



## LaRene M. Stark

May 25, 1957 - April 18, 2020

LaRene M. Stark, 62, of Garden Prairie passed away Saturday, April 18, 2020, at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford.

She was born May 25, 1957, in Sycamore the daughter of Earl and Doris (Allen) Maynard.

LaRene was a graduate of Huntley High School in 1975. After high school, she attended beauty school. She continued to use her haircutting skills to cut hair for friends, neighbors, her children, and grandchildren. She worked various jobs including a position at Union Special and recently at Sunshine Stitches. LaRene's quick wit and fun-loving personality always made her the life of the party. Her character quickly caught the eye of Kevin Stark whom she married on November 22, 1980. Together they fulfilled many lifelong dreams including starting the family business, Stark Service Inc., and raising a family. LaRene's love and dedication for her family and loved ones were beyond comparison. Without question, her grandchildren were her most treasured gifts. She cherished making memories with her grandchildren by baking, sewing, riding on the golf cart, and swimming.

LaRene's life was guided by her faith. She volunteered her time and talents to her church, St. Catherine's of Genoa. Through the years, she taught religious education classes, coordinated funeral luncheons, and willingly lent her talents in any way needed.

LaRene was a truly talented quilter. If she wasn't sewing a quilt for someone as a gift or for her own pleasure, she was teaching others the art of quilting. Through quilting, she brought people together to laugh, sew, and create meaningful friendships. The impact LaRene had through quilting went beyond sewing. She positively influenced many lives with her expertise and charismatic personality.

With her husband by her side, LaRene enjoyed flea markets and quilt store hopping. She cherished creating memories with family during her yearly vacation to St. Pete Beach, Florida. Many of her favorite memories were made right at home on the farm. She enjoyed parties in the shed, summer nights on the patio, and spontaneous family dinners filled with laughter. LaRene Marie Stark was a cherished wife, caring mother, loyal friend, and larger than life grandmother that will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Kevin; children, Brad (Mary), Kim (Aaron) Brahmstedt, Adam (Brooke), Boog (Khrystyna), and Andy; grandchildren, Vincent, Blake, Paul, Martha, Genevieve, Brynna, Brody, Brielle, Edith, Rosemary, Henry, Aubree, Arthur, and Charles "Chip"; brothers, Keith (Brenda) Maynard, Earl Maynard, and Bill (Patty) Maynard; brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen (Linda) Stark, Verne (Carrie) Stark, Cherri (Chuck) Myers, Deb Mackert, and Bud Stark.

She is preceded in death by her parents; mother & father-in-law, Vincent & Edith.

Visitation and funeral service is private due to the pandemic.

Burial will be in the Shattuck Grove Cemetery in Belvidere.

Following the pandemic, a Celebration of Life will immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be directed to St. Catherine of Genoa Church, 340 S. Stott St., Genoa, IL 60135.

# Tribute Wall



“ *LaRene M. Stark*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *From Jon Ferguson*



Jon Ferguson - May 29, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *Dear kevin and Brad and mary and kim  
I'm so sorry about larene she was a wonderful  
lady and she had a great smile and I'm going  
to miss her I was glad got to know her may  
God bless you and your family loveya your  
friend Jon Ferguson* ❄️🌹💕💕🙏🙏💕🌹🌸



Jon Ferguson - May 29, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of LaRene M. Stark.*



April 23, 2020 at 08:30 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of LaRene passing, she was a wonderful and caring person. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Whenever I would see her she had a smile.

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“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of LaRene M. Stark.



April 22, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of LaRene M. Stark.



April 22, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaRene M. Stark.



April 22, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Kevin and family. I hope your wonderful memories will bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. My prayers are with you all.

Geraldine Sieroslowski (Stark) Salem, OR 🌸

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**Geraldine Sieroslowski (Stark)** - April 22, 2020 at 02:14 PM

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“ My prayers go out to Kevin and to all of the Stark family at this time of great loss. May all of your special memories of your Wife, Mom, and Grandma fill your heart with joy. My deepest sympathy to each and everyone of you. Much love to all!

❤️ Viv Kama (Sieroslowski), Salem, OR

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**Viv Kama (Sieroslowski)** - April 22, 2020 at 02:06 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to Kevin and the entire Stark family. My heart breaks for your loss. May time heal your pain and memories fill your heart. God has a beautiful Angel at his side. Bev RatheLeGurche, Turner, OR

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**Bev RatheLeGurche** - April 22, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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“ Many memories of our dear friend, especially her trips to Sarasota to visit us with our mutual friend Loretta Morgan. We will never forget that twinkle in her and that wonderful laugh. Sending hugs to all of you. She will be missed by all.

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**Linda Turecek** - April 22, 2020 at 09:37 AM

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“ *My prayers are with her family. She went to school with my sister, Gayle(Pickens)Stowers.  
May God hold her in the hollow of his hand.  
Karen(Pickens)Scherer-Noftz, Belvidere, Il.*

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**Karen Scherer-Noftz** - April 21, 2020 at 09:52 PM