



Karen Sue Zurek

August 5, 1950 - November 2, 2025

Karen Sue Koehne Zurek was born on August 5, 1950, in Richmond Texas. Her soul departed her earthly body on November 2, 2025, which was her late father's birthday.

Karen was the only daughter of Willie Koehne and Selma Wendt. Karen loved her parents dearly. She had many cousins.

Karen married Raymond George Zurek Jr on March 2, 1985. They were married for 30 years before Raymond passed away. She did not have children of her own, however, she considered Ray's kids her own. Karen graduated John Reagan High School and became a claims adjuster. She worked many years as a realtor and claims adjuster with Caldwell and Pat Dicky Realtors. Karen was a bit of a Jack-of-all-trades. After retiring from the real-estate business, she helped run a store at the Mariner Marina in Freeport, Texas, where she and Raymond lived for a few years. She and Ray also worked with the Railroad Commission, traveling around southeast Texas. Karen and Ray also worked with FEMA for a few years, again, traveling the state of Texas. Karen also did some traveling while competing in Speed Rifle Shooting tournaments.

Karen lived in Centerville Texas with Raymond for many years, where they raised cattle, and she enjoyed gardening her roses and Irises, and had a large

vegetable garden as well. Karen loved to cook, and was always testing “new recipes”, generally using family as the Guinea pigs. She loved to make deserts for the many church functions she attended many years. Her favorite recipes were smothered pork chops, hashbrown casserole, roast beef pot roasts, Shepard’s pie and multiple Jello cakes. She loved making buttermilk pies for holiday occasions. Her cooking will be missed by all of us.

Karen served with the women’s guild at Immanuel Evangelical Church of Needville. She often shopped for the church gathering groceries for the church food bank, and truly enjoyed selecting treats for the children’s lunches. She was delighted to work with the summer vacation bible study. During and after the CoVid19 pandemic, she was a regular at Immanuel Evangelical Church, preparing meals for all those in need, and very happy to have the wonderful community of the congregation.

Karen Sue Koehne Zurek was preceded in death by her parents and husband Raymond. Karen had too many cousins to count. Needville has a population of just over 2800 residents, many of which are related to Karen. She is survived by her stepchildren Jennifer Zurek Patterson, two grandchildren Morgan and Joshua Patterson, and 2 great grandchildren; Matthew Wayne Zurek, and his wife Holly, and grandsons Matthew, Joshua and Jacob Zurek; Angie Michelle Zurek, and grandchildren Nicolas and Breana Morris.

The family appreciates all the love and support given over the recent years of Karen’s failing health.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 BF Terry BLVD
Rosenbug, TX 77471

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 12 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Ms Karen will be missed! As her Home Health nurse for the last 4 to 5 years , we shared many early morning hellos and goodbyes . Last visit in her home she said I'll see you next week my friend. Always pleasant and kind. Rest peacefully Ms Karen! 🙏*

Kirsten Latho, RN - November 10, 2025 at 06:06 PM

AG

we have such great memories of you growing up at Bethel church.sending warm wishes to your family

annegret Goehring - November 11, 2025 at 11:31 AM

YL

I was so sorry to hear about Karen's passing although I know she is free and at peace now. I was not able to make it to her funeral due to my incapacites. My prayers go out to the family.

Yvonne Lingnau - November 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM

KC

“ *Kirsten Lathon, RN Vital Caring purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen Sue Zurek.*



Kirsten Lathon, RN Vital Caring - November 10, 2025 at 05:48 PM

KC

“ Karen & Steve Coyle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Sue Zurek.



Karen & Steve Coyle - November 10, 2025 at 12:56 PM

EC

“ Karen will be remembered as a sweetheart helping Ray when his father, Raymond was very ill. Patsy and I visited her and Ray. jr in Centerville and also went to visit Uncle Raymond in a Rehab there. He was happy to see us. Ray and Karen used to stop by our home in Houston frequently when they came to visit her mom in the Heights. We miss both of you . RIP KAREN AS YOU NOW JOIN YOUR HUSBAND IN HEAVEN. WE LOVE YOU 🙏❤️

Evelyn Welborn Cherry - November 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JP

Thank you very much!

Jennifer Patterson - November 11, 2025 at 06:33 PM

BM

Jenny, Matt, Angie & family, sorry for the loss of Karen...I know the past few years have been challenging. May she rest in peace. Love, Aunt Barbara & Uncle Dennis.

Barbara Marshall - November 11, 2025 at 09:03 PM

DH

“ Darren H. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Karen Sue Zurek.



Darren H. - November 06, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DH

“ Darren H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Zurek.

Darren H. - November 06, 2025 at 10:13 AM