



Karen Elaine Martin-Ramsey

January 6, 1946 - October 21, 2025

Karen Elaine Martin-Ramsey, a beloved mother, grandmother, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, in Centralia, IL, at the age of 79. She was born on Sunday, January 6th, 1946, in Woodlawn, Illinois, to the late Leslie and Edna Martin.

Karen dedicated her life to her family and community, nurturing and uplifting the lives of those around her with her kindness and unwavering support. She created a loving home that served as a gathering place for family and friends alike.

She is survived by her devoted sons, Larry Dale Burton, Jr. and wife Robin of Centralia, Ricky Dean Burton and wife Karen of Salem, and Dallas Burton of Centralia. Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought immense joy to her life. Among them, a special bond was shared with her grandchild, Nicholas Burton. Karen also leaves behind several beloved nieces and nephews, who held a special place in her heart.

Karen was preceded in death by her loving parents, Leslie and Edna Martin, her brothers Ward and Bill Martin, her infant sister Winifred Martin, and two grandsons, who she now joins in eternal peace.

Karen will be remembered for her compassionate spirit, dedication to family, and ability to bring warmth to every encounter. Her legacy will continue through the countless lives she touched and the memories she helped create. Her love for butterflies, and collecting Roosters for her kitchen, and dancing was some of Karen's enjoyments in life. Her family meant the world to her, and taking care of anyone she knew, she will be remembered for her heart of gold.

Funeral Services for Karen Elaine Martin-Ramsey will be held Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Dr. Paul Havrilka officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Catherine Cemetery in Woodlawn, IL. A visitation for family and friends will be held Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Funeral Home before the time of service. In memory of Karen, memorial donations may be made to Shop with a Cop and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Karen's family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Elaine Martin-Ramsey*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 24, 2025 at 05:33 PM

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MY HEART IS BROKE I MISS YOU SO MUCH. I WILL THINK OF YOU EVERY DAY. R.I.P KAREN

ANNETTE - November 05, 2025 at 06:13 PM

BF

“ *Dale ricky dallas. I know there are no words that can ease your pain. Thinking of you during this difficult time. Love you . Big Dale and family.*

Big Dale and family - October 24, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JH

“ *You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's grace shine down upon you all*



Janet Finley Huffman - October 24, 2025 at 08:52 AM

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“ *Centralia Outlaws & Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Karen Elaine Martin-Ramsey.*



Centralia Outlaws & Family - October 23, 2025 at 05:35 PM

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“ *Centralia Outlaws & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Elaine Martin-Ramsey.*

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