



## Karen Willenborg

December 28, 1953 - May 24, 2019

Karen Willenborg, 65 of Ankeny and formerly of Carroll, died Friday, May 24, 2019 at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Methodist Campus in Rochester, Minnesota.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with Fr. Brian Feller officiating. Casket Bearers will be: Scott Weitzl, Mike Weitzl, Lois Dopheide, Linda Hagerty, Kenzie Weitzl, Jill Dopheide, Diane Owen, and Patty Alley. Burial will be in Holy Angels Cemetery in Roselle.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday at the funeral home from 10-11:15 a.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Karen's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on December 28, 1953 at Carroll, Iowa, Karen was the daughter of Paul and Lavina (Tunning) Willenborg. She grew up on a farm near Roselle where she attended Holy Angels School and later graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll. Karen then moved to the Des Moines area for several years before residing in the Ankeny community. For over 35 years she was employed with Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, where her last position was Director of IT until her retirement. In retirement, Karen cared for her mother and also assisted babysitting her great nieces and great nephews. She loved to travel and took many trips throughout the United States and several worldwide. Karen enjoyed camping with her family and friends, and also biking, riding in Ragbrai. She looked forward to her ladies night out with a group of close friends and coworkers. Karen's dogs, Bailey and Gatsby were a big part of her life and she had great love for them.

Left to celebrate her life is Karen's sister, Jan Weitzl and her husband Mike of Templeton; her niece, Sara (Travis) Westphal and their children, David and Kaylee of Prairie City; her nephew, Scott (Sarah) Weitzl and their children, Scarlett, Sawyer, and Summer of Carroll; as well as many special cousins, neighbors, other extended relatives and many close

friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Lavina Willenborg; and her brother in infancy, Teddy.

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Karen’s passing. She was a great person and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

**Erika Uhlenkamp** - May 29, 2019 at 10:24 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this. Remember Karen from when we were kids and our family visited with hers. Also seeing her when she visited her Mom back in Carroll. RIP

**Cindy Sporrer** - May 27, 2019 at 08:58 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Willenborg.



May 27, 2019 at 08:56 PM

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“ Karen was a great person to work with at Principal. She cared about her people deeply. She was very kind and fun to be around.

God Bless.  
Todd N.

**Todd Nordquist** - May 27, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ Karen was a grade school friend from Roselle. My sympathy to her family. Deb Henningsen (was Riesenberg)

**Deb Henningsen (Riesenberg)** - June 01, 2019 at 08:32 AM