



Karen S. Newman

February 4, 1947 - March 24, 2026

Karen S. Newman, 79, of East Peoria, peacefully passed away, with family by her side, on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at her daughter's home.

She was born in Peoria on February 4, 1947, to Ora and Dorothy (Berkshire) Kerr. On July 31, 1972, she married her husband of 53 years, Larry Newman in East Peoria; he survives.

Also surviving is her daughter, Shelby Shreffler of East Peoria; her sisters, Phyllis (Blaine) Sidle of East Peoria and Joyce Mayall of Canton; 2 grandchildren, Colton (Savannah) Shreffler and Haleigh Shreffler; and 2 great grandchildren, Miller and Miles.

She was preceded in death by her 3 brothers, Harry, Jack, and Allen.

Karen worked as a telemarketer with NPC of MidAmerica for 34 years.

She lived her life to the fullest. She enjoyed cooking and especially loved being a Nanny.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear that another one of our cousins are in heaven with the rest of the family. God has welcomed her to his garden. Cousin Karen will no longer be in pain and suffering. She will be missed by all. Rest in peace.

Gary Berkshier - March 28 at 09:50 PM

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“ Larry, Shelby and Family,

I am so sorry to learn of Karen's passing. I am lifting you in prayer and asking that you feel God's comforting presence surrounding you during this difficult time.

Karen and I go back a long way. When we first met as room mothers for Shelby and Matt's kindergarten class, we could never have imagined the beautiful friendship that would grow from that moment. She gifted me a friendship filled with love, kindness, compassion, laughter, and unwavering support for many years.

Although life eventually took us in different directions, the bond we shared and the memories we created have kept her forever rooted in my heart. She will always be remembered with deep love and gratitude.

Vickie Yoakum

Vickie Yoakum - March 26 at 06:41 PM

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“ I worked with Karen many years ago at NPC of MidAmerica She was a great lady 🕊️🕒💖

Karen Moore - March 26 at 06:00 PM