



Karin M. Baumgartner

September 22, 1941 - August 9, 2022

It is with tremendous sadness and heartbreak that we share that our beautiful Mother Karin Baumgartner departed her loving family on August 9, 2022.

Karin was born in Germany. Her and her family were WWII survivors and lived in West Dirshau until she met her husband Walter W. Whisner Sr. . They married and came to the U.S. where together they had 2 children Walter W. Whisner Jr. and Heidi V. Melton, who are now both residing in Florida where Karin recently came to live with them.

If you were fortunate enough to know Karin, you know she had a spirit that was larger than life. Before coming to the states she was a model in Europe and also received her bachelor's degree in accounting. With great pride, she worked very hard on her own to become a citizen of the U.S. in 1978. Karin then became the Counter Manager of Fragrances in Woodward & Lothrop winning top sales every year and was the shop steward of her Union. Later she became a Representative for Calvin Klein, Cartier and Thierry Mugler fragrances. On her days off you would find her sitting at Cantler's Riverside Inn elbow deep enjoying her Maryland steamed crabs. Later when she retired she just loved to plant flowers, browse the flea markets or just sit in her yard while she enjoyed a good cappuccino.

Karin may have left this world, but her memory will live on in our hearts

forever. She definitely had a rare gift of lighting up every room she entered. To all that knew and loved her, we would love to hear any memories you would be willing to share with us.

She leaves behind her family Walter W. Whisner Sr, her son Walter W, Whisner Jr, her daughter and son-in-law Heidi and David Melton along with her sister Waltraut E. Billingslea.

There was a private viewing at St John's Family Funeral and Crematory in St. Augustine Florida for her immediate family. Her remains will be added alongside her parents in Germany, her in-laws in West Virginia, and the Chesapeake Bay so she can be among her family and favorite places she loved more than anything. The family would appreciate donations to honor Karin's memory to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at 322 8th Avenue 7th Floor New York, NY 10001. <https://alzfdn.org/>

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your
Eyes filled with tears for me,

I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me.
As much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For ever time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.

Tribute Wall

HM

“ My favorite memory with my Mom is when I came for a visit in NJ she surprised me with tickets to see “White Christmas “ with Andrea Bocelli. She is the reason I LOVE Christmas so much, she always made everything so cheerful and exciting! She would play Andrea Bocelli through the house as she cooked and baked during the holidays. The concert was so moving and beautiful. The duet with Mary J . Bilge has us both in tears. I will never forget how excited she was to share that moment with me. I love you so much Momma , Life is not the same without your smile and laughter. From your loving Daughter Heidi



Heidi Melton - September 07, 2022 at 09:10 AM

JK

Hi Heidi. Idk if you remember me but this is Joey. Karens neighbor from across the street in Newark. Idk y I had the inkling to see how Karen was but I came across this. I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved Karen. She was amazing.

joseph koehler - April 10, 2024 at 02:28 PM

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Yes I remember you. It was awful, thank you for your kind words .

Heidi Melton - June 30, 2024 at 08:59 PM