



Karen Sikora

December 16, 1939 - September 30, 2024

It is with profound sorrow we announce the passing of Mrs. Karen Sikora.

Karen was born in Pennsylvania on December 16, 1939 and passed away in California on September 30, 2024.

Please leave your condolences and fond memories of Karen with her family [here](#).

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery

11160 Stranwood Ave
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 361-7387

Previous Events

Viewing and Visitation

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary
11071 Columbus Avenue
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 361-4751
<https://www.uttermckinley.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Saint Didacus Catholic Church
14337 Astoria St.
Sylmar, CA 91342

Burial

OCT 15. 12:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“Karen was a bright light to me and many others. I was blessed to enjoy her spirit and share a part of our activities and daily life. I was always happy to see her and enjoy her enthusiasm and love of family and community. We'll all miss her to the max.
Maria McDowell



Maria McDowell - October 27, 2024 at 01:07 PM

MS

“I have such fond memories of my cousin Karen Sikora. Before my sisters (Sandy and Cindy) and I could drive, Karen Sue used to frequently take us to the Santa Monica Beach, as well as many other field trips. She was very kind and generous to us. She had a cool apartment, not far from our home. Karen Sue always lived close by us which meant we frequently got to see her. She called my dad, "Uncle Mike", and he frequently filled in as a father figure to Karen Sue, they were very close. It's comforting to think they are now both in heaven together. Karen Sue invited my sisters to be flower girls and I was the ring bearer for Karen Sue and Rodger Sikora's wedding. My dad walked her down the aisle. It was one Ukrainian blast of a wedding, so much fun and such a great looking couple! They bought a house near us. Karen Sue was something to behold, when she was all dressed up in her TWA flight attendant uniform! Very impressive, very formal. When Karen Sue would fly the international flights, I would watch her children Julieanne and Roger, seems funny now that we are all grown up. My how time flies. We will all miss Karen Sue and so blessed to have spent so much time with her.

Michael Spak - October 14, 2024 at 11:51 PM

CP

“ So very sorry to learn of Karen's passing. I knew her through TWA and Silver Wings. Karen was a lovely person; always warm and kind. She was a treasure to all who knew her and will be missed. With sincere sympathy,
Carol Schmidt Pennavaria

Carol Schmidt Pennavaria - October 14, 2024 at 12:19 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathies to Karen's family. She was wonderful flying partner for TWA and always brought happiness and fun into any flight we had together. She will definitely be missed for her sunny smile and warmth. RIP. Sherry Milam Scholl

Sherry Milam Scholl - October 13, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Karen Sikora.



October 13, 2024 at 01:28 PM

FE

“ I am in shock. She was always so vibrant and I adored her. So professional but fun, to fly with or sit at a luncheon with. My heart is broken.

Felicia - October 12, 2024 at 10:34 PM

LM

“ Love Margie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sikora.

Love Margie - October 12, 2024 at 07:08 PM

PB

“ my deepest condolences to family and friends of Karen . she had the same name as my mom and the same birth month and year . I knew her from the pool at El cariso and also friends of sylmar library . shes is missed by many

peggy bennett - October 11, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JN

“ With deepest sympathy to the Sikora family on the passing of Karen. Karen was always upbeat. It was always fun when we were able to get together especially at the larger get togethers . May she rest in peace.
Jerry, Jeff, and Greg Nespor

Jerry Nespor - October 11, 2024 at 05:57 PM

MM

“ Marvella & Mike Muzik purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Karen Sikora.



Marvella & Mike Muzik - October 11, 2024 at 12:12 PM

TN

“ Tim N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sikora.

Tim N. - October 10, 2024 at 04:47 PM

TN

“ *Tim N. purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Karen Sikora.*



Tim N. - October 10, 2024 at 04:47 PM

LP

“ *Love, Peggy purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Karen Sikora.*



Love, Peggy - October 09, 2024 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Karen Sikora.*



October 08, 2024 at 03:55 PM

DN

“ *Sending our sincere condolences and prayers during this most difficult time. We'll miss her can-do and upbeat attitude. And, she's with God flying with the angels.*

Dennis and Sue Nespor - October 08, 2024 at 02:12 PM

TB

*I am so sorry for your loss of your beloved mother, grandmother and wife, Karen Sikroa 🙏❤️
I know the loss will be hard on you all. But you will always have the beautiful memories in your heart to carry forever. May God give you the serenity knowing she is with him. God bless you all. ❤️🙏❤️*

Tamra Brouillette - October 10, 2024 at 12:28 PM

 Debbie Mikos

“ *Sending hugs and prayers for the family! I am thankful for knowing Karen. I meet her from my neighbor, Paula Riggs many years ago. She also went to swim class with me and Phyllis Nadler at the park and we worked together as Friends of the Sylmar Library book sales. The world is a better place because of her!*

Debbie Mikos - October 07, 2024 at 01:23 PM

DG

“ *I am Deanna Grimsby. Karen and I met in 1963 when she posted a note in TWA's Crew Scheduling lounge about wanting a roommate. We became roommate's in an apt. in Sherman Oaks right away. Karen was always so kind and fun to be with and I could always count on her in any given situation to be dependable when I needed help for anything. She was great fun and on one occasion we bid for the same flight schedule for a given month and we had so much fun "flying the skies" together 👍. I flew for just two years and we continued to keep in touch and thank God we've been amazing friends all these years, seeing one another whenever possible. She's been one wonderful friend as everyone has experienced, and I miss her so much already.*

I will always feel blessed knowing her all these years and I miss her more than I can say. We'll see each other again with Jesus in heaven!

Deanna

Deanna Grimsby - October 06, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ Carol Gildersleeve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sikora.

Carol Gildersleeve - October 06, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Karen Sikora.



October 06, 2024 at 06:36 PM

BH

“ It’s hard to realize she’s gone. The oldest of our group of « card buddies, » Karen somehow seemed the youngest: at an age when most of us seek the relaxation retirement offers, Karen was a whirlwind of activity.

She cared for her granddaughter during the week while her daughter was at work, giving her many enrichment activities, and for her husband who was suffering from Parkinson’s disease. An excellent baker and cook, she then made dinner for the four of them.

Karen was a vital member of her church, donating her time and energy for whatever was needed.

And she was an indispensable member of the Sylmar Women’s Club, called upon time and again to serve in every capacity, including President.

But it was the great humor and enthusiasm she brought to everything she did that most endeared her to everyone, including me. A ready smile coupled with that boundless energy and sometimes marathon storytelling, Karen approached life with a childlike gusto that was infectious.

No, I really can’t believe she’s gone.

Betty Hornung

Betty Hornung - October 06, 2024 at 10:48 AM

JS

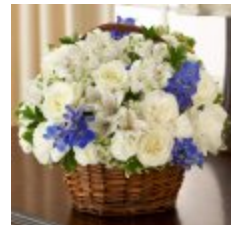
“ 1 file added to the album *A Tribute to Karen*



Jan Sandstrom - October 06, 2024 at 12:27 AM

DG

“ *Deanna and Emerson Grimsby purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Karen Sikora.*



Deanna and Emerson Grimsby - October 05, 2024 at 06:30 PM

MM

“ *Much love, Cindy, Sandy & Michael purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Karen Sikora.*



Much love, Cindy, Sandy & Michael - October 05, 2024 at 01:33 PM

CP

“Karen Sue was my first cousin on my mom’s side of the family. My siblings and I grew up just a few blocks away so we all spent a great deal of time together. Karen Sue was a favorite with all of us. She was a wonderful organizer and always actively involved with her family, her work as a flight attendant and numerous other activities. As I became a teenager she was always there for me as she was a great listener and could always cheer me up with her infectious laughter. My sister and I babysat for Julianne and ‘little’ Roger and even had the privilege of traveling to Europe with their entire family. We went as babysitter’s, but Karen was very generous and we actually did some traveling by ourselves. I have very fond memories of her and even though we hadn’t seen each other for many years she will always have a special place in all our hearts. ❤️ Cynthia and Mitch Parker, Bend, OR



Cynthia Parket - October 05, 2024 at 01:21 PM

TN

“Karen Sue was my godmother although we did not hang out much in godmotherly fashion, living across once the country as we grew up. We met up at the Shahay reunions of 1988 in Pittsburgh, 1993 in Kearney, Nebraska, 1995 in Satellite Beach, Florida and 1997 in Galice, Oregon. And these were good times.

She had lots of energy and positive attitude. The 400 miles each way to Mount Rushmore and back from Kearney, Nebraska was a day trip for her.

We went through her photo albums of various trips with the big one being hanging out with the The Pope, John Paul II.

Tim and Chris Nolan - October 05, 2024 at 01:05 PM

JS

“ I first met Karen when I was 12, my father worked for TWA in London and Karen was a Flight Attendant on our flight to LA, she played cards with me, that was when first class on 747s had an upstairs lounge. A couple of years later, her daughter Julieann & I became penpals which soon grew into a wonderful friendship between our two families. Karen was like my 'American Mother' when I stayed with The Sikoras each year. She was a wonderful lady and I will eternally miss her. Jo Smith, South Devon, UK xx

Jo Smith - October 04, 2024 at 10:08 PM

TG

I have so many happy memories of Karen, aka Mrs. Sikora. We met in 1977 when Julieann and I started second grade at St. Nicholas. Mrs. Sikora founded the Girl Scout troop at St Nicholas. One stand out memory is the time she took our whole troop to LAX to see the Love Boat being filmed. We met the cast and got their autographs! When we were in 8th grade, Mrs. Sikora took Julieann and me to our first concert - Duran Duran!!!!!! We sat a couple rows in front of Richard Blade (the radio personality from KROQ), and got his autograph too. Those are just a couple memories, and there are many more! I will always remember her warmth and kindness and will miss her very much.
- Tina Gioulis

Tina Gioulis - October 04, 2024 at 11:35 PM