



Karen Louanne McGrath

January 5, 1943 - November 12, 2023

Karen Louanne McGrath, age 80, of Albia, IA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at the Monroe Care Center.

Louanne was born on January 5, 1943, in Trenton, MO, to Frank and Margaret (Sullivan) Musick. They moved to Chariton, IA, when she was five and she graduated from Chariton High School in 1961. On November 4, 1961, she was united in marriage to Paul McGrath in Melrose, IA, and to this union, 2 sons were born, Gary McGrath and James McGrath.

Louanne was a stay-at-home mom for most of her life. She worked at the Albia Newspaper for a few years helping to get the papers sent out.

Louanne enjoyed being outdoors and flower gardening. She also liked to do crafty type things and going to yard sales. In the winter months, she liked to do puzzles and crossword puzzles. She always found a way to keep busy.

Louanne is survived by her 2 sons, Gary McGrath and James McGrath; 3 grandchildren, James McGrath Jr., Amanda Tyler, and Alison McGrath; 2 great grandchildren, Audrey and Clara Tyler; and 3 brothers, Bill (Carolyn), Richard, and Mike (Linda). Louanne is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul McGrath; her parents, Frank and Margaret Musick; and 2 brothers, Roger and Robert Musick.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Louanne's family present from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to EveryStep Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ Prayers to you Gary, and may your mother rest in peace.

Cheryl Gray - November 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ Louanne and I grew up together as much as we could living so far away from each other. We we're more like Sisters than cousins. Louanne was a tiny feisty girl and woman with a wonderful sense of humor...we laughed a lot! She was kind and understanding, loved her family and proud of them too. I will miss her a lot but knowing she is where she was ready to go helps the loss some. Rest In Peace Little Mouse (we had pet names for each other) ...love, The Cat (Kay)

Janice Miller-Vincent - November 13, 2023 at 11:42 AM

CC

“ Cousin Kay the cat! purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Karen Louanne McGrath.



Cousin Kay the cat! - November 13, 2023 at 11:29 AM

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“ Cousin Kay the cat! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Louanne McGrath.

Cousin Kay the cat! - November 13, 2023 at 11:29 AM

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“ *Velma Furlin lit a candle in memory of Karen Louanne McGrath*



Velma Furlin - November 12, 2023 at 11:58 PM

AM

“ *Ardys McGrath lit a candle in memory of Karen Louanne McGrath*



Ardys McGrath - November 12, 2023 at 10:17 PM

AM

“ *She was a Superb cook! Many times we d be over she d make the best hamballs with homemade noodles and homemade baked delicious cookies .. which now her granddaughters Amanda and Alison , will make during the holidays. Yum ! She was so talented making pretty baskets and pillows .. She was fast cross puzzles.. & she loved her cat ..the cat loved her & no1 else ! She was a wonderful , caring ,loving and funny mom in law how I'll miss her! May she rest in heaven !*

Ardys McGrath - November 12, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ Cheryl Gray lit a candle in memory of Karen Louanne McGrath



Cheryl Gray - November 12, 2023 at 06:22 PM