



Karen Marie Bates

June 15, 1952 - April 26, 2022

Karen Marie Bates, age 69, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in Toledo Hospital following a brief illness.

Karen was born on June 15, 1952 to Alice and Jerome Bocian. She attended Blessed Sacrament School and went on to graduate from Central Catholic High School in 1970. Following high school, she went to Stautzenberger College and took her first job doing secretarial work at Roose Wade Co., followed by serving as secretary in the president's office at the Medical College of Ohio, and then worked at Owens Corning.

Karen met her husband, Chris in 1970 and they married in 1975. Their early years of marriage were spent in North Dakota before eventually moving back to Toledo where she enjoyed playing softball, bowling, and bridge. Karen was a loving mother to three children, Stephen, Sarah, and Marie, and was always on the sidelines for their sporting events, dance recitals, and other activities. Karen had a generous heart and was passionate about volunteering and serving others. She delivered Mobile Meals for 10 years, often with her children in tow. She served as President of Mercy St. Vincent Auxiliary, was a member of the Academy of Medicine Alliance, coached her children's sports teams, volunteered at the Historic Church of St. Patrick food pantry, and at school and parish events for Gesu School, St. Francis de Sales, and Central Catholic High School.

Karen loved to cook and was happiest in the kitchen. She was an avid recipe collector and took great interest in what others were cooking and having for dinner. Karen and Chris loved to entertain and enjoyed hosting friends and family for holiday parties, spirited Notre Dame tailgates, and celebrations for their children and grandchildren. Karen loved her family and friends and spent many happy years with her husband and kids traveling to see those she cared about around the country and in Canada.

Karen brought a joyful & mischievous spirit and hearty laugh to everything she did. She took great delight in just being around people and doing ordinary activities- especially if they involved her 8 grandchildren. She loved her faith, the Rolling Stones, watching golf, and finding the perfect greeting card to send to those she knew.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Jerome and Alice (Perz) Bocian, in-laws George, Louise, and Florence Bates, sister-in-law Seana Bates, and brothers in-law George and Philip Bates.

Karen is survived by her husband, Christopher Bates M.D., and her children Stephen (Jacquelyn) Bates, Sarah (Daniel) Grey, and Marie (D.J.) DeLeo. Her grandchildren Hailey, Harper, Carson, Camryn, Anna, Mary, Olivia, and Jacob. Siblings Michael (Sharyn) Bocian, Tom (Barbara) Bocian, and Laura Scribner. Brother and sister in-laws Anne Bates, Melanie Bates, Brian (Sherry) Bates, and Andrea Bates and many nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, May 1st from 1-7p.m. Funeral service will be held Monday, May 2nd at 11 a.m. at the Historic Church of St. Patrick. Following a cremation, Karen will be buried at Resurrection Cemetery. If you would like to honor Karen, the family requests donations to Central Catholic High School or the Historic

Church of St. Patrick.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, OH 43614

Mass

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Historic Church Of St Patrick
130 Avondale Ave
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Dr. Bates, Sorry to hear that your wife passed away. You will be lonely for a long.while I missed her in the office. She had a great smile. My prayers are with you & I hope yours are with me it is very difficult. Each day !!! Sincerely, Rick Morgenstern 5/8/22

Richard Morgenstern - May 09, 2022 at 09:46 PM

DM

“ Dear Dr. Bates and family: We are so very sorry for your loss. We also have fond memories of Karen when your office was downtown. She always made our visit nice. As a patient {and you were our favorite doctor} you don't know what is behind the scene and seeing your beautiful video tribute you realize the blessings and wonderful legacy. We will keep you and your family in our prayers and am glad you will have the support system you do. Wishing you peace, strength, and healing.

Bob and Debbie Muszynski.

Deb Muszynski - May 07, 2022 at 05:08 PM

SM

“ Dear Bates Family, It is such a shock to hear of Karen's passing. Please accept my condolences. I am reminiscing about early times of Dr. Bates's practice downtown when Karen would come out of the office to greet my husband and I. She was so welcoming and the personal experience was one I will never forget! I was always so happy to talk with her about our families. I saw Karen over the years and it was always so nice to see her but I will never forget how she made "going to the doctor" such a calming and pleasant experience! May God bless you at this difficult time and bring you peace. Sally Miedler

Sally Miedler - May 06, 2022 at 07:35 PM

CB

“ To the Bates family: I’m so sorry to hear of Karen’s passing. She was a kind and caring woman who clearly loved her family and all the grandchildren. We would often talk at church and share grandchildren stories. She will be dearly missed. May she Rest In Peace.

Charlotte Best - May 03, 2022 at 02:35 PM

TP

“ Karen and Chris were two of my best friends from Notre Dame. Karen would often come and visit on the weekends. I would always look forward to seeing her. Karen always made me laugh. She always took good care of me. I would affectionately call her - Mom . And for good reason, after a night of celebration when I didn’t know where I was and for that matter who I was, Karen would always make sure I found my bed or least a bed. When I was mumbling and stumbling , she would gently tuck me in and say: “Tony Joe you’re OK I will see you tomorrow “ and I would say: “Good night Mom I love you.” I will always cherish our times together over the years but sadly not nearly often enough. So Karen as you enter into the heavenly realm in the arms of Jesus. I say for the last time: Good night Mom I love you. Love, Tony and Celeste DalPra

Tony Dal Pra - May 02, 2022 at 12:56 PM

MB

“ Dr. Bates and Family you have our deepest sympathies. My memories of Karen go way back to the office downtown. She would fill where ever needed. I introduced a new patient to the practice and Karen made my friend feel like a family member. Karen ALWAYS had a beautiful personality and matching smile. The office was always brighter with her presence. After watching her video, I can see how much this couple loved one another! Dr. Bates your relationship with Karen reminds me of my marriage to Denny. My heart aches for you as I can not imagine my life without him in it. You know I have lost all the members of my Manion family and know the sorrow it causes, but never a spouse. My prayers to you and yours, especially with Mother's Day next week Prayers for healing especially
Mary Jo & Denny Ballert

Mary Jo Ballert - May 01, 2022 at 06:33 PM

TP

Karen and Chris were two of my best friends at Notre Dame. While Karen didn't go to ND, she was often there on the weekends visiting Chris. I always looked forward to seeing her. She always made me laugh. With great affection I would often refer to her as Mom - for good reason. She would often take care of me. On nights after long celebrations when I didn't know where I was or for that matter who I was. As I mumbled and stumbled, Karen would make sure I found my bed or at least a bed. She would gently tuck me in and say: " Tony Joe , you will be OK - I will see you tomorrow!" And I would respond: " Good night Mom I love you." I will always cherish the time we got together over the years but it just wasn't often enough. Karen had a heart of love and I will miss her. So Karen as you enter into the heavenly realm in the arms of Jesus, I say for the last time: "Good Night Mom, I love you." until we meet again! Love , Tony and Celeste Dal Pra

Tony Dal Pra - May 02, 2022 at 12:25 PM

JP

“ I first met Karen in 1970 when she visited Chris at Notre Dame. Chris was my college roommate along with Tony Dalpra and Tim Schaffer. I immediately realized how sweet and special she was. The love between her and Chris was quite evident and very touching. We drifted apart after graduation but reconnected when I would attend Notre Dame football games with various family members. Chris and Karen were season ticket holders. Karen was always so inviting and outgoing and together we experienced many memorable tailgate parties.

My wife Mary and I last saw Karen in July of 2021 at a college roommate reunion at Tim and Gail Schaffer's home. Again, her genuine warmth and caring made her a joy to be around. She was a great lady and will be sorely missed.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Chris and family members over the loss of Karen.

Jack and Mary Pentz

Jack Pentz - May 01, 2022 at 12:01 PM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - April 30, 2022 at 03:58 PM

MB

What a wonderful tribute to a wonderful lady!
Mary Jo Ballert

Mary Jo Ballert - May 01, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 30, 2022 at 03:13 PM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - April 30, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 29, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 29, 2022 at 06:17 PM

MZ

“ Amazing how long our families have been connected. Grandparents (Perz & Montz), Parents (Bocian & Sychala) and us kids. It's been a few years since we've seen each other but we're still connected. Prayers for all the Bocian and Bates Family.



MaryJo Zeisloft - April 29, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.



April 29, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.



April 29, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 28, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 28, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 28, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 28, 2022 at 10:19 AM

LB

“ *Dr. Bates, I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. I have fond memories of our times working together .My prayers are with you and your family. Lenora Binkley*

Lenora Binkley - April 28, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 28, 2022 at 07:29 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Bates.*



April 27, 2022 at 09:26 PM

EH

“ *Rest In Peace, Karen. You're forever in my heart. You've been one of my best friends for 46 years and I will miss you deeply. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Bocian and Bates families. Ellen and Jim Hixenbaugh.*



Ellen Hixenbaugh - April 27, 2022 at 09:11 PM

PK

“ *The Bates family exemplifies the meaning of the word "family".
Karen Marie, you will be dearly missed. We all have fond memories
to cherish. Deepest sympathy from Jeff and Pam Kreft.*

Pam Kreft - April 27, 2022 at 06:37 PM