



Karen Marie Leary

January 2, 1968 - September 2, 2024

Karen Marie (Vivian) Leary, age 56 of West Conshohocken, passed away suddenly on Monday, September 2, 2024. She was born on January 2, 1968, daughter of the late Peter Sr. and Bernadette (Graham) Vivian. She was the beloved wife of Robert Leary for over 39 years.

Karen was a lifelong resident of West Conshohocken. She graduated from Upper Merion High School Class of 1986; Chestnut Hill College Class of 2009 (Bachelors Degree); and Chestnut Hill College Class of 2022 (Masters Degree). She was employed by the University Of Pennsylvania as an IT Support Specialist for over 20 years. She went on to acquire her dream job; teaching mathematics to special needs children in Philadelphia. She enjoyed knitting, reading, camping, and Jeeping. Above all, she loved her family and spending time with her hunny and her grandbabies.

Beside her husband, Bob; she is survived by: a son, Christopher (Krista); 2 daughters, Elizabeth Kagan (Andrew) and Kelly Jagers (Zach); a brother, Peter Vivian Jr.; her beloved grandmother, Mary Rutkowski; 8 grandchildren (Jordan, Dylan, Ryan, Margaret) (Maxwell, Emily) (Gabriel, Lily); many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects on Monday morning,

September 9th, from 8-9:45am at the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken. A funeral mass will commence at 10:30AM in St. Matthew RC Church, 3rd Ave. & Fayette St., Conshohocken. Internment, Calvary Cemetery in West Conshohocken.

In lieu of flowers; memorial donations may be made to: Autism Speaks at autismspeaks.org

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Matsonford Rd
West Conshohocken, PA 19428

Previous Events

Morning Visitation

SEP 9. 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

William A. Moore Funeral Home
708 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
(610) 828-4006
<https://www.williamamoore.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Matthews Roman Catholic Church
219 Fayette St
Conshohocken, pa 19428

Tribute Wall

CN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I found out about the passing of Karen through Sandy Leary. I am a friend of Sandy. All of you are in my thoughts, and prayers. In Karen's memory I am sending a gift to Autism speaks. Think of you in your loss.

Sincerely,

Candy Nahrgang

Candy Nahrgang - September 09, 2024 at 05:48 PM

CV

“ So sorry for the loss of Karen. She was always a pleasure to spend time with at Womens Wheeling Day. Sending my condolences to her entire family including the Jeep community.

Christie Vinson - September 08, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Leary.



September 07, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Courtney lit a candle in memory of Karen Marie Leary



Cheryl courtney - September 07, 2024 at 10:58 AM

WH

“ With love, Krystal Hunt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Marie Leary.

With love, Krystal Hunt - September 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Leary.



September 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM

LI

“ Sincere condolences and prayers to the family.

Lou lanelli - September 06, 2024 at 06:34 PM

LG

“ Love, Che and Gail planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Marie Leary.

Love, Che and Gail - September 06, 2024 at 01:36 PM



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“ *Pam Knight planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Marie Leary.*

Pam Knight - September 06, 2024 at 10:25 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Marie Leary.*



September 06, 2024 at 10:25 AM

PK

“ I will miss you so much Karen, my cherished friend. We were colleagues together at Wharton, running simulations late into the evening. We discovered our shared passion for all things yarn and knitting, and a good British-style afternoon tea. We met often at Taste of Britain, and for several years went together to the Maryland Sheep and Wool festival, having fun, spending over our budgets and enjoying the food. I will so miss your lovely smile, warm friendship and support, and your pride in your family. You will live on in the many beautiful things you have created, and always in my heart. My sympathy and well wishes to the family.



Pam Knight - September 06, 2024 at 10:14 AM

AS

“ We were so fortunate to have Karen and her family move in a few houses over 30 years ago. She was always welcoming and kind. We couldn't have asked for a better neighbor/family.

I have so many fond memories of her from all of the time spent at her house growing up. She offered comfort, kindness, and looked out for me and my family. I'm still in shock, and will miss her very much. Sending my love, hugs and deepest sympathies to the family.

Ashley Sullivan - September 06, 2024 at 09:51 AM

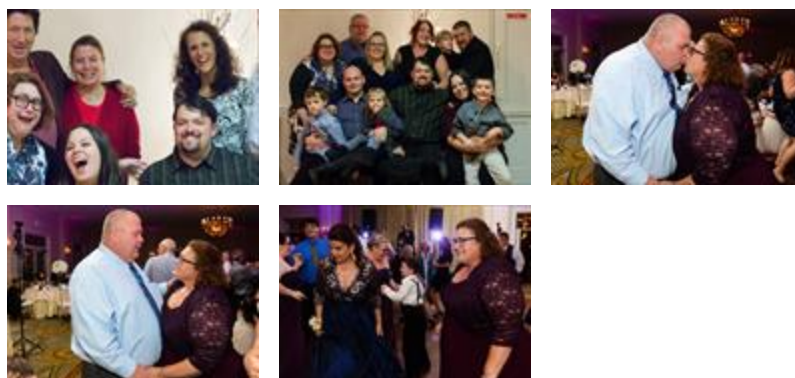
MH

“ Love you so much Karen. I will always remember getting the best hugs from you that lasted a minute long, giggling with you as you looked over your glasses at knitting—and I think of you when I do it now, sharing memories of your dear Mom, and hearing how proud you were of your beautiful family, kids and grandkids. You inspired me pursuing your passions and dreams, and finding the joy and beauty in so many moments. You cheered everyone on, made the world seem brighter, and I’m so sad to hear you’re gone too soon. However I also think that you loved a full life filled with the people you loved, and enjoyed so much—and hope you are with your Mom now. I’ll miss you and remember you always. With all my love to the entire family. Marissa Huber (a Philly knitting friend)

Marissa Huber - September 05, 2024 at 08:11 PM

CM

“ Everyone always joked that Kelly and I were born to the wrong moms, and that I was little Karen. You were always a second mom to me, as my mom was to your girls. I owe my love of knitting and yarn to you and your beautiful daughter, my best friend, Kelly. Love you lots Karen. I’m going to miss you.



Colleen MacIntosh - September 05, 2024 at 02:33 PM

AU

“ Aunts & Uncles purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Marie Leary.



Aunts & Uncles - September 05, 2024 at 09:13 AM

AU

“ Aunts & Uncles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Marie Leary.

Aunts & Uncles - September 05, 2024 at 09:13 AM

TA

“ We were incredibly lucky to have Karen as a colleague at Wharton for so many years. She and I chatted daily - we were two cubes apart. We helped run a few tech conferences here together; her spirit was wonderful. We had first met back in the "BBS" days of the late 1980s. She will be missed.

Tim A. - September 05, 2024 at 09:09 AM

MT

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Mireya Taylor - September 04, 2024 at 08:42 PM

MT

It was a joy to work with Ms Leary! Remembering her calm voice, kindness, and how she participated in kindling school spirit. Sending heart felt condolences to all her family.

Mireya Taylor - September 04, 2024 at 08:54 PM

AS

“ *Ashley, Steve, Jocelyn & Sarah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen Marie Leary.*



Ashley, Steve, Jocelyn & Sarah - September 04, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember going Trick-or-Treating with Karen, my Mom and Beth. We'd gather so much candy, and then we would stop at her Mom's house for candied apples. I will be praying for your family.*

Jennifer (Eckenroad) Sholley - September 04, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JC

“ *Karen was one of the nicest human beings I have ever met!!!!*

She was so, so loved by her Mom and Dad and knowing that they are now together is somewhat comforting.

My Sincere Condolences to Bob, Beth and Kelly and to Pete of course. I loved Karen and will miss her dearly!

Jacqui Carracappa - September 04, 2024 at 01:05 PM

KJ

“ I did not know Karen very well but I knew her beautiful daughter, Kelly who is married to my nephew. Kelly is a wonderful woman because she was raised by such an amazing woman. My condolences to the family.



Kristen Jagers - September 04, 2024 at 12:59 PM

KG

Nice working with Karen her first year at Widener, she will be missed,

Karen Green - September 06, 2024 at 09:20 PM