



Karen Irene (Murphy-Schillaci) Berta

January 23, 2017

Karen Irene Berta (Murphy – Schillaci), age 76, of Willoughby, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family Monday January 23, 2017 after a long battle with cancer.

She loved bowling, knitting, gardening, puzzles, and playing cards with family. She valued her family, cherished and adored her 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

She worked for Lawson's, Tri Delta, and she delivered the Plain Dealer. She was totally dedicated to her customers for over 20 years.

Survivors include her brothers, Michael and Joseph Schillaci; sister, Kathleen Nitz; children, Peggy (Charles) Kelly, Patricia Kublin, Joanne (CJ) Pitts, Elizabeth (Chris) Meese, and Tom Berta Jr.; grandchildren, Jason Johnson, Savannah (O'Leary) Smith, Robert Kaplowitz, Phillip Kelly, Chelsea (O'Leary) Willis, Samantha Kelly, Thomas Kublin Welch, Emily Kaplowitz, Emelia Kublin, Jimmy O'Leary, Kelly (O'Leary) Arkkelin.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Schillaci Dennis; father, James Murphy; step-father, Francis Schillaci; sister, Margueritte Schafer; brother, Anthony Schillaci; and her husbands Robert Welch, and Tom Berta Sr.

Memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday January 28, 2017 at Willow Praise Church, 32901 Vine St., Willowick, OH 44095.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Memorial Service

JAN **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Willow Praise Church
32901 Vine Street
Willowick, OH 44095
(440) 944-5683

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“ *Richard and Karen Chakey (Shoemaker) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karen Irene (Murphy-Schillaci) Berta.*



Richard and Karen Chakey (Shoemaker) - January 27, 2017 at 08:39 AM

KC

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Peg and family, I will never forget your mother, she was so nice to me, I have so many great memories playing cards "spoons" drinking coffee with her, waiting for her to pick us up sometimes..lol..such pretty long hair and great smile. We will all be together soon in heaven.*
Love Karen

Karen Chakey - January 27, 2017 at 07:30 AM

PE

Thank you Karen and Richard Chakey. Love and miss you.

Peggy - January 31, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Irene (Murphy-Schillaci) Berta.*



January 26, 2017 at 12:58 PM

JE

“ Party & family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers, are with you.

Janet Eyring - January 24, 2017 at 07:45 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your mom, Karen was a great an wonderful person, she was a great neighbor years ago when I was younger an I will always remember are Monday night bowling league that we bowled together. Our times that your mom an my mom an I would play canasta together so many great times together. You now have your w onderful loving Angel to guide you through life,, God Bless you all in your time of need an healing an always.

Maureen Cohagan McNeil - January 24, 2017 at 05:44 PM

PE

Thank you for your heartfelt wishes, love Karen's family.

Peggy - January 31, 2017 at 11:08 AM