



## Karen J. Mittendorf

October 25, 1948 - June 11, 2015

Karen J. (Herpolsheimer) Mittendorf, age 66, of Powell, OH, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2015 at home. Karen was born in Phoenixville, PA in 1948. She was the daughter of the late Henry Herbert Herpolsheimer and the late Leona Marie Herpolsheimer. Karen was raised in St. Louis, MO, and lived many years in Texas. Karen retired from Baylor University after 22 years of service while simultaneously acquiring her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, Summa Cum Laude. Upon retirement, she moved to Powell, OH. Karen had a bright and inquisitive mind, and enjoyed reading, traveling, meditation, yoga, and nature walks. A gifted artist, she was actively involved in watercolor painting, taking various classes, and painting with a group of watercolor artists. Karen was also a very compassionate and caring friend, wife, mother, and doting grandmother who cherished time with family and friends. Karen is survived by her spouse, Gary L. Mittendorf; daughter, Julie Mittendorf of Powell, OH, son-in-law David Gutierrez; son, Brian Mittendorf of Powell, OH, daughter-in-law, Karen McClung Mittendorf, granddaughters, Abby and Sadie Mittendorf; sister, Gretchen Hoffman of St. Louis, MO; and niece Ginger Hoffman of Philadelphia, PA. Family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00p.m. FRIDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 where a Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held at 4:00p.m. on SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015 with Pastor John Morris, officiating. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) In lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the James Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University. A fundraising page has been established in her honor at: <http://cancer.osu.edu/giving-back/ways-to-donate/personal-fundraising-pages> Mailing Address: OSUCCC — James, ATTN: Giving Page Gift Processing,  
660 Ackerman Road. P.O. Box 183112, Columbus, OH 43218-3112. (Please write Karen J. Mittendorf on the memo line of your gift so that your memorial may be properly acknowledged.) Send condolences to the family or share your memories of Karen by visiting [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen J. Mittendorf*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Karen. We knew Karen and Gary when they came to Panera Bread every morning in Waco. She was so easy to get to know and you couldn't help but like her. We were sorry for them to leave us in Waco, Texas but we understood the need for them to be closer to family. She left a footprint in Waco. We will miss her as we did when they left Texas, but we are sure she is at peace now. So grateful to have known her.*

*Rita and David Ross  
4100 Austin Ave  
Waco, TX 76710*

**Rita Kay Ross** - June 19, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ *Gary and family, although I live in Fort Wayne, IN, I still receive the Sunday St. Louis Post-Dispatch and saw Karen's obituary. I had lost track of you and our family due to many changes in my own life. Please accept my personal sorrow at your loss and also the joy knowing she is out of pain. I still remember that dinner in the early 1970's with your family as I looked at home in your neighborhood and what your daughter's comment was to me. Karen was so welcoming as were you all. And I still remember our times at the Mansion House with the "elevator man." May God be with you and your family.*

**John Schoedel** - June 18, 2015 at 06:30 PM

DK

“ I was saddened to hear the news of Karen's death. I first met Karen when she worked in the Undergraduate office of the Hankamer School of Business. We became friends quickly and, when I left the Graduate office for another position, Karen took my position in the Graduate office. She and I even made it through an accounting class together. Karen was always a professional in everything she did. I moved to another position across campus and lost touch, but I knew she would ultimately complete her BA degree. She was a good friend and always a joy to work with. Please know that we'll keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Doris Kelly  
Retiree, Baylor University

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Doris Kelly - June 18, 2015 at 10:17 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen J. Mittendorf.



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June 17, 2015 at 05:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen J. Mittendorf.



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June 15, 2015 at 10:27 PM

JM

“ Our prayers will be dedicated to the memory of Karen and all her family, especially, my dear friend Gary. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. God Bless ALL of you as you travel through these tough and sorrowful times.  
*Billy & Ruth Martin, Waco, TX*



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**Judge Billy Martin** - June 15, 2015 at 01:40 PM

LT

“ I worked with Karen during my very first position at Baylor. I truly enjoyed her quick wit and sense of humor. We shared many laughs and lots of TCBY yogurt! I know she loved her family immensely and talked of them often! I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Lisa Tyus** - June 15, 2015 at 12:28 PM

JM

“ I knew Karen during her time at the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University. I remember her as one who was always considerate and kind to students and faculty alike--she made the working environment better for everyone. She was well-loved and appreciated here. Please accept my sincere condolences to the family in this great loss. May our Lord comfort you during this time of your grief.

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**Joe McKinney** - June 15, 2015 at 11:08 AM

EM

“ Julie and Brian, I am so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. It is said that one's legacy lives on in the lives he (she) touched and Karen's will shine long and bright.

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**Erica Muller** - June 15, 2015 at 09:07 AM

BW

“ I am so sad to hear of Karen's passing. I never told her this but about 17 years ago she changed my life and my family's life. I was leaving an engineering job and wanted to teach. We were standing in the kitchen at St. Matthew when she told me that Baylor was looking for a lecturer in Economics and Finance. I got that position and then went on to get a Ph.D. in Finance. I now teach at TCU. Her kindness and referral has allowed me to impact thousands of students and allowed my two sons to attend TCU. I was blessed to know Karen and am forever thankful for her friendship. My God's peace be with you.

*Barbara Wood*

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**Barbara Wood** - June 15, 2015 at 08:29 AM

AR

“ I am saddened to know of the passing of Karen Mittendorf. May your memories of special times sustain you through this time of grief. *Ann E. Rushing*

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**Ann E. Rushing** - June 15, 2015 at 08:00 AM

BC

“ Gary, God be with you and your family!

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**Bill Cochran** - June 13, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ Gary and family,  
You've lost the presence of a very special person, Karen, but you will always have the memories of her. She's at rest now, but will never be forgotten.  
I'm sorry that we will not be able to attend the services for her because of prior family obligations, but we are thinking about and praying for you. Heal and be well.

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**Den Tebeau** - June 13, 2015 at 09:25 AM

TM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the Mittendorf family, and we wish Karen eternal peace. May God be with this wonderful family, during this time of mourning.  
The Matteo family

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**Thomas Stormy Matteo** - June 13, 2015 at 06:15 AM

BP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Bob Peak*

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**Bob Peak** - June 12, 2015 at 12:26 AM

RB

“ I only know Karen through Gary's prayers. For two years I have prayed with Gary for this wife who has struggled so much. I appreciate your faithfulness in cherishing her these forty-eight years. I pray that the God of all comfort will hold you close even as Karen is now close in His presence. Pastor Rob Barlow

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**Rob Barlow** - June 11, 2015 at 05:19 PM

KM

*Dear Gary and Family,  
Paula and I are deeply saddened by Karen's death, but we also rejoice in her victory over that same death through her Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for you healing through our Lord Jesus.  
We love you.*

*Kenneth Moerbe*

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**Kenneth Moerbe** - June 12, 2015 at 03:25 PM

CB

*Dear Gary and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your memories bring you joy just as Karen always shared her joy with others. She will forever be one of my most pleasant memories of my time working at Baylor and our time at Trinity together.*

*Connie and Glenn BEran*

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**Connie Beran** - June 13, 2015 at 10:05 AM

SS

*Dear Gary and family,  
Steve and I are so sorry to hear that Karen has passed away, however, we know she has suffered with her cancer for sometime now and she is finally at peace. We know that you have many fond memories of her beautiful life together with you and your family that will help you through this time of sorrow. May God be with you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Steve and Bev Sprague*

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**Steve and Bev Sprague** - June 14, 2015 at 10:54 PM

JS

*Dear Gary and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. There are no words that I can say to ease the sorrow that you are going through. Karen was such a sweet person and I consider it an honor to have known her. May God Bless all of you and please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jeanne Shaw*

*New Image*

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**Jeanne Shaw** - June 16, 2015 at 05:43 PM

ML

*Gary, Unfortunately I lost touch with you after we worked together. I'm so very sorry to hear about Karen's passing.*

*Thinking about you and your family during this time of great loss.*

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**Mike Lashombe** - June 18, 2015 at 02:26 PM

CD

*I was acquainted with Karen through taking the same yoga class at the Senior Citizens facility, but I liked her and admired her strength, courage, and dignity in the face of such an overwhelming illness. She was positive and upbeat always, and everyone misses her. It's a privilege to have known her.*

*My deepest sympathy to your family.*

*Carolyn Diersing*

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**Carolyn Diersing** - June 24, 2015 at 12:18 PM