



## Karen L. Hrycyniak

June 8, 1956 - January 12, 2022

Karen L. Hrycyniak, 65, of Gilberts, passed away Wednesday afternoon, January 12, 2022, at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Zion.

She was born June 8, 1956, in Mobile, AL., to John and Colletta (Cook) Ryan and was both raised and resided in the Chicagoland area for the majority of her life. Karen had an extended career as a typesetter, which she truly enjoyed.

Karen had a lust for life; she never missed an opportunity to travel and embrace new experiences. Her annual trip to Las Vegas, with her dearest friend Debbie, was one that brought an influx of joy and an outflow of cash. Her adventures took her from the quaint Mackinac Island, in Michigan, to the clear blue waters of the Cayman Islands. There is no doubt that these trips hold memories that will last a lifetime. However, the most magical adventures were those spent at Disney World with her family.

If you knew Karen, you know how much she loved shopping; the only thing she loved more was a good bargain. One of her favorite activities was venturing to the jewelry show with Debbie, and returning home with as much as her hands could carry. She and her husband Roman also loved exploring the Kane County Flea Market, where they would search for yet another pinball machine, an antique radio that Roman needed in his collection, or eccentric

décor with a backstory.

Karen touched the lives of everyone she met, even if it was only a single encounter. Not a moment passed where she wasn't thinking of others, or online shopping on their behalf. She was one-of-a-kind in every single way and will be deeply missed by anyone who knew the name Karen Hrycyniak.

She is survived by her husband, Roman; mother, Colletta; sister, Susan (George) Carson; brothers, Ronald (Tricia) Ryan, and John (Vicky) Ryan.

Proceeded in death by her father, John Ryan; and brothers, Richard and Jimmy Ryan.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 11 AM at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St. in Huntley.

Visitation will be prior to services from 10 - 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Karen's name may be directed to the Leukemia Society at [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home  
11603 E. Main PO Box 74  
Huntley, IL 60142  
(847) 669-5111  
jaoconnorfh@att.net

## Memorial Service

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I went through high school with Karen. Becky, Colleen, and myself would spend Friday nights visiting Karen while she was working at Burger King. When Karen got married we were one of the first to wear a rainbow of bridesmaid dresses. I reconnected with Karen like 5 years ago with Becky and Colleen. Becky was or still is in Wyoming. Colleen in Georgia. I have very fond and fun memories of Karen when we were in high school. I just wish I could talk or see her again.  
My deep sympathies,  
Sue Powell McDonald

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**Sue Powell McDonald** - October 24, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ Karen L. Hrycyniak

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January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM

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“ My Dear Karen. I am going to miss you terribly. I cherish all the fun times we had. I am grateful for what we had, we were sisters and family. I'm sorry for everything you went through. This should not have happened.

We had a blast everywhere we went especially the time in those little race cars laughing our heads off as we are hanging on for dear life on the edge of the cliff! The cliff made us laugh harder.

Remember the leader guy. He liked us because the other people didn't laugh at all. They thought we were drunk because of all the laughing we did. It was 8 am. And we don't drink Hahaha. It's natural fun!

I'm very fortunate to have had you in my life. You are my very best friend Thank you. I love you

Debbie



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Debbie Robbins - January 21, 2022 at 01:23 PM