



Karen Hagstrom Dopke

December 22, 1933 - November 23, 2019

Karen H. Dopke, 85 of Traverse City passed away Saturday, November 23, 2019.

She was born on December 22, 1933 in Grand Rapids, MI to the late Elmer and Delta Hagstrom. She was married to Robert W. Dopke on January 2, 1960. Her early years were spent in East Grand Rapids.

Karen was many things to many people... wife, mother, grandma, friend, and neighbor. She was full of vim and vigor and lived her life her way. Those who knew her loved her smile, spunk, and sparkle. Despite challenges and losses in her life, including the loss of two children, Karen continued to maintain a positive outlook. She continued to keep her sense of humor and dry wit.

Friendships were important to her and she treasured each one. Several were life-long friends, some date all the way back to elementary school.

Karen and Bob enjoyed entertaining family and friends in their home. Her smile and warm heart will be missed.

Karen is survived by her daughter Lisa Dopke-LaCourse, Son-in-Law Pete LaCourse; Son-in-Law Steve (Nina) Merten; Grandchildren Soren, Logan, Landon LaCourse, Christopher and Cassidy Merten; her beloved cat Smokey and many other loving family and friends.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bob Dopke in 2017, daughter Robin Dopke-Merten in 1994, and her son John H. Dopke in 2013.

A memorial service for Karen will take place at 2:00 pm on Friday, December 13, 2019, at the First Congregational Church Chapel, Traverse City. Visitation will begin one hour prior and last until the time of service. Rev. Dr. Gary Hogue will officiate. At Karen's request a celebration of life will be held at the T.C. Elks Club in the Spring.

Karen and her family are in the care of the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Garden of Remembrance at First Congregational church

6105 Center Road

Traverse City, MI, 49684

Comments



“ Dear Lisa, we were deeply saddened to learn of your mom’s passing. We had just visited her the Thursday before and she was in such good spirits. We enjoyed many good times with her and your dad both in Traverse City and in Arizona. She was always fun to be with and was a wonderful hostess at her pizza get-togethers. We’ll miss her, too, at our Sunday group dinners. Sincerest condolences to you and your family. We’ll always remember your mom. Bob & Bev Schwenter

Bob & Bev Schwenter - November 29 at 11:00 AM



“ Lisa,Pete,and family,
My thought and prayers are with you. So sorry for the loss of your Mother. May God wrap His arms of comfort around you.

Darlene Miller



Darlene A. Miller - November 29 at 12:33 AM



“ Dear Lisa, your mom was a great lady and always the gracious hostess. I have many fond memories of her from all our years hanging around your house. My heartfelt condolences. ~ lots of love, Lisa

Lisa Kerkhof - November 28 at 08:22 AM