



Karen Gordon

March 12, 1953 - January 3, 2023

Karen Gordon, age 69, passed away unexpectedly on January 3, 2023. Karen was born on March 12, 1953 in Framingham, MA, to William F. and Elinor M. (Kairit) Sheehan. She grew up in Holliston, MA, and was a 1971 graduate of Marian High School. Following graduation, she attended Northeastern University in Boston, majoring in Physical Therapy, she completed her degree with Northeastern Univ. while in FL.

After college she enjoyed working as a nanny aboard a private yacht for a prominent Boston family for several years. She was treated as family and held precious memories of the children for whom she cared for. This is when she first visited St. Augustine, FL. In 1978, she married Wayne Gordon and together they raised a family of three daughters, Melissa, Jennifer and Kristen here in St. Augustine.

Karen enjoyed several rewarding careers: Flagler Hospital as part of the Emergency Room staff, co-owner of North Florida Credit Bureau and before retiring she worked at Haven Hospice. One of her most rewarding jobs was working for Girl Scouts of America as Director of Human Resources. She dedicated many years to the Girl Scouts, where she ultimately received the Women of Distinction - World of Girl Scouting in 2003 Award.

Karen volunteered for many organizations where she gave countless hours of

her time. Karen was a Girl Scout herself, earning numerous badges. Through the years she was recognized for donating more than 7 gallons of blood to the St. Johns County Blood Bank. Other community organizations that were important to her in recent years included Wildflower Healthcare and Haven Hospice.

Karen was very dedicated and accomplished in all her endeavors, cared deeply for those she worked with and along the way made many lifelong friends. She enjoyed watching her girls and now her grandchildren play sports and perform in recitals. Karen also enjoyed the Jacksonville Jaguars, having season tickets for many years.

Most people that knew or met Karen would easily describe her as always joyful and a friend to all. She was always ready for the next adventure, her favorites being the beach, boating, fishing and cruising. She loved every minute spent with her daughters and their families. From Disney trips, vacations to Aruba, or Caribbean adventures with family and friends, all were filled with joy, laughter, and great memories.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Melissa Gordon, her partner Shawn McDonald, Jennifer McFee and husband Richard, Kristen Hunt and husband Adam all of St. Augustine. Her grandchildren, Caleb and Logan McFee, Seth, Daniel and Abigail Hunt.

Karen is survived by her sisters, Kathleen Sheehan, Jean and husband Steven Tutuny, Joan McGillicuddy and her husband Michael, Theresa Maguire and husband Timothy, and two sister in-laws, Pauline Sheehan and Lynn Church, as well as her former husband Wayne. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, and lifetime friends. We are forever grateful she lived everyday to the fullest, with smiles, laughter and love.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother William T. Sheehan, and her sister in-law, Beverly Gordon.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Lexie Goodman officiating. A gathering of family and friends beginning at 11:30 am will precede the service at 12 noon. A reception will follow at Amici Italian Restaurant.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Karen's memory would be welcome to: Haven Hospice Foundation (<https://beyourhaven.org/donate>) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (<https://www.stjude.org/donate>) in memory of Karen Gordon.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

Celebration of Life

JAN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

A Reception will follow the Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Amici Italian Restaurant
1925 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Karen Gordon*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 17, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Gordon*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2023 at 04:07 PM

SF

“ *Karen and I were classmates at Marian HS in Framingham, MA and I remember her smile and lovely personality. She was also captain of the cheerleading squad our Senior Year.
RIP Karen. - Stephen Foley, Longmeadow, MA*

Stephen N Foley - January 15, 2023 at 08:17 AM



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



January 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ *I graduated with Karen from Marian High School. I will always remember her beautiful smile. She was kind, caring and friendly. My sincerest condolences and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.*

Charlotte (Lavin) Carr

Charlotte Lavin Carr - January 13, 2023 at 08:43 AM



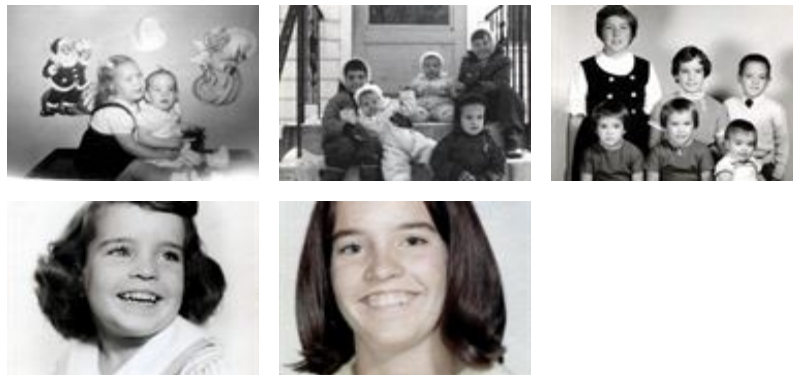
“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you.*

Linda Douglas

Linda Douglas - January 12, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ My condolences to Karen's family from a Marian High classmate

David Larsson - January 12, 2023 at 01:16 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Karen Gordon.



Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits Family - January 12, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Gordon.



January 12, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JR

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. I remember making memories with you guys.
Godspeed. GBNF

John Randel - January 12, 2023 at 12:39 AM

LB

“ Jen, McFee, Mel, Kristen, Karen was such a fun Mom to hang around the house and on a cruise with! I'll never forget how cool it was to always have reserved seats at the cruise bars every night! I hope you will hold those memories tight and know that your Mom is watching over you all! Love Laura (Squeak)

Laura Barton - January 11, 2023 at 11:44 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Gordon.



January 11, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Gordon.



January 11, 2023 at 07:48 PM

LE

“ Karen was a treasured cruise buddy on many cruises. We spent many hours together in the ships’ casinos. She was a very special lady, who always had a ready smile for everyone. I, personally, will miss her more than I can express.

Lois Etheridge - January 11, 2023 at 06:07 PM

KJ

“ I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Karen at the Girl Scouts. During that time we became close friends and cruise buddies! Sometimes we cruised together alone, other times we were joined by friends and family. It was on some of these cruises I got to know Karen’s daughters and sisters. I now consider them all to be part of my family! I’m thankful to have so many wonderful memories of our times together and have no words to express how much I miss her.

Kim Jufer - January 11, 2023 at 05:45 PM

PG

Heaven gained an amazing woman...you will be missed and I'm so glad I was blessed to know you.

Paula Griffin - January 11, 2023 at 07:46 PM