



Karen Hurd "Mimi" (nee: Buynak)

July 3, 1948 - March 9, 2025

Karen Hurd "Mimi" (nee: Buynak), 76, of Mentor, passed away March 9, 2025 at Cleveland Clinic Mentor Hospital. She was born July 3, 1948 in Cleveland, to the late Bernard and Louise Buynak.

Karen was a wonderful Mom that always put her kids first, including her Granddaughter Louise. Karen poured her heart and soul into everything that she did. She cherished her family and friends above all else and loved spending time with them. She loved to cook amazing meals and to keep all of her loved ones well fed; this was one of her many love languages. She felt a deep connection with animals, both big and small, and the natural world around her. She had a green thumb and always kept a beautiful yard. She had a huge heart and was especially sensitive to anyone in need; she was there to lend an ear, give advice, and help in any way that she could. She will be deeply missed.

Survivors include her children, Jackie (Kevin) Oliver and Paul Hurd; granddaughter, Louise Oliver; nephews and niece, Anthony Gildone, Deana (DJ) Stinchcomb and Dominic Gildone and many great nieces and nephews and other loving family members and friends.

Preceding Karen in death is her sister, Beverly Gildone.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held on Thursday, March 20th, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at Pastina Rustic Italian Restaurant. Please join us; eat, drink, and celebrate the joy that Karen brought to any room she entered.

In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions in honor of Karen may be made to www.stjude.org (St. Jude's Children's Hospital) or Geauga Mama Dogs, P.O. Box 107, Burton OH 44021 (Dog Rescue)

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **20**. 5:30 PM (ET)

Pastina Rustic Italian Restaurant
9354 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Jackie and Paul, you have my deepest sympathy. Your Mom was a beautiful soul and a wonderful friend. She had an infectious laugh and a wonderful smile. She will be greatly missed by so many people. The world has lost a very special person. I can't express how her passing has saddened me. May she rest in peace.
Diane Beaudry

Diane Beaudry - March 24, 2025 at 09:58 PM

LJ

“ Karen and I met when we were just 12yrs old where we lived in the 200 Street Projects (The Good Old Days)! Not many people can say they have one TRUE LIFE LONG FRIEND and that is what Karen was to me. We were always there for each other through all the highs and lows. I am going to miss my Dear Friend and all of our 2hr and yes sometimes longer long distance phone conversations and hearing her beautiful laugh. I will continue talking to you and hope somehow you are listening.
Love Ya Girl,
Laverne



LaVerne Julian - March 16, 2025 at 10:24 PM

DF

“ Karen was not only my neighbor, she became a great friend throughout the years. I am going to miss gossiping about the happenings in the neighborhood and sharing stories about our grandchildren. I will miss her helpful advice, getting her expert opinions and hearing her call me “Kiddo.” You truly will be missed, Karen. “Next door” will feel awfully quiet without you. With love always, Debi

Debi Frazier - March 15, 2025 at 07:44 PM

JM

“ Julie and Dave Mead purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen Hurd "Mimi" (nee: Buynak).



Julie and Dave Mead - March 14, 2025 at 11:20 AM

JM

“ Julie and Dave Mead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Hurd "Mimi" (nee: Buynak).

Julie and Dave Mead - March 14, 2025 at 11:20 AM

SU

“ This was the saddest news. Karen was a beautiful friend from high school. We would have annual lunches with other high school friends, and we all enjoyed and will cherish our times together. I’m know she will be missed by all of her family and friends. I also know how much she adored her granddaughter Louise. Rest in Peace Karen.
Love, Sunni

Sunni - March 14, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DT

“ I’m so deeply sorry for your tremendous loss. Your mom was so sweet and I loved talking with her❤️. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

dawn Tabaj - March 13, 2025 at 11:10 PM

BP

“ I’ve been a friend of Karen’s since Junior High School! She was a kind, caring, sweet person!! We took our first solo vacation to Florida to celebrate High School graduation and visit our good friend Connie! I’m so very sorry she’s gone and will miss her greatly!!! God bless you Karen and rest in peace! You will be missed!!!



Barbara Pagon - March 13, 2025 at 08:00 PM

RC

“ Our forever friend.
May you rest in peace



Ray and Connie Cook - March 13, 2025 at 07:11 PM