



Karen dePeyster

February 13, 1945 - December 26, 2023

Karen dePeyster of Schodack Landing, NY passed away peacefully on December 26 with her family at her bedside. She was born February 13, 1945 in Hudson, NY to the late John M. dePeyster and Doris Hogan. She grew up on her family's dairy farm in Greenport and that local heritage remained a touchstone in her life. Karen graduated at the top of her class at Hudson High School and was a member of the scholastic team that appeared on the locally-produced WRGB Little Red Schoolhouse quiz show. She graduated from Syracuse University in 1967 and studied for her masters in social work at SUNY Albany.

Karen's first career employment after college was the former New York State Training School for Girls in Hudson. When it closed just a few years later, she took the opportunity to take a year off and travel the world, spending time in Europe, North Africa and Asia.

Karen spent almost three decades working at the Capital District Psychiatric Center and Albany County Mental Health Association in the capacity of Director of Case Management Services. In 2002 she returned to Hudson and became the Senior Program Director for the Health Care Consortium's Tobacco-Free Action Coalition, a position she retained for the next 21 years.

Karen had a life-long passion for literature and classical music. She was a

critical thinker who kept up with contemporary discourse. She was a gifted writer and used her skills in securing grants and writing insightful columns for the Tobacco Free Coalition. She had a passion for gardening and the loved the company of her cats. A vegetarian since the age of 20, she was a great talent in the kitchen and often shared her dishes with family and colleagues.

Karen is survived by her brother Tom dePeyster (Janet) and sister Deborah dePeyster, many cousins, and step family members. Our hearts are broken and she will be missed.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. Peter's Hospice for the wonderful care Karen received in her final days.

Calling hours will be held Saturday December 30, from 2:00-4:00pm at Bates & Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Columbia-Greene Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ I waited tables at a Swiss resort in the CatskillsNY about 1963-4. We had such fun and slept together in a double bed keeping our feet warm on cold nights. I have such fun fond giggling memories. Later in college I visited her in Claverack and somehow maybe when I lived in Germany we lost touch. I just looked her up Bc of new art building in Clavetack and do dad to realize I missed her by 5 months.

sonja weltz fesenmaier - May 19, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MK

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Karen's passing. I worked with Karen at the Tobacco Free Action for a few years in 2015. She was a kind, friendly, bubbly person each and every day, and working with her was truly a pleasure. Karen went out of her way to do little things for people: she remembered things you enjoyed. I will always look back at my time working with Karen happily. My condolences to Karen's family and prayers for peace.

Michelle Kline - January 01, 2024 at 11:01 PM

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Theresa Zubretsky - December 30, 2023 at 09:43 AM

ME

Karen and I were best buds in elementary school through high school. We lost touch after that as we went different directions in our lives. But Karen was a lot of fun and we loved going to each other's houses to play, ride bikes, ice skate on their pond, build hay bale forts in their barn and play baseball at our house since there were six of us! I'm sorry I missed seeing her as an adult as she certainly was a very accomplished woman who offered so much to so many.

Karen, I will never forget you and am so happy we could spend our childhood together.

God has you in His care now.

Love, Marsha Tousey Elmore

(Green Cove Springs, Fla.)

Marsha Tousey Elmore - December 30, 2023 at 06:08 PM