

KAREN E. SCOTT



Karen E. Scott, age 76, of Hermitage, PA, passed away surrounded by her loving family on January 19, 2025, at 2 am. She was the loving mother of Chad (Lori) Scott and Michael (Heidi) Scott. She was also the cherished grandmother of Madison, Benjamin, Adam, and Katherine Scott. She was a dedicated sister to Scott (Bill Brown) Kistler; and sister-in-law to Margaret (Tom) Janusey. Karen was preceded

in death by her beloved mother, Katherine; father, Harry; and infant brother, Donald; as well as her beloved grandmother, Emma, and; grandfather, Harry.

Formally of Irwin, PA, Karen graduated from Hempfield High School in 1966, where she was once honored as the Milk Bowl Queen. She then graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1970 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Psychology. While in college, she spent her summers as a Playground Director at Manor Playground, where she was much beloved. While living in Grove City and Scranton, PA, she collected for the March of Dimes, going house to house in the cold.

In 1969, she married the love of her life, Dr. Albert J. Scott, at the Newman Center of Slippery Rock University. As an undergraduate, she joined Delta Zeta sorority, where she was a pledge trainer and vice president. She went on to do psychological assessment Master's work at Slippery Rock University and the University of Scranton. After college, Karen taught elementary school in Fairmont, WV, for three years, and for the last 52 years, she operated as a psychometrist and office manager for her husband's post-doctoral clinical neuropsychological practice. She enjoyed working alongside her social worker daughter-in-law, Lori, for the last 17 years.

As anyone knows, Karen loved children and, as her sons, Mike and Chad, can attest, there was no better mother in the world. As her daughters-in-laws, Lori and Heidi, were well aware, she was also a mother to them. Karen's mother passed early, and she was always a sister and loving additional mother to her brother, Scott. She was always best friends with her sister-in-law, Margaret and many times played the role of mother. Karen met Margaret at age 14 and always considered her as a best friend. For the past 24 years, the focus of Karen's life has been meeting the needs of her grandchildren, as her credit card statements will attest. Even after showering her grandchildren with Christmas gifts, she always told them they would be getting a check for \$13.78

Karen chose to convert to Catholicism at Notre Dame Church at the time her two grandchildren were enrolled at Notre Dame Catholic Grade School. For many years, she participated in Notre Dame church by teaching religious education and was a member of the Women's Monday Night Bible Study Group.

Her interests included gardening, refinishing antiques, puzzles, collecting pine cones, and emulating Martha Stuart. Until recently, she was the Mercer County Judge of Elections. She was an avid supporter of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers and took great pride in proving her sons wrong regarding sports facts. Driving past her home, it was evident she was a superior gardener and a lover of plants. As long as Karen had popcorn and a Diet Coke, there was never a movie she didn't enjoy.

Since she was a child, Karen spent her summer vacations with family in ocean-front cottages in the Outer Banks of NC, and she and her husband sponsored that tradition for the next 50 years. As a special treat, she and her husband flew the entire family to Aruba to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

As her grandson Adam says, there was never a Hallmark movie she hadn't seen, many times. Karen would often repeat the sayings of her grandchildren. For example, her grandson, Ben, once corrected her by saying, "Mimi, that's not a red bird. That's a cardinal." When Ben's friend Lucy was spinning in circles, he told her "Lucy, land the plane! The flight has been cancelled!" Her granddaughter, Katherine, loved hearing her grandmother's stories in the hot tub while vacationing. In the words of Madison, her oldest grandchild, "Mam-Mam was a grandmother to all." For eight years, Karen took Madison to piano lessons followed by lunch at Panera. Her son, Michael, managed to find a woman who loved children and who is a totally devoted mother. Her brothers-in-law, Bill and Tom, enjoyed her cooking but mostly her sarcastic wit.

Karen cherished the memory of her mother and grandmother. Recently, she gave her granddaughter, Katherine, her grandmother's diamond ring and had previously passed on her mother's diamond ring to her older granddaughter, Madison.

As a brilliant woman, she loved to read early American history, culinary books, and books of multiple subjects. She was a very cultured woman. There was never a sporting event that her children or grandchildren participated in without her in attendance. She donated to many charities such as the Red Cross, Prince of Peace, St Jude's Children Hospital, UNICEF, and Unbound, where she sponsored a surrogate daughter in Bolivia. Anyone who met her immediately knew that she was a perfect and loving soul. She was a strong, intelligent, and loving support to thousands of her husband's patients.

As 35 Knights of Columbus members and their wives can attest, she was an amazing Italian cook. No one ever went hungry in Karen's house, and her spaghetti sauce was legendary. In fact, she served her last amazing batch of sauce to her family on Christmas Day, the day before she was rushed to the emergency room and was given her terminal cancer diagnosis. After a brief and difficult illness, her family reluctantly gave her back to God where she will be reunited with the precious loved ones who preceded her in death and who she always missed. Karen's family cannot imagine life without her, but her memory will live on with them forever.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, January 24, 2025, at 11 am, in Church of Notre Dame, 2325 Highland Road, Hermitage with Fr. Richard Allen as celebrant

Friends may sign guest book at

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VISITATION

Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm, and Friday, January 24, 2025 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, all in the funeral home

BURIAL

St. Rose Cemetery

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