



Karen Shockey

March 5, 1948 - February 8, 2021

Karen Diane Shockey 1948-2021

Karen was born at White Cross Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Lawrence Alan and Elda Ruth (Ayers) Shockey on March 5, 1948 and passed away at Smith's Mill Health Campus in New Albany, Ohio on February 8, 2021.

Karen graduated from North High School in 1966 and attended The Ohio State University. She was employed for 30+ years with the State of Ohio, Department of Comprehensive Employment and Training (CETA), current name Job and Family Services. She retired in 2001.

Karen provided care for her mother at their home in Columbus for several years prior to Elda's death in 2004.

She had a wide circle of friends and loved animals (especially cats) and music. Her professional career was technical, but she was essentially artistic and spiritual, a follower of Tibetan Buddhism and an active member and co-founder of the Shambhala Columbus Meditation Group of Ohio. She traveled extensively to attend Buddhist training sessions and was given the Tibetan name Emerald Lioness.

Her creative talents were exhibited by participating and creating Ikebana, Japanese Culture flower arrangements. She was a member of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana and Ikebana International Chapter 84 of Columbus. Many of her flower arrangements were exhibited at the Franklin Park Conservatory. She was an enthusiastic participant in family life, hosting Kentucky Derby and New Year Day parties, never forgetting family birthdays and special occasions. Her macaroni and cheese dish was legendary.

Karen was the beloved aunt of Alana Rae Shockey (Matt) Mele and Kathryn Ruth (Rick) Wood. She was great aunt to Kai Shockey Mele, Lila Rae Mele, and Olivia Ruth Wood, all of New Albany.

She is survived by her sister Dr. Linda Shockey, Reading, England; brother, Thomas Shockey and sister-in-law Dr. Susan Shockey, New Albany, Ohio. First cousins, the Chenko family: John Lee Chenko (deceased), Susan (Roger) Scott, Sarah (Chris) Chenko, and Yollan (Samuel, deceased) Little and the Shockey family including John (Marian) Shockey (both deceased), Daniel (Dorothy (Dot) Shockey, and Elizabeth Ann (Norman, deceased) Feichter and many second cousins and friends, and family friend, Judith Kitchen.

No public services will be held at this time.

Memorial remembrances should be sent to the Shambala Meditation Group of Columbus. The mailing address is SMCC, 4495 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43214 or PayPal Link at [Columbus.shambhala.org](https://columbus.shambhala.org)

Events

MAR **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Schoedinger Northeast Chapel

1051 E Johnstown Rd, Gahanna, OH, US, 43230

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - March 03 at 11:15 AM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - March 01 at 04:55 PM



“ So grateful to be here. A beautiful setup with flowers and prayer flags!

Janice Glowski - March 05 at 10:15 AM



“ Thanks for sharing your memories. I was blessed to know her and I will miss her.

Ruth Bigler

Ruth Bigler - March 05 at 11:14 AM



“ Beautiful and inspiring service. We felt like we knew Karen a bit after the shared memories.

Thanks for sharing this event with us. Doug and Patti Slusher

Doug & Patti Slusher - March 05 at 11:16 AM



“ A beautiful and fitting Celebration of Life for a beautiful person! I hope to continue to be inspired by her example. Thank you, bless you!

Christina Clark - March 05 at 11:48 AM

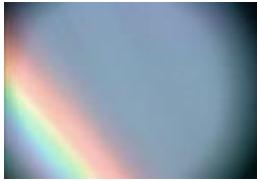


“ Beautiful ceremony for Karen, she will be missed. Love and prayers always

Yollan Little - April 18 at 07:04 PM



“ My husband, Vince and I will be ever-grateful to Karen for her friendship: for being an example of authentic presence, kindness, generosity and sense of humor. These photos were taken by Karen and sent to me: They are from one of our 4 visits to receive teachings from His Holiness the Dalai Lama. These 2 are from 2007 Bloomington, Indiana. When we arrived, there were rainbows in the sky. The second is from inside the auditorium. Sending love to Karen's family and friends. Karen, as you transition, please know that we hold you in loving presence with gratitude.



Christina - March 05 at 11:42 AM



“ Charles Vickers is following this tribute.

Fred Vickers - March 05 at 10:06 AM



“ May Karen's family and friends celebrate the beautiful life Karen led! Sue Young

Soo Young - March 05 at 10:06 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Shockey.



March 01 at 11:46 PM



“ Shambhala Meditation Center of Columbus Sangha purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Karen Shockey.



Shambhala Meditation Center of Columbus Sangha - February 13 at 05:52 PM



“ I knew Karen through Ikebana International Chapter 84. She was always eager to help and her arrangements were beautiful. My thoughts and prayers to her family, friends, and everyone who loved her.

Joe Rotella - February 12 at 06:44 PM



“ Adam lit a candle in memory of Karen Shockey



Adam - February 11 at 09:34 AM