



Karen D Krenz

December 30, 1950 - November 26, 2025

Karen D. Krenz, Age 74, Passed away in the morning of Wednesday, November 26, 2025 in Murray, Utah. Karen was born December 30, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan to George and Delores Krenz. Karen had been diagnosed with cancer in June of 2025 and passed away quietly and peacefully with her brother, Gary Krenz, at her side.

Karen graduated from Thurston High School in Redford Twp., MI and Central Michigan University. Karen's early career was with the YMCA in Erie and Meadville, PA, Salt Lake City, UT and Van Nuys, CA. She taught Physical Education at Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, UT and Woodstock School in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand, India. She obtained her Adaptive Physical Education Credential at Cal State Northridge and taught adapted P.E. with the LA Unified School District, Hartvigson School in the Granite School District and in the Jordan and Canyon School Districts. She received her Masters in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Azusa Pacific University and taught English as a Second Language in Nanchong, Sichuan, China, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China and Changchun, Jilin, China, Returning to the states, she continued teaching English as a Second Language in the Salt Lake School District and at Salt Lake Community College.

Karen's lifelong passion was her love for the out-of-doors. She could be found hiking, backpacking, skiing, snowshoeing, swimming whenever she could find

the time. She loved to travel, focusing on the outdoors. She especially enjoyed State and National Parks. Always taking the time to experience and appreciate the surroundings. This also complimented her favorite hobby of landscape photography.

Karen had a deep, spiritual faith and devotion to God. Wherever she lived, she would take an active role in a church which she found matched her deep faith in God. She most likely would be deeply committed to the outreach of that church. She found that spiritual family at Mt. Olympus Presbyterian church and especially the mission ministry.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, George Krenz and her mother, Delores Krenz, both of Detroit. She is survived by her brother Gary Krenz.

Karen's Celebration of Life will be held at Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 17th at 10:00 am. MOPC is located at 3280 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84124.

Any memorials should be sent to Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church in Karen's name to help support their ongoing mission ministry.

Please share memories and condolences with MOPC and at www.serenityfhs.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church
3280 E 3900 S,
Salt Lake City , UT 84124

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m sorry to hear that Karen passed. I met Karen when we were 4 yrs old. We spent many days together as young kids riding bikes, swimming and doing kids things. She had a great family. The last time I saw Karen was just before she left for college in the fall of 1969. I knew her birthday was on 12/30 (don’t know why I remembered that but, I did). and I used to think of her every year and wonder how she was. She had great parents and younger brother Gary. It sounds like Karen contributed a lot of good to this world. RIP Karen. Fond memories of our early childhood.

Bob Walker - January 12 at 07:35 AM