



Karen Lee Szanto

February 20, 1949 - May 18, 2022

Karen Lee Szanto (nee Wellman), a resident of Quincy, Florida, was born to Annabelle Lee and Nolin Lee Wellman on February 20, 1949 at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California. She went to the Lord on May 18, 2022 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Karen was predeceased by her parents and her sister Linda. She is survived by her sons David Rowell of Quincy, FL, and Steve Szanto (wife Diane) of Albuquerque, NM; younger brother Danny (wife Cuqui) of Fullerton, CA; grandchildren Sarah and Ben Rowell; nieces Carly and Eden; and numerous cousins.

Karen was a beautiful, kind, generous, and nurturing spirit. An example of this was when she was about 9 years old her parents bought her an old beat up 20-inch bicycle. After she taught her younger siblings how to ride it she then taught many neighborhood kids who clamored to learn from her. She had the patience of Job teaching them all. Growing up she worked many jobs as a waitress, cook, candy vendor representative and finally as a career employee of the telephone company (Southwestern Bell and later AT&T) retiring after some 30 years of employment while holding numerous positions.

Karen was always a lover of nature and some of her happiest moments were when she was gardening, collecting gems and minerals, and being

surrounded by her loving dogs and other animals. She had a smile for everyone she met. The goodness in her was always present throughout her life no matter the hardships she faced. Her legacy she leaves to her friends and family is her kindness and generosity.

The family is being assisted by James Sircy and Jackie Fulford of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444
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Tribute Wall



“ *Happy Birthday to my beloved sister on what would be her 75th birthday. I miss her every day and the remainder of my I dedicate to her and her memory.* ”

Daniel Wellman - February 20, 2024 at 07:03 AM



“ *Karen Lee Szanto* ”

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Karen Lee Szanto* ”

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *You left us one year ago today my dear sister. I think of and miss you every day.* ”

Daniel Wellman - May 18, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *Much love to my beloved late sister on this day that would be her 74th birthday. Always loved and never forgotten.* ”

Daniel Wellman - February 20, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Karen Lee Szanto* ”

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM

KL

“ Karen and I were friends from way back in Cutler Ridge..our dad's were in the Air Force together Karen had a heart of gold, truly a loving kind person. My heart is broken. My deepest condolences to Karen's family.

Kathy Leckich - June 10, 2022 at 09:33 PM

VA

One of my aunt Linda, and dad, Jim Brecht, and my mom, Helen Simmons bestie! High-school buds! Dad was very find of Linda, and after her passing, dad became closer to Karen. I had planned to come hang out with her after she got sick. Was hoping to pamper her, rub her down with lotion, buy her more flowers daily, cook and clean for her, but God needed her sooner. She was very special to me. Someone just hacked her messenger, and it gave some comfort that her beautiful face popped up to call me. 😭 So sending luv's, hugs, and prayers for all the family. She is definitely in a better place and very missed here. ❤️ Deepest Sympathy Virginia Brecht and family

Va - June 09, 2023 at 07:48 PM

TG

“ Karen and I went all the way back to Cutler Ridge Hr High and Palmetto High. She also lived very close to my hone in the Ridge. She was gracious and a wonderful person. I am saddened that she has crossed the bridge abd is now in heaven. She will do even better there than when she was on Earth. God bless you Karen and nay your memory shine ever so bright forever.

Tom Greenamyer - June 10, 2022 at 05:46 PM

KA

“ Aunt Karen was truly one of the sweetest people I’ve ever met. I grew up with Carly and Eden and I was fortunate enough to meet Aunt Karen through our friendship. She was beautiful and kind and so thoughtful. I’ll never forget how compassionate she was towards animals. Especially my dog Yoshi! Yoshi was drawn to her instantly! I will miss Aunt Karen very much. I’m thinking about your family and sending lots of love your way.

Love, Kady and all The Risberg’s

kady - June 10, 2022 at 12:36 PM

DW

Thank you for your sweet words Kady. My sister was such a kind soul.

Daniel E Wellman - June 10, 2022 at 04:50 PM

RS

My cousin Karen was a true rare gem. All these things written about her is so true. Also not mentioned was her ability to cook. I picked up some delicious hints from her that I have used over and over ❤️ I love you Karen and miss you. Thank you for the example and footsteps you have left for all of us ❤️ Rita Schertz

Rita sSchertz - June 13, 2022 at 11:38 AM

DW

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Daniel Wellman - June 03, 2022 at 12:10 PM

DW

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Daniel Wellman - June 02, 2022 at 08:34 PM

DW

Karen really got into fairy gardens when she lived with Cuqui and I from about 2012 to 2017. Karen and Jessica were big gardeners. We still enjoy the blackberries Karen planted on our sloped backyard and Jessica shares veggies with us.

Daniel Wellman - June 02, 2022 at 08:38 PM

ST

“ 9 files added to the album Mom



Steve - June 02, 2022 at 03:07 PM

DW

“ 2 files added to the album Karen Lee



Daniel Wellman - June 01, 2022 at 04:23 PM

DW

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Daniel Wellman - May 31, 2022 at 10:02 PM

DH

Danny, was this your backyard or it reminded me of the swing set in Phillip Sikverman's backyard???

Diane Unger Heptinstall - June 10, 2022 at 10:04 PM

DW

Just saw this Diane. Yes our backyard in the late 50s with Martinique on the other side of our fence. Who was Phillip? And how are you?

Daniel Wellman - June 21, 2022 at 03:15 AM

DW

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Daniel Wellman - May 31, 2022 at 10:00 PM