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Karen E. Dvorscak, the daughter of Cliff and Jean Bittorf lived a life many of us dream of. Karen from an early age was kind, thoughtful, caring, and selfless. These precious attributes were carried on in her nearly 68 years of life. One very close friend, once said, “Karen was the responsible one.” Another said, “Karen could out clean Mr. Clean!” And another jokingly wrote, “Those that knew Karen, clearly knew her work ethic. She kicked butt.... :) and was feared (haha) but loved!”

A 1974 graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School, Karen worked at a local movie theater and as a maid in a hotel, both jobs a testament to her work ethic. Karen joined the Department of Navy early in her adult years and for nearly 40 years, served the Naval community and her coworkers with a humble demeanor, caring attitude and a focus on detail and completing the task.

During Karen’s career, she received many accolades and awards and continued her ascension in the GS ratings, eventually achieving a GS-14 position. This was achieved without a college degree, a remarkable achievement. Regardless of her success, Karen always remained humble and

caring. Because of Karen's dedication to coworkers and the Department of the Navy, as a Systems Account, Karen was nominated and accepted into the very prestigious American Society of Military Comptrollers and was also recognized as the "Department of the Navy's subject matter expert for accounting reconciliation issues.

Karen's passion for bowling was shared by her mom and members of her bowling team. Karen often bowled right after work and arrived home around 9 PM. Albeit tired, Karen shared great stories of strikes and spares and how the "perfect game" had eluded her once again. Karen never failed to be up and ready for work the next morning. We all hope Jesus gives her a lane to bowl the "perfect game!"

Karen's passion for hockey and assembling puzzles brought her great joy. Karen spent many hours assembling puzzles with her mom or sitting with Jean and watching a hockey game. Also, Karen provided great care and comfort while her mother was here at the ranch, and once again her devotion to Jean was the act of an angel. These are a testament to Karen's selfless nature.

Karen and her husband developed West Crescent Ranch in Nokesville, VA where her love for horses, a love developed early in life, flourished. Karen, while working a full-time job, would rise early at 0400 and tend to the horses before heading off to work. In the evenings, stall cleaning and caring for the horses came first.

After retirement from the Department of the Navy, Karen found great solace and calm tending to her horses and the never-ending chores at the ranch. Karen never balked at hard work nor complained and would jump on a mower or work out a horse with a passion only a caring person would appreciate.

Karen was a fighter. For the better part of her life Karen fought cancer. Throughout the 30 plus years of the fight, Karen never complained and fought back with the zeal and tenacity of a Marine.

Karen's mother and father and two sisters, Susan and Gloria, preceded her in her journey to heaven. Karen is survived by her husband, Peter, two sisters Carol and Loretta (husband Terry), niece Melissa, and nephews Sam and Chris Campbell, David Dill and his children, Aubree, Carolyn, Ben, Jaxon, Beckett, Tyler Dill and his child, Gunnar including great nieces, Amelia Robinson and Aubree Dill.

Karen was baptized on June 5th, 2023, and accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. We are all grateful for having her as a friend, sister, aunt, and wife. Hold her in your memories with this thought in mind, "May the candle of Karen's life and caring nature forever shine brightly in your heart."

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to her husband, who will establish a fund to research alternative technologies for cancer treatment.

Cemetery Details

Stafford Memorial Park

154 Shelton Shop Road
Stafford, VA 22554

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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9609 Center St.
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Reception

AUG **29**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Interment

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ Karen, So many memories and moments together as sisters. I'm glad your fight is over but I'm devastated that you are gone. Now I have no one to reminisce of our childhood trips. Susan in 2012, Gloria in 2013, Mom and Tommy in 2022 and you in 2023. It's Carol and me left of the Cliff Bittorf (1995) family. We all had careers in the Dept of Navy. God bless us all. Until we meet again. Love love and miss you sweet sister.

Loretta Pfahlert - March 19, 2024 at 05:56 PM

WS

“ I first met Karen in 1975 when working at NMCSA in Arlington Va. She was very hardworking and became friends over the years. Always a Smile and a great laugh. Working with her was always a pleasure and you got info you needed from her usually immediately. Her work ethic's were top notch and she was a highly respected employee. I last saw Karen in 2012 at the Navy Yard. I retired shortly thereafter and in 2016 my wife and I moved to Beverly Hills Fl. Karen will be missed by all. Wayne M Scott. Beverly Hills Fl

Wayne Scott - October 11, 2023 at 12:32 PM

LP

Hi Wayne, It's Loretta. I wondered what happened to you. Hope all is doing well. We're are living in Kernersville, North Carolina. Take care.

Loretta Pfahlert - March 19, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Dvorscak.*



August 28, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Billy R. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Karen Elizabeth Dvorscak.*



Billy R. - August 28, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Billy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Elizabeth Dvorscak.*

Billy R. - August 28, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Dvorscak.*



August 27, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Dvorscak.*



August 26, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Dvorscak.*



August 25, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Elizabeth Dvorscak.*



August 25, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ *I worked with Karen, her mom and Dad at NMCSA (Webb building) for many years. Her family always had the greatest work ethics of anyone. We had many lunches together with Susan, her mom and dad at Webb. We also work over 25 years together at NAVSEA. She was highly respected in her field and always helpful. She will be sadly missed by all her friends and co-workers. It's an honor to know her. Rest in Peace my friend.*

JOFFRE L PRITCHETT - August 25, 2023 at 01:51 AM

LP

Hi Joffre, It's Loretta. How are you? How did you find out about Karen? I hope you didnt forget me. I retired disabled in 2006. Now we live in North Carolina. Hope you are doing great.

Loretta Pfahlert - March 19, 2024 at 05:42 PM

BS

“ I was a co-worker and a friend of Karen's for 25+ years. We shared many laughs over those years, especially when we bowled on the same team with The Armistead's. Although, when it was Karen's turn on the lane, I don't think I remember anyone that was more "all business". She was so fun to be around and to have as a teammate. At work,.....NOBODY was better at her job than she was. Not only was she SMARTER, but she outworked EVERYONE. The Navy was blessed to have her as an employee. My thoughts and prayers go out to Peter and her entire family. RIP my friend, your fight is over.

*- Brian Saffell
Pensacola, FL*

Brian D Saffell - August 23, 2023 at 05:42 PM

JM

“ With deepest sympathy. I will always remember Karen as a kind, intelligent, "go-getter". May your memories, family, friends, and faith bring you comfort and healing.



Jo Meade - August 23, 2023 at 05:31 PM

CD

“ Karen was my big sister but more than that, she was my confident, my lunch partner, my sounding board, my BEST FRIEND. She was older than me so wasn't around as much when I was growing up, but we have grown so close in the last 7 yrs while taking care of our mother. I'm gonna miss her so much. Totally broken. I love you Karen, watch over me. ❤️

Carol Dunn - August 23, 2023 at 11:53 AM

DM

A beautiful obituary for a beautiful and kind woman. Karen and I became friends in 9th grade and her family became my second family. I will always treasure many, many memories with “The Girls.” Karen, you fought hard. May you rest in peace friend.

Denise Messier - August 24, 2023 at 11:48 AM



Karen & I were friends in 9th --12 grade. When Stonewall had split days it split us up ...she went in the afternoon & I went in the am. We still got together after school & weekends. We went horseback riding in Bristow on the weekends & got in a bit of trouble for working out our horse too much. They loved to run & we let them or they just did it & we didn't stop them! So much fun w/Karen & her sister Susan mostly but sleepovers involved all the girls. Your parents made everyone feel like family All were always welcome. Wished we had time together as we aged but life has a way of keeping u busy. Rest easy Karen, u were a great friend, kind to all. I'm sure your parents & sisters r having a mini reunion w/u until the 2 other girls join them and again u will b together.

Lori Grimsley - August 24, 2023 at 05:27 PM