



Karen Starr Milligan

January 17, 2016

Karen Bobb Starr Steppacher Milligan (née Steppacher) passed away on January 17th 2016. Karen was the loving wife of John M. Milligan. Dear mother to Michael Milligan, La Quinta, CA; Augustus Milligan, Cinnaminson, NJ. Grandmother to Nicholas R. Milligan, La Quinta, CA. Sister of Dr. Robert Steppacher, Barnegat Light, NJ; Lois S. Lazzarino, Mary Louise Steppacher, NYC; Augustus H. Steppacher, Jr., Clarks Summit, PA; the late Paul A. Steppacher, Jessup, PA; Ann P. G. Chamberlain, Farmingville, NY; and William C. Steppacher, Waverly, PA. Adored aunt to many nieces and nephews, beloved friend, wise mentor, and kind neighbor in Cinnaminson, NJ, and Surf City, NJ.

Any and all who met Karen were welcomed by her warm spirit, generous hospitality; inspired by her passion for life, and her commitment to excellence in each of her passionate endeavors.

Karen was a natural athlete who loved the outdoors. She excelled at skiing, and taught many to ski on the water and on the snow. She loved the outdoors, gardening, tennis, ocean kayaking, Rollerblading, golf, and bicycling- the only free ride her children ever got was as toddlers in her bicycle's rickshaw on LBI Boulevard!

As a dedicated realtor in her chosen home of Burlington County, Karen was known to her customers and peers by her motto, "Promises made, promises kept". She was elected by her peers as a Director of the Burlington Camden County Association of Realtors®, and subsequently served as President of

the Association. Milligan was also chosen to serve two terms as the Association's Director representative for the NJ Association of Realtors®. Karen achieved many honors, in business and personally, including the prestigious Prudential President's Circle award. An ageless wonder, she helped break barriers for women in many areas, in work and sports, and won many downhill competitions when skiing was still a new and challenging sport in the US. One of her favorite Mother's Day gifts was her ocean kayak. Karen was a Past President of the Moorestown Lions Club having served two consecutive terms. She was chosen to serve on the Moorestown Service Club Council, the panel which elects the Citizen of the Year, and served as Publicity Chair. When asked her philosophy, Karen often quoted Mario Andretti: "Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you to attain the success you seek ". She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Karen was a guiding light and shining example to many, mother by birth or by choice, providing a hot meal, a warm heart, and an open mind and home. Indeed, Karen will be sorely missed by any and all who had the great blessing to have known her.

Friends and relatives are invited to Karen's Life Celebration gathering on Tuesday, January 26th from 4:00pm to 7:00 pm at Carlucci's Waterfront, 876 Centerton Rd, Mt. Laurel, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your favorite charity. To share your favorite memories of Karen, please visit GivnishFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Celebration

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlucci's Waterfront
876 Centerton rd
Mount Laurel, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Starr Milligan*



Givnish Funeral Home - January 25, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ *Karen Starr Milligan*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *I worked on a number of real estate transactions with Karen. She was a real energized go getter and was tireless in her efforts for her clients. She was also an outstanding Lions Club member and as such continued her father's tradition. She had a big heart and was a good person. She will be missed. Pete Thorndike*

peter thorndike - January 25, 2016 at 03:31 PM



“ 129 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Givnish Funeral Home - January 25, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ 121 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Givnish Funeral Home - January 24, 2016 at 11:20 AM

ER

“ Karen will be truly missed by her friends, family and co-workers. She was always there to help out. She was very knowledgeable and very smart and was always willing to share. She also had a great sense of humor. My condolences are sent to her family. May you rest in peace dear Karen.

Estelle Rattner

Estelle Rattner - January 24, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Starr Milligan.



January 23, 2016 at 07:01 PM

MS

“ Karen was a person of many strengths. She was extremely dedicated to her clients and our industry and being a past president of the Board of Realtors she always was trying her best to make improvements for the better of all. She would always provide her insight at our sales meetings over the years an I will miss her greatly and will always admire her amazing fortitude. Many Blessings to all of her family.
My heartfelt sympathy is sincerely with you all.

MaryAnn Stack - January 23, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JS

“ I have many fond memories with Karen at the office in Moorestown. We often would help each other with fixing the printer, using the company websites, sharing information, and just having a friendly chat. She worked incredibly hard and was 100% devoted to what and whom she cared about. I loved her strong spirit, beautiful eyes and smile. And she always looked fabulous! She will forever be in my heart and memories. I send my deepest condolences to her family and all who were touched by her.

Jessica Stack - January 23, 2016 at 11:01 AM

DG

*Karen lived with passion.
Katen will be remembered by many who knew her.
Karen will remain in our hearts and thoughts with Love.
She will be missed.
Love you Girl!*

Dorothy Gibson - January 23, 2016 at 02:18 PM

LK

“ Karen was a truly caring friend and one that was always thoughtful of others. She was known for: her avid love of reading; never taking a day off from her realty career; and her uncanny ability to fix anything that was broken. From her front porch swing, to the beach at LBI, many special moments were shared.

Lynn Kronberger - January 22, 2016 at 07:47 AM

NM

“ Karen was a second mother to me. A spectacular woman! I am truly going to miss her.

norma maytag - January 21, 2016 at 04:41 PM

BF

“ *Bob, Mary & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Starr Milligan.*



Bob, Mary & Family - January 21, 2016 at 01:19 PM

BG

“ *Karen was kind to me when I first started at Fox & Roach in 2002. I have happy memories of playing in the yearly softball tournament with her. She had a competitive spirit which served her well on the field and in her real estate career. May her memory forever be a blessing and may your fondest memories of your time spent together sustain you through your grief. With my deepest condolences,*
Beth Gonyea

Beth Gonyea - January 21, 2016 at 01:05 PM