



Karen Gail Drisdell

November 14, 1947 - February 22, 2025

Karen Gail Drisdell, a vibrant and beloved member of the Chanute community, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2025, at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center in Chanute, Kansas. She was 77.

Born November 14, 1947, in Chanute, Kansas, to John and Mary (Keller) Borgen. Karen graduated from Chanute High School in the class of 1967. She married Doug Drisdell, and later divorced. In 1978, began a cherished journey with her life companion, Mike Mugrage, who predeceased her in 2014.

Throughout her life, Karen touched many with her warm spirit and infectious personality. She held various positions, including roles at Ross Musical, Holiday Inn, and State Farm, showcasing her versatility and dedication. Known for her exceptional hospitality, Karen was the ultimate hostess, renowned for her memorable parties and generous spirit. She was a social butterfly, enjoying shopping excursions, relaxing by the pool, and most importantly, spending time with her cherished family and friends. Her love extended to her beloved dogs and cats.

Karen possessed a unique blend of strength, kindness, and a captivating style. While known for her strong will and outspoken nature, her caring heart always shone through. She will be remembered for her unwavering loyalty and the deep love she shared with those closest to her.

Karen is preceded in death by her life partner, Mike Mugrage; her parents, Howard and Elizabeth Borgen; and her brother, Bob Olsen. She leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter that will be carried on by her daughter, Jennifer

(Todd) Taylor; her granddaughters, Haley (Dillon) Wolverton and Ashley Webb; and her great-grandchildren, Briley, Rilynn, and Brexton Webb, and Jaxson and Gander Wolverton.

Visitation will be held at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, with the family greeting friends. A Celebration of Karen's Life will follow at 3:00 pm at Jennifer Taylor's home, 3870 S. Katy Ave., Chanute, KS 66720. All are welcome to attend and share cherished memories of Karen. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Karen's name may be made to your local animal rescue and can be left with the Countryside Funeral Home.

Love You, Love You, Love You.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Celebration of Life

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

Home of Jennifer Taylor
3870 S. Katy Ave.
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

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“ *Nautica & Demeree purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen Gail Drisdell.*



Nautica & Demeree - February 26, 2025 at 10:18 AM

GP

“ *I am really going to miss that fun loving spirit of my friend Good to know she is with Mike again. She never knew a stranger and loved with all her being heart is broken knowing we will not get together again this side of heaven. Gloria*

Gloria Phillips - February 26, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JH

“ *I've known Karen nearly as long as I've lived in Chanute, early 60's, she worked with my Aunt Lela Hughes at "The "K" Shop" on main, which later became "Jennifer's", She was such a sweetheart, and a beautiful lady till the end. I am grateful to have been able to call her a friend always.*

Jerry Hughes - February 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

RN

“ *I met Karen late through a mutual friend and the Pool Parties she hosted at her house. I fell in love with her sweet personality and open hearted self. I will always cherish the time I had with her. Her smile will always be what I see when I think of her. Love and hugs to her family and know she was a very special lady to many many people.*

Rhonda S Naff - February 24, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ *BEAUTIFUL SMILE - SORRY FOR YOU LOSS* ”

Andra LEE Stover - February 24, 2025 at 06:53 PM