



## Karen Nesbit Tuttle

April 14, 1947 - December 28, 2023

Karen Nesbit Tuttle, age 76, passed away on December 28, 2023, after fighting a long battle with cancer. Born April 14, 1947, to John Harold and Dorothy Eloise (Huston) Nesbit at Albia Smith Hospital, she was raised on the family farm east of Monroe County Hospital, graduating Albia Community High School, class of 1965.

On June 20th of 1965, she married Terrance Sherrard Tuttle of Moravia, having met on a blind date in 1963. The couple were married 58 years before her passing. To this union, three children were born: Jeffrey Karl Tuttle (Julie) of Carlisle, Jennie Angela Pistek (Doug) of Albia, and John Ryan Tuttle of Bartleville, OK. Grandchildren are Andrew Terrence Tuttle of Van Meter, Anthony Luis Tuttle (Morgan) of Dubuque, Ashley Rose Brennan of Albia, and Marilyn Gail Tuttle of Carlisle.

Surviving are her husband; children and grandchildren; one sister, Linda Nesbit Spaur (Jim) of Victoria, TX; and one cousin, Jane Kennedy Hoover of Ruidoso, NM.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one cousin, Sharon Kennedy Kanouse of El Paso, TX; and one granddaughter, Taryn Suzanne Tuttle.

Karen began her career as a typesetter for Fulton (MO) Daily Gazette, for

Davenport Newspapers, and again for St. Charles (MO) Daily newspaper, advancing to Society Editor and finally as Assistant Editor. At St. Louis Airport Authority and St. Charles County Port Authority, she worked as an Administrative Assistant. Later, she became interested in kitchen and bathroom remodeling and worked for several different companies in design and sales.

The couple retired in 1998 back to their roots in Albia. In 2000, they purchased 15 acres at Rathbun Lake and built a storage facility for boats, adding on in 2004. In 2005, they built Captain's Landing restaurant, adding on to the kitchen in 2020- Karen having completed the design work for both. Karen was the pie baker; and after becoming ill, granddaughter Ashley Brennan took over the responsibility as well as being Assistant Manager, her mother Jennie being the General Manager. Since the restaurant is seasonal, beginning in 2004, most winters were spent in Texas. During this time, Karen could relax by oil painting, several pictures being displayed in the restaurant.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Karen's family present from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Rev. Marvin Lindley officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family or to Kavanagh House, EveryStep Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JAN 2. 4:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Karen was a classmate and friend. My prayers go out to her family. She will be missed by many.

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**Diane (Baker) Reeves** - January 02, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JS

“ Terry, Jeff, Jenny, John and families,

*Char and I are very sorry to hear of Karen's passing. I remember fond times of being together at family gatherings during my Iowa trips. I know this leaves a huge hole in your hearts and we are praying that God's grace, peace and comfort are yours at this difficult time.*

*John Sherrard*

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**John Sherrard** - January 02, 2024 at 01:07 AM

BK

“ With deepest sympathy for the Koch family. Karen was always a wonderful soul that loved her family so much. Thank you for making a kid growing up on Pralle Ln always welcome in your home you will be missed by many fly high Mrs Tuttle 🕊️❤️

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**Brad Koch** - January 01, 2024 at 08:46 PM

CL

“ I am sorry for your loss and know that Karen is an inspiration especially to her beloved family members. My sincere sympathy to all if you. May she rest in peace!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Lutz

A friend and classmate

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**Carolyn Lutz** - December 31, 2023 at 11:19 PM

JP

“ We are truly sorry, our sincere condolences to Terry and the entire family! I don't know anyone any stronger than Karen. Tremendous fighter. This past summer at the drive thru, there she was working, looking at us with that signature smile. I know that whenever I see a slice of pie, I'll think of her. Lute's pies were very good, and Karen's pies were on the same level, great taste! MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!!!

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**JERRY POWER** - December 31, 2023 at 10:45 AM

EW

“ Several years ago, Karen and Terry, Eleanor and Junior Hugen, Kathy and John Judge came to visit us (Eyleen and Ozzie Wilson) in Colorado. They all stayed at our house. We only had three bedrooms, so they had to draw straws. Karen and Terry drew the short straw, so they had to sleep on padded cots on the floor in the office. We had a fun time talking about the old times. We decided to go to Estes Park to see all the elk and decided we needed to get an old-time picture taken. It was a hoot trying to decide which costume we wanted to wear for the picture. After many laughs we each decided on the costume we wanted. I treasure that picture and as I look at it now, I see that three of the people in that picture are no longer with us. They have gone on to their final home. Rest in peace Karen, you are no longer suffering!! 🙏🙏❤️

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**Eyleen (Wasko) Wilson** - December 30, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.*



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December 30, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.*



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December 30, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.*



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December 30, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *My condolences to Karen's family. I went to school with her K-12, visited at reunions over the years and on Facebook. RIP Karen. Ray and Sandy Woodard*

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**Ray Woodard** - December 30, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.



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December 30, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ Doug & Shirley Dunlap planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.

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**Doug & Shirley Dunlap** - December 30, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ Karen was a class mate, 1965, and first girlfriend. Always a friend. My thoughts and prayers go to Terry and family. Celebrate her memory.

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**Bill Magie** - December 30, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.



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December 30, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.*



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December 30, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Karen. She was a beautiful lady.*

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**Barbara Denny** - December 30, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.*



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December 29, 2023 at 09:51 PM



“ *Jeanne & Family*  
*I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother...may God give all of you strength in the difficult days ahead...Jackie maddy*

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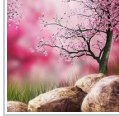
**jackie maddy** - December 29, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Loved this woman like a sister. We had a lot of good times together. Will always remember going out to eat on Friday nights and then playing cards. Karen, you will be sorely missed.*

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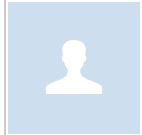
**Esther and Jim Murray** - December 29, 2023 at 08:19 PM



*I was a classmate of Karen's and remember her as being so talented. Enjoyed visiting with her & Terry at our class reunions. She was a beautiful person. My sympathies to Terry & the family.*

*Julie Stafford*

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**Julie Stafford** - December 29, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.*



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December 29, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Nesbit Tuttle.*



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December 29, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *My sympathy to Terry and the family.*

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**Gerald Haas** - December 29, 2023 at 06:15 PM



*Rest in peace Dear Sissy. Say "Hi" to Mom and Daddy.*

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**Linda** - December 29, 2023 at 07:19 PM

VP

*My sympathy to Terry and the family.*

**Vicki Plank** - December 29, 2023 at 08:09 PM

DL

*So sorry for your loss Terry an family.*

**Delores Littlejohn** - December 30, 2023 at 10:26 AM

JD

*Karen was my treasured friend. We did many things together. We raised our kids together. We shared meals together with our families. We enjoyed a lot of Mexican food together. I will never forget those times we had with Karen and Terry and our families. Wonderful memories.*

**Julie Darlington** - December 30, 2023 at 12:19 PM



*TERRY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS KAREN WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON MAY SHE REST IN PEACE PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOU*

**Ed McGinn** - January 01, 2024 at 09:08 AM