



## Karen Graff

September 1, 1942 - April 11, 2024

Karen Rae Graff, 81, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2024, at Aspire of Lake Park nursing home.

A celebration of life for Karen will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, September 6, 2024, at First Lutheran Church in Milford, IA, with refreshments to follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com)

Karen was born on September 1, 1942, in Estherville, Iowa. She was the daughter of Lee and Imogene (Bevan) Fike. She grew up in Lake Park, Iowa and graduated from Lake Park High School in 1960. Karen enjoyed and participated in many sports, but basketball was her passion.

Karen furthered her education at Morningside College, earning her degree in 1965. She embarked on a career in education, beginning at Milford High School, where she first shared her passion for knowledge and learning.

Throughout her career, Karen held various teaching roles.

Karen was married to Dennis Graff in 1967. They raised their family in Spencer then later divorced. Karen married Glenn Miller in 1998, spent time in Spencer and Washington, Missouri, and later divorced.

A member of the First Lutheran Church in Milford, Iowa, Karen participated in church activities and found great solace and community in her faith. Her hobbies included socializing with friends, playing golf, crafting, and cherishing time with her family, all of which brought her immense joy and fulfillment.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Shayla (Kyle) Drumm; son, Shayne Graff;

sister, Marilyn Carden-Crill; grandchildren Braxton, Kristen, Ryker, and Harper; great-grandchild, Kyler; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Imogene Fike; infant brother, Francis Fike; and sister, Charlene Boles.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
1525 Three Cross Road  
Milford, IA 51351  
(712) 338-4514

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Karen Graff*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - September 06, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Graff*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - September 04, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ *Sandi Guthrie White lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff*



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**Sandi Guthrie White** - September 03, 2024 at 02:21 PM

PQ

“ Pat Long Quiles lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff



Pat Long Quiles - September 03, 2024 at 02:17 PM

MH

“ Mary Hamrick lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff



Mary Hamrick - April 23, 2024 at 06:53 PM

GB

“ Attended school with Karen at Lake Park and Morningside college. Stayed in contact throughout our aging years. Visited with her last year but was not aware of an illness. Wonderful lady and will miss her 😞 Gerry Bair 🐻

Gerry Bair - April 22, 2024 at 07:10 PM

LS

“ Leon & Jo Stoermer lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff



Leon & Jo Stoermer - April 19, 2024 at 05:42 PM

DS

“ *Dean And Susan Schoning lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff*



Dean and Susan Schoning - April 16, 2024 at 07:23 AM

LB

“ *Linda Wahlman Ballah lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff*



Linda Wahlman Ballah - April 15, 2024 at 10:42 PM

KM

“ *As my high school p.e. teacher and great friend, you will be missed. Blessings and prayers to the family. Larry and Kathy Morrill*

Kathy Morrill - April 15, 2024 at 05:09 PM

AN

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Karen's family at this difficult time. I always enjoyed our talks. Karen will be missed by many. Amy Ness and Family*



Amy Ness - April 15, 2024 at 03:59 PM

JR

“ *Best PE teacher I ever had, who later became a friend. Rest in Peace Karen.*

Joleen (Studer) Rongholt - April 15, 2024 at 02:21 PM

TL

“ *I remember Mrs Graff when she blessed our school after accepting the PE and other teaching duties at MHS. 25 or 30 years later she took the time to come to our class reunion at the Brooks Golf course. She shared with many of the attendees, fellow teachers (Mr Primevera, Mr Yore and Mr Morris) the experiences that comes with young teachers and younger students. Both leave footprints on each other. You were a part of our lives that we will always remember. As Thomas Campbell said long ago, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die". You will be missed.*

Tom Lage - April 15, 2024 at 01:53 PM

EL

“ *Eileen Lamer lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff*



Eileen Lamer - April 15, 2024 at 10:18 AM

TG

“ *Tony And Connie Gossman sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Graff*



Tony and Connie Gossman - April 14, 2024 at 08:03 PM

DT

“ Knew Karen when she was in the Milford Community School. Had lost track of her and one day saw in the grocery store and had a wonderful visit. Did not know she had been sick. Sending my sympathy to her family.



Donna R Tielbur - April 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM

SD

“ Always enjoyed Karen when she came into the office. We would have some fun conversations. What a sweet lady. Prayers to the family.

Sally DeLoss - April 13, 2024 at 03:12 PM

JM

“ I worked with Karen at long house Northshire in Spencer for many years. She was there when I started and taught me many many things. We had lots of fun. I have sort of lost track of Karen over the years. So very very sorry to hear of her passing away. . Sympathy to all of her family. 🙏  
❤️  
Jackie Mann



Jackie Mann - April 13, 2024 at 01:14 PM

RD

“ Mrs.Graff was a great drill team teacher, sympathy to her family.

Ruth Ann Van Donslear - April 13, 2024 at 12:59 PM

KM

“ She was a great teacher and loved us all. Blessings to her family.



*Kathy Studer Morrill*

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**Kathy Morrill** - April 13, 2024 at 12:37 PM

SF

“ Fond memories of my high school friend. Prayers for her family at this sad time. Karen was a joy to know

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**Sunny Fronk** - April 13, 2024 at 10:20 AM

MN

“ I loved our visits when Karen came into City Hall. Such a sweet lady and always a smile on her face.

*Our deepest sympathy to Shane and family!!*

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**Marlys Nichols** - April 13, 2024 at 10:14 AM

MJ

“ Marline Johnson lit a candle in memory of Karen Graff



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**Marline Johnson** - April 13, 2024 at 09:59 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Graff was my PE teacher at Milford High School. I always thought she was so beautiful. Condolences to her family.

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**Mary DeMuth Labiak** - April 13, 2024 at 12:59 AM

DW

“ *Diane Warburton sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Graff*



**Diane Warburton** - April 12, 2024 at 09:57 PM

MB

“ *Karen was my PE teacher from elementary school through high school as well as my cheer coach. She always had a wonderful smile on her face and was a positive influence in my life. She remembered her students many years after we left school. She will be missed.*

**Marla Wahlman Betz** - April 12, 2024 at 09:24 PM

NJ

“ *Nancy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Graff*



**nancy johnson** - April 12, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ *My Sympathy to Karen Graffs family! She is my cousin and we will miss her many smile! My mother and her mother were sisters!*



**Mary Ellen Inbody** - April 12, 2024 at 08:59 PM

JO

“ Mrs. Graff was my PE teacher from 3rd grade until I graduated in 1976 she was a GREAT teacher we shared many wonderful chats I have many WONDERFUL MEMORIES of her. SHE was the BEST!! I was BLESSED to have her in my life for so many years!!  
Judy Edwards Olson



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**Judy Olson** - April 12, 2024 at 07:44 PM

DD

“ To the family of Karen Graff. I am so sorry for your loss. My heart hurts hearing this. What a wonderful woman, Karen was. She was a PE teacher of mine from elementary through high school. Her smile was contagious.  
Diane Daws



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**Diane Daws** - April 12, 2024 at 05:31 PM