



Karen Chemay

December 17, 1954 - August 12, 2015

Karen Koleszar Chemay

Karen, age 60, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 surrounded by her loved ones. She was a resident of Hungarian Settlement where she grew up on the family farm. Karen graduated from Albany High school in 1972 and continued her education at Southeastern Louisiana University where she graduated in 1978. She was a school teacher for 24 years and spent most of her career in Albany Upper Elementary. Karen met and married the love of her life, Mark, on July 26, 1980 at St. Margaret Catholic Church. She was a devout Catholic and very devoted to her church; she was a member of St. Margaret Ladies Auxiliary. Karen loved animals, but her favorite were hummingbirds. She was a very special Aunt to her sister's children, a devoted wife, loving sister, and great friend to many.

Karen is survived by her husband, Mark Chemay; sister, Ramona Koleszar Jenkins and husband Michael; brother, Louis Gilbert Koleszar Jr.; sister-in-law, Constance Chemay; brothers-in-law, Frank Chemay and wife Cynthia, Frederick Chemay and wife Judy, and Albert Chemay. She is also survived by her special nieces and nephews, David and wife Stacey Jenkins, Laura and husband Jake LeBlanc, Annie and husband Kenny Brabham, Richard and wife Lisa DeLong, and Jared Chemay; great-nieces and nephews, Jillian Jenkins, Samuel LeBlanc, Logan Brabham, Joseph Chemay; and a host of many friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Ethel Koleszar.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at the Chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Sunday, August 16, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. Visitation will continue on Monday, August 17, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. A funeral procession will follow to St. Margaret Catholic Church for the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Robert Merced assisted by Deacon John Veron will be officiating and interment will follow in St. Margaret Catholic Church Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the staffs at North Oaks ICU and Intermediate Care and Post-Acute Specialty Hospital, especially Gloria Willie.

The family would also like to thank the doctors; Arvind Yertha, Theepa Thaya, Syed Rab, Saurabh Gupta for their compassionate care of Karen.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret Catholic Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 16. 7:15 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home
12012 Hwy. 190 West
Hammond, LA 70401

Visitation

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

AUG 17. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **17**. 11:00 AM.

St. Margaret Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I just found out by seeing this. Im so sorry .I think of Y'all. Ofon.I would have came to the services if i new. I loved Karen an Ramona . love Sharon.

Sharon Crockett - September 02, 2015 at 05:43 PM

EB

“ Wishing the Chemay and Koleszar families peace. I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Karen. It is my heartfelt prayer that God will give the family peace in your quiet moments and comfort to replace your grief. I know your hearts are heavy right now and the pain of losing Karen seems unbearable but please know you are not alone. At Isaiah 41:10 God promises you, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you. I will really hold on to you with my right hand of righteousness." While grief at the loss of Karen is great - joy of welcoming her back in the resurrection will be even greater. God again promises, "Your Dead Will Live. Awake and shout joyfully, You Residents In The Dust!" (Isaiah 26:19)

Evelyn Brooks - August 22, 2015 at 06:18 PM



“ Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Karen Chemay.



August 17, 2015 at 08:44 AM

MM

“ *Marleen Mocsary lit a candle in memory of Karen Chemay*



Marleen Mocsary - August 16, 2015 at 04:34 PM

MM

“ *God has truly taken an Angel. I will never forget Karen's bright smile. I am thinking about all of the other family memories--Aunt Katie's after church each Sunday.*

Marleen and Carlos

Marleen Mocsary - August 16, 2015 at 04:32 PM

GA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*

Gordon and ELoise Anderson - August 16, 2015 at 01:50 AM

JS

“ *In the fall of 1971, I was a student teacher at Albany High and was blessed to have had Karen in my class. She was an excellent student and made my days easier. May she rest in peace. I know her family will miss her.*

Janet S Schoonmaker - August 15, 2015 at 11:11 AM

LP

“ *Karen wasa bright spot in all the get-togethers we attended with family. She will be greatly missed. We will cherish our memories of such a lovely lady.*

Linda Plaisance - August 14, 2015 at 10:38 PM

FG

SUCH A SWEET HEART TO KNOW AND TALK WITH. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER.

FAY GLASCOCK - August 20, 2015 at 01:02 PM

DI

“ *Denis Ivanyisky lit a candle in memory of Karen Chemay*



Denis Ivanyisky - August 14, 2015 at 10:12 PM

DI

She was such a sweet person and always had a smile no matter her problems, loved her and Mark! I certainly know how he feels with his Lose, but his faith will get him through! My prayers for all! Love ya Ramona and Mike and family!! Always here for ya!!

Denis Ivanyisky - August 14, 2015 at 10:20 PM

RB

“ *Robert G. Barrilleaux purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Karen Chemay.*



Robert G. Barrilleaux - August 14, 2015 at 09:15 PM

RB

“ *Our condolences to everyone. She was a beautiful lady who will be greatly missed!*

The Barksdale family



Rebecca Barksdale - August 14, 2015 at 10:30 AM

RP

“ *I firmly believe there is a new saint in heaven since Wednesday. God bless the Chemay, Koleszar, and Jenkins families. Robert and Sue Pauli*

Robert Pauli - August 14, 2015 at 10:07 AM

MS

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort for all of you.*



Melinda Friedman Smith - August 14, 2015 at 09:35 AM

VD

“ *She was such a wonderful person! We all loved her dearly*

Victoria Mocsary



Victoria Mocsary and Al Dranguet - August 13, 2015 at 04:38 PM

AB

“ *Annie, Kenny, & Logan Brabham lit a candle in memory of Karen Chemay*



Annie, Kenny, & Logan Brabham - August 13, 2015 at 04:10 PM

GM

“ *My prayers and condolences to all.*



Greg Mocsary - August 13, 2015 at 03:00 PM

HS

“ *Hunter Staton lit a candle in memory of Karen Chemay*



Hunter Staton - August 13, 2015 at 01:39 PM

PS

“ *Patrice And Hunter Staton lit a candle in memory of Karen Chemay*



Patrice and Hunter Staton - August 13, 2015 at 01:37 PM

HS

Karen was loved by everyone that knew her.

Hunter Staton - August 13, 2015 at 01:43 PM

MS

Prayers for family and friends , she was loved by so many people and the best teacher around.

Manda betts sullivan - August 14, 2015 at 07:46 AM

VJ

So sorry for the loss of a special lady.

Virginia Johnson - August 14, 2015 at 10:01 AM

AM

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I never remember a time seeing Karen that she didn't have a smile on her face. She will be missed by all.

Alice Galladora Martina - August 15, 2015 at 11:39 AM