



Karen H. Harrison

October 18, 1946 - February 8, 2025

Karen H. Harrison (nee Haskins), of Marlton, NJ, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2025. Born in Glen Ridge, NJ to the late Guy and Elizabeth (nee Runyan) Haskins on October 18, 1946, she was 78 years old.

Karen was the beloved wife of Bruce L. Harrison for 54 years; loving mother of Brent L. Harrison (Leah Blain) and Lev Harrison; cherished Nana of Odin and Isis Harrison; dear sister of Linda Miller and Wendy Noel Haskins-Hafer. Karen is also survived by nieces, nephews, extended family members, and many friends, who will miss her greatly.

Karen earned a bachelors degree from Wittenburg University and a masters degree in education from Indiana University. Thereafter, she worked as a teacher and then as a human resources professional with PNC Bank for over 40 years. She served on the board of directors of both Habitat for Humanity and Goodwill Industries. Karen was a dedicated member of two bridge groups and loved traveling. She cherished time in the Thousand Islands with family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Givnish of Marlton, 398 East Main Street, on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 10am to 11:30am for a viewing and a brief ceremony. A luncheon at Tre Famiglia in Haddonfield will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karen's memory to Habitat for Humanity, <https://habitatcamden.com>.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton
398 E Main St
Marlton, NJ 08053
(856) 452-5090
info@givnish.com

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Mr. Harrison, Brent, Lev...*

It's been awhile but so saddened to see the news of Mrs Harrison's passing. I have so many fond memories of growing up from the baseball fields to the swimming pool and many sleepovers at the Harrison residence....the good old days. My parents and I are thinking of you.

Chris Radziwill - February 16, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MK

“ *4 files added to the album Barnes Foundation Discoveries & Handwoven Runner Karen Appreciated*



Marjorie Knowles - February 13, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Karen H. Harrison.*



February 13, 2025 at 04:59 PM

“ Hi Karen,

You and Bruce were more of a family to me than my own. You both saved me from a more severe future; inviting me to your home, offering me advice, appreciating my textile weavings (more so than anyone I've ever known), and graciously taking me on a trip to Asheville, NC at several critical junctures of my life. That one trip was life altering for me.

I had the best time with you visiting the new Barnes Foundation. I will never forget our time together. I loved watching how bright and curious you were as we explored the artworks. You appreciated the art as much as I did. I loved showing you the tidbits I had discovered there. You were just as excited with such discoveries as I was.

I enjoyed watching you and Bruce dote over your children and grandchildren and wished I had had the great fortune of experiencing such love and attention from my own family. I'll never forget you deciding you were going to make a Sponge Bob Square Pants birthday cake (no small feat either) for one of your grandkids. I loved watching Bruce interact with your grandkids as well with such adoration and love.

I'll also never forget how active you both were. Bruce was busy running off to his beloved softball games and aerial yoga classes, and you were busily running off to your exercise classes. You somehow managed to look 20 years younger than your actual age.

You shared your love of folk music with your family, taking them on trips to various venues. I felt they were the luckiest kids on the planet to have had such opportunities. I also loved hearing about your trips around the world, wishing I could have joined you. Bruce is a true scholar, so you must have learned so much from him, taking in all you were experiencing together.

You both have built a most beautiful, bright, adventuresome family together, enduring many hardships along the way. I never heard either of you complain, a trait I am still in need of adopting.

I will always have the fondest memories of you. I'm deeply saddened by your passing. I'm hoping you're enjoying your new existence wherever you are now.

By the way, I saw the photo of you in your obituary in the Courier-Post on 10 Feb 2025 as a young woman. You were so beautiful and looked so bright, spunky, and full of verve. I see why Bruce scooped you up and kept you as his wife for 54 years.

*Forever grateful to you and Bruce,
and with much love,*

Marjorie Knowles

[P.S. Excuse me for this, but ... If it's at all possible, I'd love to hear how you're doing from 'the other side'.]

Marjorie Knowles - February 13, 2025 at 04:53 PM

SP

“ *Dear Bruce, You were very kind to me when I played my first year of softball 3-4 years ago. I always appreciated your encouragement, as well as your willingness to put yourself in front of those hard ground balls to third base, a couple of which were hit by me. You are a real gentleman and so I just wanted to express my sympathies. — Steve Pappaterra*

Steve Pappaterra - February 13, 2025 at 03:34 PM

BB

“ *Dear Bruce and Family
I am very sad to hear about your loss. Knowing what a good man you are Bruce makes it even harder to understand Karen's passing.
God Bless you and your family. Prayers and thoughts with you at this difficult time.
Hope to see you again on the baseball field this year.*

Bill Berks

Bill Berks - February 12, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karen H. Harrison.*



February 11, 2025 at 11:17 AM

BR

“ *Dear Bruce, Lev, Brent and family - since I moved away 7 years ago, it has been a long time since I saw Karen. I am so sorry for you loss. She had a sharp mind and a keen eye! We shared the friendship of our sons. We shared some glasses of wine over a Harrowgate dinner. We shared our own friendship. Wishing you all many memories that bring smiles to your faces and hearts. Brenda Korach (and Ken, Sam and Max)*

Brenda - February 10, 2025 at 09:30 PM

KD

Dear Bruce

We are very sorry for loss. Our condolences to Lev, Brent and you. We are in Florida and will see you in March.

Kiran-Kirti

kiran Doshi - February 12, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen H. Harrison.*



February 10, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen H. Harrison.*



February 10, 2025 at 01:28 PM