



## Allyson Jean Karl

November 22, 1960 - May 9, 2022

Allyson Jean Karl, age 61, of Albia IA, went home to the Lord's house on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Tidewell Hospice Care Center in Venice, FL.

Allyson was born on November 22, 1960, in Ottumwa, IA, to Henry "Hank" and Betty Lou (Mart) Fosenburg. She grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School with the Class of 1979. Following high school, Allyson attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA, obtaining a degree in Horticulture. She then went to the University of Iowa and later Roosevelt College in Chicago, IL, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree. On February 22, 1997, Allyson was united in marriage to the love of her life, Terry Karl. Allyson and Terry shared 25 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Allyson worked as the Human Resource Manager at Wallace Computer Service. In 1984, Allyson was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a diagnosis fought with strength and faced with courage and dignity throughout her lifetime.

In her younger years, Allyson was a Girl Scout. In high school, she ran Cross Country, played Basketball, and was in Pops Choir. Allyson loved her animals-ponies, dogs, and cats, especially Toni, Minie, Blondie, and Queenie. Allyson had a smile that could light up the room, a great sense of humor and loved to

laugh. She was a very talented and detail oriented person. She enjoyed making custom bridal veils and silk arrangements. She helped lay out and design their home. Allyson and Terry enjoyed going to auctions and purchasing antiques, which they would bring home, refurbish and sell at the Amazing Grace Antique Shop. They enjoyed going to Florida where she loved the smells of flowers everywhere. Allyson was faithful, a friend of God's and attended Cornerstone Church in Albia.

Allyson is survived by her husband, Terry. She is also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, and good friends, as well as her "angels", or homecare workers.

Allyson was preceded in death by her parents, Hank and Betty Fosenburg; and her grandparents, Arthur and Edythe Mart and Henry and Kate Fosenburg.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Allyson's family present throughout. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Mark Brandt officiating. Burial will follow services at Coal Creek Cemetery in Mahaska County.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial in Albia.

# Cemetery Details

## Coal Creek Cemetery

Mahaska County, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Allyson Jean Karl*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Allyson Jean Karl*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I feel I have known Allyson all my life and she has always been an example of kindness and gentleness. We started out in kindergarten all through high school and there aren't many people you can say that about. Our moms remained dear friends as well even after we both went our ways after school. To think she is gone has made an impression on me and a deep loss. I am so thankful she had you Terry to be by her side all these years. She will be missed dearly.*

**Jean** - May 23, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *There are no words to describe how simply beautiful Allyson was. Our friendship was special starting way back when. The first time I was at her house and her room it full of pink everything - thus me calling her Pinky. I will remember the laughs we shared - hearing her call me Q and always always smiling. And those blue eyes smiling and that red hair that just shined! I love you friend until we meet again❤️ Suz Q*

**Suzanne Williams** - May 17, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ Allyson, Laura and I enjoyed hanging in Iowa City as buddies for many years. We had a nice reunion in Orlando, Florida and I remember so clearly her smile and positive attitude toward life. She loved Terry very much and they had a beautiful marriage. I'll miss her very much - until we meet again my friend. ❤️

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**Susan Kelsey** - May 17, 2022 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ Allyson was a such dear friend!  
I have many great memories of our days back in High School together and when she visited me here in Vegas.  
I remember how much Allyson loved to run cross country in High School.....May she run again in heaven with the angels!

*Jeffrey Bernard*

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**Jeffrey Bernard** - May 17, 2022 at 12:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allyson Jean Karl.



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May 16, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Terry and family at this time of Allyson’s passing. Allyson has been a great friend of mine since we met in Jr. High. Everyone should be so blessed to have such a wonderful friendship during their lifetime. We shared so many good, fun times and have great memories with our circle of friends from Albia High. Allyson was a beautiful person; her smile and her eyes always could light up a room and that laugh of hers will not be forgotten! More importantly though, her kindness to all, her faith in God and her friendship were priceless. I will remember our visits that always included conversations of her husband and best friend, Terry, our families, Minnie, Blondie (the cats), and the activities and life events of my kids and grandkids. She was always very interested in what they were up to! MS may have eventually dominated Allyson’s body, however, she never let it dominate her life or her spirit. Thank you, Terry for loving Allyson so completely and taking wonderful care of her. You are a saint in my eyes. I am glad she is now back to the independent woman she loved being, but I will miss her dearly.  
Sincerely,  
Brenda Wynn



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**Brenda Wynn** - May 16, 2022 at 12:29 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Allyson Jean Karl.



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May 15, 2022 at 02:54 PM

TP

“ TK,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Allyson's smile would light up a room...and now it lights up heaven. So sorry for your loss and thinking of you buddy.*

*Tim and Dawn Pechukas*

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**Tim Pechukas** - May 13, 2022 at 10:38 PM

TF

“ *The Babik, Hetrick, and Hardin Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Allyson Jean Karl.*



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**The Babik, Hetrick, and Hardin Families** - May 13, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Allyson Jean Karl.*



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May 13, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allyson Jean Karl.*



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May 13, 2022 at 01:11 PM

JK

“ Terry,

*All of us at your DLS family share your sorrow in the loss of Allyson. We know how much the two of you loved and cherished each other. Allyson's obituary is beautifully written and reminds us of the full life she lived. It is comforting to know you were able to move back to Albia so she could be close to family before she passed.*

*Please know that your DLS family is thinking about you and is here to support you.*

*On a personal note, I have fond memories of Allyson from our days at Wallace where she was always a bright spot on the team, willing to help and support us with HR issues.*

*Cherish your great memories,*

*Jim*

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**Jim Kersten** - May 13, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allyson Jean Karl.*



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May 12, 2022 at 11:06 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Allyson Jean Karl.*



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May 12, 2022 at 08:41 PM



“ *We remember that whenever we spoke to Terry on the phone, Allyson could be heard in the background asking how we were doing and sending a big hello and love. In spite of her own problems she always showed what a lovely strong caring person she was.*

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**Uncle Jerry & Aunt Arlene** - May 12, 2022 at 08:22 PM



*Allyson, you were a gift to our family. You always had a smile and what a great laugh you had. You made my brother happy, Thank you for that. RIP. We love you! Paul and Debbie*

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**Debbie and Paul** - May 12, 2022 at 09:07 PM