



Karen Sue Judd McLochlin

June 30, 1947 - December 13, 2025

Karen Sue Judd McLochlin,

Born on June 30, 1947, passed away age 78, on December 13, 2025, leaving behind a life defined by dedication, precision, and quiet thoughtfulness. She was the beloved daughter of Albert Judd and Myrtle (Farmer) Judd. Her husband Jim preceded her in death on April 6, 2017, after 45 years of marriage.

Karen was a graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School and went on to earn a master's degree in education from Ball State University, an achievement that reflected both her discipline and her lifelong commitment to learning. She devoted 30 years of her professional life to teaching third grade in the Warren Township School Corporation, where she shaped young minds with care, patience, and exacting standards. To her students, she was a steady presence, to her colleagues, a model of organization and professionalism.

On July 17, 1971, Karen married the love of her life, James (Jim) Francis McLochlin. They lived in New Palestine, Indiana and enjoyed their friendships and community. Together they shared a deep joy for travel, exploring many places over the years, with a special fondness for the Smokey Mountains. True to her meticulous nature, Karen kept a detailed record of every trip – a reflection of the care she brought to everything she did.

Karen was a member of Irvington Presbyterian Church and Tri Kappa Philanthropic Sorority.

Karen's life was one of intentions, kindness, and devotion – to her family, her

students, her cats, and her passions. She will be remembered with love and gratitude by all who knew her.

Visitation will be Friday, December 19, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Karen is survived by many cherished extended family members including Brenda Farthing, and Jim's cousin, Patti Quiring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hope Center Food Pantry, 11850 Brookville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46239.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

9350 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Karen was my cousin I have many wonderful memories growing up with her. She will be missed ❤️

Marcia Parker - December 20, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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“ Karen and I along with our parents shared many a picnic lunch at Brown Co or Turkey Run State Parks...We grew up attending Tuxedo Park Church just across from her family home...She eventually was a bridesmaid in my wedding in 1967...I could have guessed at an early age that she would be a teacher..We both loved paper, pens, pencils, & books .. She was as organized & meticulous with her things as a kid as she apparently was as a teacher...I'll always remember our times together...

Judith Nichols - December 19, 2025 at 03:54 PM

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“ Karen and I started teaching in 1970 at Moorhead. I remember shopping for classroom supplies at Kiger's before school started. A lady was also in Kiger's shopping. I looked at her cart and thought- new teacher like me. When I went to Moorhead for new teacher orientation there sat the lady from Kiger's-Karen. We both smiled and commented we had seen each other shopping. From that day we became friends and have remained friends through the years. I cherish memories of good times together. She was a special person and friend. Rest in peace dear friend. You and Jim are now together.💕💕

Sharon Reeves - December 17, 2025 at 08:31 PM



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