



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Karen Ann Casale

WHO WAS BORN
August 1, 1947
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
April 30, 2023
Ramsey, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Friday, May 12, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Anoka, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Father Mike Van Sloun

CASKET BEARERS
AJ Romo | Caiden Romo | Will McKeand
Gus Carboun | John Carboun | Sam Kovar

HONORARY BEARERS
Aron Romo | Matilda McKeand | Sonia Casale

INURNMENT
At A Later Date
Calvary Cemetery
Anoka, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Karen's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the Mass, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Let not your

Heart

be troubled; ye believe in God,
believe also in me. In my Father's house
are many

Mansions;

if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you;
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

*Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.*

- John 14:1-3,27

Karen Ann Casale was born in Ortonville, MN, and attended Benilde-St. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park, MN, before attending the College of St. Teresa in Winona, MN, where she met her future husband, Matt. After they married, Matt and Karen moved to Washington, D.C., where Matt worked at the Pentagon while in the service and Karen worked as an Environmental Health Specialist with the District of Columbia Bureau of Food and Drug. She had the honor of serving as the Health inspector to ensure food safety of an event held at the White House. After Matt fulfilled his time with the Army, they returned home to Minnesota, where Karen went on to serve as an Environmental Health Specialist with the Anoka County Community Health and Environmental Services Department for 45 years.

In addition to her work with Anoka County, Karen was a dedicated and lifetime member of the Minnesota Environmental Health Association (MEHA) for 50 years and served as the Membership Committee Co-Chair. She was one of the first female Environmental Health Specialists in the state of Minnesota and a recipient of MEHA's Frank A. Staffenson Environmental Health Professional of the Year Award in 2003. She was honored with MEHA's Life Award in 2017.

Karen lived a full and accomplished life, with her pride and joy being her family. Karen was a proud and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Matt and Karen were married for 53 years. Karen is survived by her husband, Matt Casale; her children: Angela (Will) McKeand, Christina (Aron) Romo, and Matthew (Sonia) Casale; her grandchildren: AJ Romo, Caiden Romo, and Matilda McKeand.

Karen was a devout Catholic and parishioner at St. Stephen's Church in Anoka for over 50 years. She volunteered at the church in numerous capacities throughout her time as a parishioner. She remained strong in her faith and love for God. She leaned into her faith to help guide and bring her comfort through her battles with cancer and her time of transition.

Karen passed away peacefully on April 30, 2023, at home with her family by her side. She was surrounded with the same love and care she wholeheartedly shared with the world. The memories and legacy she leaves behind are a testament to a life well lived. Her friendly, intelligent, exuberant, and caring demeanor, endeared her to all who had the honor and pleasure of knowing her. Her feistiness allowed her to face her battles with great strength and courage and she navigated every twist and turn of life with resilience, optimism and grace. Karen is deeply loved and will be very missed.

