconnected years later for lunches at the Cape. I was fortunate to have known her. My deepest sympathy to Barbara and family. Anne Batton Wallace

Anne Wallace - October 04, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ karen is one of the sweetest person i had the chance to meet she could a tough cookie but she had a heart of gold i had the pleasure of helping her in the pass few years she loved to sing her favorite song was amazing grace you will be missed my dear karen but one day we will meet again love you always now you have no more pain love sue

Alan Hartwich Jr. - September 30, 2022 at 11:54 PM

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“ Barbara and family, Karen will be missed with her quiet and friendly ways. She's in comfort and peace now in God's love. Karen and all of her loved ones are in our prayers.
Sincerely, Ginny and Jeff Rogala

Ginny and Jeff Rogala - September 30, 2022 at 04:22 PM

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“ I’ve known Karen (and Barbara) for over 35 years and have shared many gatherings with her and “the girls”. While she has suffered through many serious illnesses, she has always maintained her dry sense of humor. My and Mil’s sympathy to Barbara who was housemate, caregiver and best friend to Karen for most of her life. Rest In Peace, my friend!

Pat Branciforte - September 30, 2022 at 09:52 AM