



Karen Marie Pirosko

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Karen Marie Pirosko, 77, was welcomed home to Heaven on February 17, 2022. Beloved wife of Bruce E. Pirosko for 53 years. Loving mother of Patricia McCune (David), Mary Georgio (Alan), Michelle Pavlik (Robert), Daniel Pirosko (Laura), Tracy Sanek (Aaron) and Lisa Marx. Daughter of the late Jeanne Caito and Lynn Randall. Sister of Robert Randall, Terri Kibort (Michael), Randy Randall, Richard Maczka (Karen) and Diane Harvey (Don). Dear grandmother of Regina, Michael, Kayla, Anna, Adrienne, Melissa, Randy, Ross, Vivian, Jacob, Joe, Valerie and Phoebe. Great grandmother of Domenic and Cru. VISITATION WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 from 5-7PM at JARDINE FUNERAL HOME, 15822 PEARL RD, STRONGSVILLE. Memorial Mass THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 at 10AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Strongsville. Burial private. NO FLOWERS PLEASE. Memorial contributions may be made to the family at the visitation for St. Joseph's Church Blanket Sunday in the form of cash, Jo-Ann fabric gift cards or checks made payable to Michelle Pavlik. This cause was very near and dear to Karen's heart. Alternatively, donations can be made to a charity of your choice on Karen's behalf or Blanket Sunday contributions may be mailed to the following address: Jardine Funeral Home, C/O Karen's Blanket Sunday, 15822 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136.



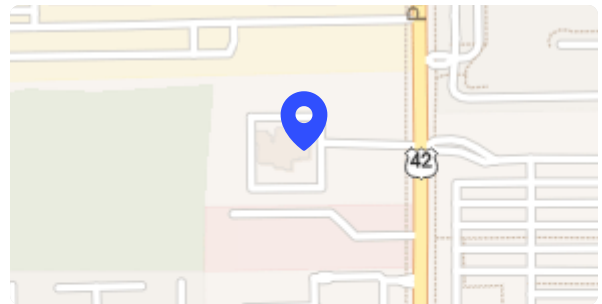
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Visitation

- Wednesday**, February 23, 2022
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Jardine Funeral Home**
15822 Pearl Rd, Strongsville OH 44136



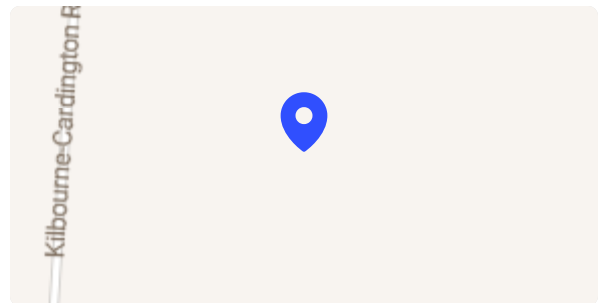
Memorial Mass

- Thursday**, February 24, 2022
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**
12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH 44136



Cemetery Details

- PRIVATE**
OH





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RE

Regina posted:

My grandma... She is indescribable and we all have pieces of her within us. Laying her to rest was the most heartache I have ever felt. It was hard to keep it together. She was strong, and I tried my best to just be present like she could be and not consumed with a heavy heart, hers was light- even with so many heavy burdens, she gave all she could to balance herself and let go of any selfishness, and that in her SELFLESSNESS gave her ultimate happiness. She was so deeply rooted in giving back, even to the undeserving, including me at some parts throughout my own life. She was an example showing us the kind of love that is unconditional and forgiving, always helping us to be better especially when she knew we all needed that extra push to be who were put on this earth for. If we couldn't see it ourselves, she saw it. She guided whoever she could be of service to without asking for anything in return. I am forever grateful I had her in mine, my friends and my family's stories that will live on for generations to come. We all needed her when she came into our lives, or when we were born into hers-and somehow still do even after she has left this world. I'll never meet anyone like her. I say it to everyone who shares our grief. We all know this. I don't know if I could ever have that much space in my own heart for all the people she loved. The challenges in life could not harden her spirit. That in itself is amazing and inspirational! #kindnessmatters #sheislove #itshardtosaygoodbye #reatinpeace #neverforget more time or more money? She said "more money" #causeineverhaveenough ".....of that, or YOU Grandma.

February 25 at 7:01 PM

DP

David Pardo January 4 at 12:01 PM

I've just seen this. Your mom and grandma was an incredible person and spending a few weeks with her (and with you) more than 30 years ago was an awesome experience that marked my life forever. All the best wishes from Spain. I will remember Karen forever and tell about her to my children. Lots of love. David Pardo (your guest in the summers of 1988 and 1990)

MP

Michelle Pavlik March 11 at 5:58 AM

What a perfect description of my mom, Reg! I've always wanted to be just like her. I try my hardest. Sometimes I get it right, Sometimes I don't.



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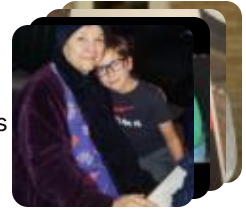
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Regina shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Before you went to heaven, and everyday since, I have tried to come up with words to describe your legacy and unconditional love with the depth and vastness of your kindness. Nothing has come to my heart that can ever describe you, my grandmother, my sunshine, the great grandmother that my boys were so lucky to have. My heart aches for you and yet I find comfort in the serenity you have given to your soul and to the countless people you treated as your own family for your whole life. We love you forever, miss you as always, and will be together again as you prayed for while on this earth. We will all carry a part of you that could never fade, as everyone you touched can never ever find a more faithful and dedicated friend, mother, grandmother, sister, and soul that we are all so grateful to have as our own Karen Marie. Rest in beautiful peace grandma. Smile.



February 18 at 1:48 PM



Tracy February 23 at 7:15 PM

Describing her...it's easy because she is so many wonderful things. But, then again it is hard to do because everything about her makes us miss her that much more. 🙏🙏



Joanie posted:

I met Karen in the fall of 1967 in a psychology 101 class at Tri-C. I had just turned 18 and Karen was 23. We became friends at school, talking between our classes or sitting over coffee in the cafeteria. Imagine how surprised we both were when Bruce brought Karen to our house months later after meeting her at a dance at St. John Byzantine's. Karen walked into our kitchen, saw me, and said, "What are you doing here?" to which I replied, "I live here!" Bruce was quite the catch. Tall, handsome and an excellent dancer as he was an instructor at Arthur Murray Dance Studio. I am sure all the women wanted to dance with Bruce but he chose Karen to be his dance partner and then his partner for life. It was a match made in heaven and they were married the following year on October 12, 1968. Our family quickly embraced Karen's warm and vibrant personality and her love of family and soon all family gatherings were joyously shared with Karen's family. It was wonderful. I loved Karen like a sister and I will miss her profoundly. Until we meet again, Karen, I love you. ❤️

February 22 at 12:40 PM



Tracy February 24 at 6:33 PM

I love this story!!



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Robert Pavlik shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I could not of asked for a more loving and supportive mother-in-law. We always had a great time going out to Mexican. This is one of my favorite pictures of Grams. -Bob P.

February 22 at 10:10 AM



Tracy February 23 at 7:13 PM

Oh, Madre. What a little chica to all!



Kirsten Powell posted:

Sending so many love and prayers to the woman who shared so much love and taught me how to walk in God's footsteps.

February 21 at 4:09 PM



Mary Mcgee posted:

"I first met Karen at a Renewal weekend after I my miscarriage. She seem to understand my pain and just covered me with her kindness. From that point on she became my friend. I will miss her dearly."

February 20 at 11:52 PM



Tracy February 23 at 7:12 PM

Not too many like my mom around...kindness was her super power!



Sylvia Incorvaia lit a candle in honor of Karen.

Not quite sure how to start. Karen was like everyone's favorite grandma. Our children have so many fond memories of spending time with Karen. What's really interesting was when our children had their children, Karen called and said Are you home? And she said I can't tell you how long I've waited for the day to come when your children have their own babies so I could make them all these blankets. Karen always had a heart of Gold And we will always remember her beautiful outlook on life and how she truly wanted to make Everyone happy. The Incorvaia family will truly Miss you. Our thoughts and prayers and memories are being sent to all of you. You will Be missed.



February 20 at 6:10 PM



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Adrienne Sanek posted:

My grandmother has been a constant presence in my life since I was born. Holidays with our families, birthday celebrations, apple pie recipes, feild trips, Sunday morning church, and I even shared a birthday with her. She fawned over my slightest accomplishments and made me feel like a superhero, even on my worst days. I admire her to no end.

February 20 at 2:32 PM



Bruce Pirosko posted:

Karen was the answer to my prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary for a good wife. She did the will of God, loved everyone and forgave everyone.

February 20 at 8:52 AM



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CP

Connie Proulx posted:

Karen embodied God's love on earth. Almost 55 years ago when Bruce brought her home to meet his family, she immediately related to all of us like we had been family forever. And from that day forward we all loved her. Thank you Bruce for bringing Karen into our lives, and thanks to Karen for bringing so many more wonderful people into our lives, including her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as her other family members, friends, and even her day-care charges. I had some interesting experiences around Karen. When I was 17, Karen asked me to manage her in-home day care while she was in the hospital for a week and I was on spring break. I'll never forget Patty and Mary waking me at 6am just before the kids arrived, keeping them occupied all day, making meals, feeding the pregnant dog raw liver, and cleaning up after they had all left. I was exhausted every day and couldn't imagine how Karen did this 5 days a week! She was a ball of energy and nothing seemed to daunt her. One time when my husband and I visited from Colorado, we ended up on a field trip with Karen and about 10 of her day care kids. Karen strapped them all in the van and drove 2 hours to explore some caverns. After holding little hands and carrying toddlers through the cave for over an hour, we couldn't believe that Karen had planned to do this trip on her own before we arrived! I am eternally grateful to Karen for caring for our mother while she was undergoing cancer treatment. There was no question on Karen's part that she would do this in addition to all of the other people and animals she was caring for at the same time. As her family grew, so did her day care business, the number of pets in the house, the field trips and other activities, the volunteer work, and especially the number of people she loved who loved her back. And yet, as busy as she was, she never failed to mail a birthday card to every member of her extended family and I'm sure many friends, even long after e-cards and texts came along. She made you feel especially loved even though she radiated love to everyone. We will miss Karen's warmth, her smile, her laugh, her hugs, and her many kindnesses. We'll think of her when we wrap up in one of her blankets, cook hard-boiled eggs in spaghetti sauce, hear a child giggle, snuggle a puppy, or talk to one of her kids or grandkids in whom she lives on. Best of all, we know we have another angel in heaven watching over us. Love, Connie on behalf of the Proulx family (Mike, Natalie, and Elaine)

February 18 at 1:48 PM

PA

Patty Argentieri posted:

It is said that everyone you meet is not just an accidental occurrence. Karen was just what I needed at the time we met. Our family was new in town and I needed to find day care for our kids. When I walked into her home, I knew that my prayer was answered, I mean, you can't just leave your kids with anyone! There was so much love in that household....she was always so calm and peaceful with all the scattering of kids and pets....boy did I love her and was so grateful for all she did for the kids....and yes....she even got out her sewing machine on a slow day and she and Shana made a blanket...we still have it. Karen lived her life for others and I will always remember her love. God shared you with us all and now you get to share in your Master's joy. God speed Karen!

February 20 at 3:45 AM



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JP

Jewel Periandri posted:

We have lost our angel on earth. Everyone who knew you were touched by your presence of love and kindness. How blessed we have been to have known you. I feel so blessed to have you as my special friend. Going through life without you will be difficult for many. Thank you my dear special friend for all your love, your guidance, and just being you! You have left me with so much that only we knew. I love you with all my ❤️ until we are together again Karen. I will miss our times together,

February 19 at 7:08 AM

FT

Francine Trimble posted:

Mrs. P was probably the most special person I've had the pleasure of knowing. She was always filled with love and had a big smile for you. She was my next door neighbor during my childhood and what a childhood I had. Thanks to my friendship with Tracy I was lucky enough to tag along on all of their fun field trips and even a couple of dog shows. We had fun! I asked Mrs. P to be my confirmation sponsor and of course she did an amazing job. Fast forward 30 years and she was still a strong figure in my life as one of my mom's closest friends. She came to my baby shower with a gazillion gifts and clothes and of course beautiful blankets. I loved how she loved my mom Jewel. She was an amazing, one-of-a-kind person and we were all lucky to be blessed by her presence. I know she'll be watching over all of us with helpful whispers in God's ear. I love you Mrs. P.

February 19 at 4:18 AM

DR

Dennis Ross posted:

My classic memory of Karen was from a visit I did with 2-year-old Megan in 1987. We stayed at the house in Strongsville. The house was filled with nieces, day care kids, neighborhood kids, dogs and a chinchilla. When we arrived, a posse of girls (including Michelle and Tracie) renamed Megan "Sweetie" and took her away. Fortunately, "Sweetie" was having a blast and rolled with the fun. I sat back on the couch and marveled at the chaotic fun and excitement. Karen was the center of this universe. She loved kids, she loved family, she loved animals, she loved God and she loved for everyone to get along. Love you Karen! You will be missed! Dennis with Lisa ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

February 18 at 9:08 PM

TR

Tracy February 23 at 7:08 PM

Oh, sounds just like a day at the household back then!



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Tracy posted:

My mom. How do so sum her up? She was a short package filled to the brim! Want a pet? Surprise! She would bring home a few and let us each pick one. She was always ready for an adventure and on the go. What fun field trips we went on, day trips, vacations. She was the reason holidays were so fun. Her yummy meals could feed a small army! Our Christmas marathon sessions will never be the same. Her love for children was immense, but her love for family even more intense. She would always say, "No one is watching my grand-babies except me"...lol. And that she did! No child is perfect, yet I cannot recall ever not feeling loved by her. Whether by her words, actions or treating me to dinner out. Mom made sure I knew. How I will miss the umpteen phone calls and texts for the most silliest things. Tracy, call mom! Oh, I forgot to tell you...or can you ask so-n-so...or what time is this at etc. It's grandma AGAIN was often said amongst us. But now, there will never be a text or call again. Mom, your love for us was grand. How I appreciate your example of kindness, generosity, forgiveness, acceptance and faith. You were such a faithful servant to all. God and Jesus must be so proud! You have earned your place in Heaven for sure! And without a doubt, I will always remember the squeaky wheel gets the grease and it never hurts to ask. What's the worst that can happen besides getting no for an answer, right? You were loved more than you ever knew. You will continue to be loved by me and so many for all our years till we see you again. When I am missing you I will remember to put on my jammies, make some popcorn and turn on Animal Planet. I love you, momma. Your baby girl...

February 18 at 4:38 PM



Evelyn Davis February 23 at 11:06 AM

Karen was very special. Warm, caring, talented, embracing everyone she knew. Mom



Michelle Pavlik February 18 at 6:51 PM

All very true, Tracy. Sounds just like her!



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Michelle Pavlik shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

For over 15 years, my mom has been involved with blanket Sunday at St. Joseph Church. She fell in love with this craft after I taught her years ago. She has been teaching others and sharing her beloved blankets with loved ones ever since! Maybe you are even one of the lucky one to get to curl up to one of her blankets on a cold winter day like today. She would even say a prayer for the recipient with each knot she tied. Her love and faith is tied into each blanket. We are all very blessed to have my mom in our lives. She was not only my mother, she was one of my best friends. I will miss you forever, Mom Marie! You are the best ever!



February 18 at 1:48 PM



Tracy February 23 at 7:10 PM

Blankets of any kind was her way to cover others in her love ❤️



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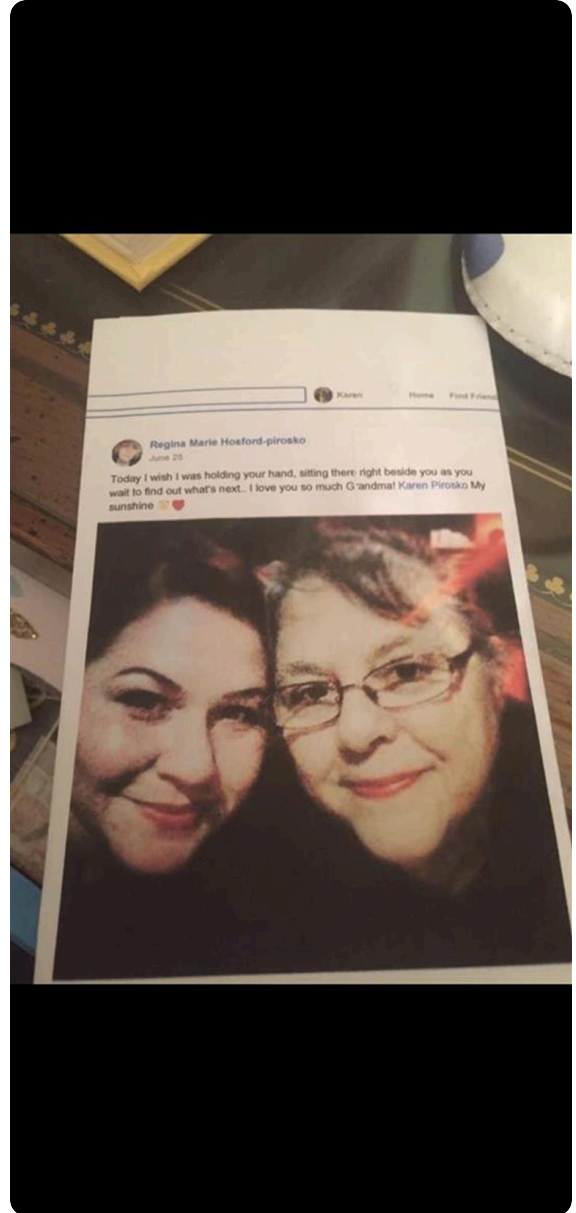
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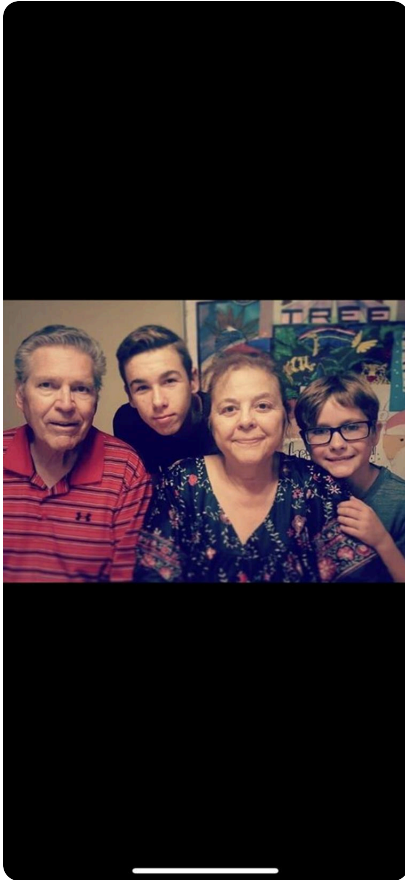


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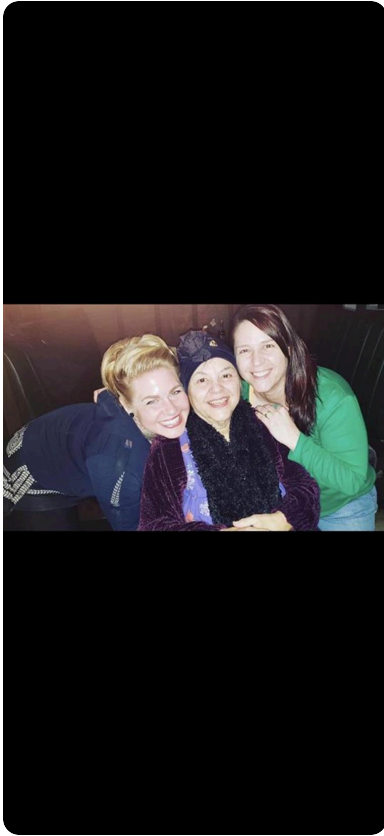


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