



Mrs. Karen Hinkley

September 25, 1943 - January 27, 2015

*****PLEASE NOTE ADJUSTED DAY/DATE of SERVICES***** Karen Hinkley, 71, of Holland, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio and Vicksburg, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Karen was born September 25, 1943, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Scott and Jane (Brogan) Hanson. She married the love of her life, Bob Hinkley, in 1978. The two spent many years enjoying life, travel and each other. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Duane Scott Hanson. Karen was loved by many and touched the lives of all those who knew her. While her heart may have failed her body, it did not fail in life. Her love for her friends and family was as big as the great outdoors; so vast and deep. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and faithful friend. Known for her great listening skills, she spent many hours sharing encouraging, comforting and heart-warming words with family and friends. She will be remembered for her kindness, gentleness, and her example of how to love. Karen is survived by her husband of 36 years, Bob Hinkley, children and grandchildren: Denise and Rob Brink (Max, Leah, Sarah), Yvonne and Dave Johnson (Aaron, Lacey), Lisa and Chris Kreutz, Bruce and Shelby Daniels (Christy, Robbie and Cheryl, Alex, Hudson, Eloise, Carson); great-granddaughter Harper Daniels, nieces Marion Wiegand-Elgandy, Jennifer Snow, Sarah Hanson. Celebration of Life Services will be held on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, from 4-7pm, in the Community Room at Lakeside Vista, 340 W. 40th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Arrangements by the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Karen Hinkley*

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“ *"It's been two years, and not a day goes by when I don't think of her! Rest in heavenly peace, my beautiful angel."*

Marion E - January 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"The first time I met Karen I fell in love with her twinkling eyes; her glorious laugh - wide smile, and happy nature. Karen ultimately married Bob Hinkley - father of my first two children, and became the best step-mom any child could ever want. We were like 'co-mothers' in the caring of 'our children' - talking together about the kids' interests/needs and periodically all of us getting together as one single family which made it particularly comforting to me because any mother wants to know the new step-mom will love her children and Karen certainly did that. Karen remained so much a part of the entire family - she was a great step-grandmother and step mother-in-law to the grand kids and to the newest great grand child who delighted all of us in July of 2014 when she was born. 'Our' great grand daughter (Harper) has the same bright eyes Karen had; the same type of loving smile, and I suspect she will grow up to be just as charming and wonderful as Karen was to all people. Our thoughts are with Bob - we wish him comfort and joy as he thinks back on their life together and looks at the many photos that kept some of those memories forever saved for him and others to see. Rick and Diane (formerly Hinkley) Stevens"*

Diane Stirling - February 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“Karen was a jewel and one of a kind that I am honored to have known and loved. Her spirit was gentle, loving, and she was such a joy and blessing, a treasured jewel, who will be greatly missed. She loved life and her family and friends more than anything! She always put others before herself and would do everything in her power to help others. She always had a kind word for everyone she met and saw the good in people. She taught by example and encouraged and changed lives. Karen's smile and laughter was contagious. From the moment I met her in 1985 she welcomed me into her life and that never changed over the years. She was always there to listen and offer suggestions and I learnt so much from her. I have many, many fond memories of visits to Michigan and meeting up in Ohio or WV over the years as Denise and Yvonne grew from young girls into the amazing women they are now.”

Lisa Hanson - February 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“Such a wonderful woman; step-mother to my first two children and one of the kindest people I've ever met. She added joy to the already happy family - for almost 40 years, she and Bob lived so happily together and we know the wonderful times they shared together will bring them together daily in memory and in the bond that was so evident. Diane Stirling-Stevens, close friend - Laughlin, NV.”

Diane Stirling - February 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“A precious woman, who gave so much to those she loved, and to all who she met.
She will be missed.”

Nancy M - February 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“I am so saddened to hear of the passing of such a lovely woman. I've only known Karen since last June, when I was blessed to move in next door to her and Bob. They say you can't choose your neighbors but, if I could have, it would have been the two of them for sure. In reading the other tributes, they confirm exactly my impression of Karen. Her warmth, sense of humor, caring, and absolute adoration of her husband Bob were evident to me immediately. In a very short time, I knew we could be great friends. Karen and I shared some good talks and even better laughs. Shortly after I moved into the condo, a random corn plant sprouted next to my driveway. Fully expecting it to be removed, I still had fun watching it grow. One day I came home from work to see the plant had sprouted a full ear of Styrofoam corn. I laughed and laughed, and was grateful to have landed in a neighborhood where somebody had such a sense of humor. Of course, the somebodies were Karen and her sister-in-law, Nancy. Such a silly thing, but it made me feel so secure and welcome. Rest in peace, dear Karen (Girlie). You will be missed. My thoughts of you will always include a big smile, and I look forward to continuing our friendship when we meet once again on the other side. My prayers are with Karen's family for peace and comfort.”

Joyce Benford - February 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“I have wonderful memories of Karen. Her laugh and beautiful sense of humor come first in my mind. She was a great neighbor and a lovely woman. I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with Bob and the family. Blessings and Peace to you all. Marcia Wagner”

Marcia Wagner - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“I don't think I have learned from anyone as much as I learned from my dearest aunt Karen! She taught me to have confidence in myself. She taught me to be kinder to people. She was the most generous person I know. When my mom passed away in Texas back in 1982, and I was too young and inexperienced to raise my little sisters alone, she talked it over with uncle Bob, and the next day she came by train from Illinois to Texas and took them back home with them. Words can never express what she meant to me! We may have not been related by blood, but I considered her my second mom. "Ant" Karen, may you rest in heavenly peace, and please send down some blessings and comfort for your loving husband. You will never ever be forgotten. Love, Marion”

Marion - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“Karen, you were such a wonderful companion to my father and our family. You were always happy to see us, to share a meal, and loved being a grandparent to your grandchildren. You were a very giving and artistic person. You and Dad gave us an example of what it meant to have a wonderful marriage with your soul-mate. We will always remember how you rescued us as teen-agers from meals with a pressure cooker, and provided us a family atmosphere. You will be very missed, and we love you.”

Lisa - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM