



Karen Saylor

March 22, 1956 - December 4, 2025

Karen Saylor, 69 of Taylor, Michigan passed away Thursday December 4, 2025, surrounded by family. She was born March 22, 1956, the daughter of Luther Frank Saylor and Norma Estes Saylor. Karen was known for her big heart and her kind and gentle spirit. She adored her nieces and nephews and treated them like they were her own children. She touched many lives through her compassion, warmth, and the joy she shared with those around her. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Karen is survived by sisters; LouAnn Saylor Smedsrud of Millcreek, Utah; Nancy Saylor Weycker of Brownstown Twp, Michigan and Laura Saylor of Taylor, Michigan. She is also survived by nieces and nephews; Christopher & Susan Weycker, Kate Weycker, Meghan Smedsrud Stecki, Otto & Noah Stecki, Joshua Smedsrud, Jeremy Milbank, Tarah Milbank Brown and Elijah Brown.

Funeral Service was 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at Gober Funeral Chapel. The burial was in New Salem Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel directing.

Visitation was 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tuesday at Gober Funeral Chapel.

MAY HER MEMORY BE A BLESSING TO ALL WHO LOVED HER.

Cemetery Details

New Salem Cemetery

590 Center Grove Road
Morgan County
Somerville, AL 35670

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Karen may have been my aunt-in-law, but she loved Tarah, Eli and I like we were her own. She adored Tarah and Eli like a grandmother would with pride, loyalty, and most importantly it was unconditional. She always had kind words, always found a way to make us laugh, and always lifted us up. I'll never forget the day she told me I'd make a good juror because I'm fair and honest which meant a lot to me as those are traits I value highly.

Whenever Karen came to visit she was full of laughter, joy was always high spirited. My wife will carry her words and her love forever. Eli already misses his KK so deeply. He points to her photos and asks for her, and it breaks our hearts while reminding us how special she was to him.

Karen loved fully, and we felt it. We will miss her more than words can say.

max brown - December 11, 2025 at 12:55 PM

LS

“ My sister Karen was so much more than a sister — she was the steady, loving presence that held so many parts of my life together. She helped raise my children as if they were her own. When I was working, she stepped in without hesitation. She drove them to school, to sports, to every little thing that mattered. She showed up for them in every way a second mother would. She helped me keep my home and my life afloat. Whenever I needed support, she was there no questions asked, no complaints, just love and quiet strength. I'll never forget when I wanted to make a career change all those years ago. Almost everyone told me not to do it. But Karen looked at me and said, “Lori, you should go for it.” She believed in me when no one else did, and I have carried that moment in my heart ever since. That was who she was — the one person who saw the best in me and encouraged me to reach for more. When our parents grew older, she stood beside me again, helping care for them with the same compassion and devotion she gave to everyone she loved. Karen was my sister, but she was also my comfort, my encourager, my safe place. Losing her leaves a space in my heart that nothing will ever fill. I will miss her every single day, but I will carry her love with me for the rest of my life. I love you so much Karen!!



Rest in piece my dear sister!❤️❤️❤️

laura saylor - December 11, 2025 at 11:18 AM

LS

“ I’m so sorry for the loss of my dear, precious cousin. Karen was such a kind, sweet soul. We may not have seen her as often, but she was loved just the same. It is so wonderful to hear all the love, joy and treasured memories she brought her family, friends and others. She will be greatly missed.



Louette Saylor - December 09, 2025 at 09:59 PM

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“ To all of us her nieces and nephews she was so much more than an aunt. She was a mother at heart.

She was the one who helped us clean up our messes, not just the ones scattered around the house, but the ones we carried inside. With her kindness, patience, and gentle understanding, she had a way of calming our little storms without ever making us feel judged.

She loved spending time with us as kids, and every child who was around her felt seen, loved, and truly special. She would never let a child cry. She had a gift for turning simple moments into memories we'll hold onto forever, always ready to lend a helping hand. And of course, she did most of it with a coffee in her hand. Somehow that cup became part of her, warmth and comfort, just like she was.

She mothered all of us in the ways that mattered most. She gave love freely and supported us whenever we needed her. From caring for us when we were sick, to running errands with us, to helping with homework, to loving each one of us as if we were her own. Aunt Karen showed up in every way that counted. Even when our own moms questioned our choices, she stood by us with steady support and an open heart.

Aunt by name, mother by heart her kindness shaped our lives. We'll carry her love with us always.

Tarah Milbank Brown - December 09, 2025 at 07:32 PM

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“ Nancy Saylor Weycker lit a candle in memory of Karen Saylor



Nancy Saylor Weycker - December 08, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Karen growing up. I remember that she was always in the garden outside with my dad, who planted a huge garden every year. Karen was like a shadow for our dad and always loved being outside. When my family lived in Canton, Michigan for 27 years, Karen would come and help me plant flowers in our yard. Once, when my sister LouAnn and I were memorizing all of the books of the Bible for a contest at church. Karen walked by and said, “I can say them too,” and she recited all of them in order. She was only 3 years old. Karen was a very talented dancer in tap, ballet, jazz and Spanish dancing. Two of the girls she danced trios and special numbers with went on to be in the New York City Ballet Company. As her older sister, we did many activities together and had a lot of fun. For several years she and I would go roller skating every Saturday. Karen and I joined the Ski Club through our school system and spent many nights skiing at Mount Holly. Karen was a wonderful sister and Aunt to our children. I will always carry these precious memories of her in my heart forever. Nancy Saylor Weycker

Nancy Saylor Weycker - December 08, 2025 at 02:32 PM