



# Karen D. Olack

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**K**aren Olack, 78 of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away to her new state of peace on May 12, 2024. She was born in Pittsburgh on May 26, 1945 to the late James and Mary Todd.

Karen is survived by her son John Raymond Olack, III (Ryan Haught); grandchildren Kenadie Saige Matta and Jake Christopher Matta; and Son-in-Law Christopher Anthony Matta.

She is preceded in death by her husband John Raymond Olack II; daughter Sharie May Matta; parents James and Mary Todd and sister Claudette Seger.

Karen was a graduate of Carrick High School and Robert Morris University. She worked at Carnegie Mellon University for 27 years.

Karen loved knitting and teaching her grandkids how to do the activities she so greatly enjoyed. Her baking and cooking will be missed by all, but out of all of her accomplishments in life, creating and raising her family was the greatest. Karen will be missed greatly for her spirit and dedication that she has shared with all of her loved ones.

Friends and family will be received on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 from 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills, PA 15236.

A Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home chapel on Sunday, May 19th at 12pm.

Burial will be handled by Jefferson Memorial Park

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Diabetes Foundation at <https://diabetes.org/ways-to-give>; or Cancer Research Foundation at <https://www.cancerresearchfdn.org/donate/>



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Online condolences can be made at: [jeffersonmemorial.com](http://jeffersonmemorial.com).



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DC

**Deb Cavlovich** posted:

Karen was the heart and soul of the CS department at CMU - she treated us all like family. These ladies exhibited the meaning of hard work, friendship and true kindness to everyone they encountered. Karen will be deeply missed by me and many - Deb Cavlovich

May 19 at 2:06 PM

CE

**Carole Elm** posted:

Our condolences to the Todd side of the family.- The Elms (Bill, Carole and Laurie)

May 19 at 4:45 AM

CP

**Christine Pohuly** posted:

Karen was the heart and soul of Carnegie Mellon's CS Department. As someone who worked with Karen for the 20+ years of Karen's 27, she always had the answer for me. I spent my time in Human Resources (Benefits) and came to count on Karen for her continued support of matters related to CS. I will truly miss her. Christine Pohuly

May 18 at 9:17 AM

TK

**The Kid** posted:

Karen gave love unconditional to everyone.

May 17 at 2:45 PM

LO

**Lois Mcmanis, Sylvia Olack And Bob Olack** posted:

TO OUR DEAR SISTER-IN-LAW

May 16 at 5:04 PM

JO

**Jay Olack** posted:

Mom, my heart is broken but I know youre out of pain. I will always love you! Jay

May 16 at 10:59 AM



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RD

**Roger Dannenberg** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear the news. Karen was always a friendly and supportive member of the CMU \"family\" and we miss her. My deepest condolences to her family.

May 15 at 9:33 AM

DO

**Donna** posted:

Jay, We are so sorry to hear about your mom, she's was a very nice person. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Donna and Sue Wielock

May 14 at 6:35 PM

MP

**Marlene Paulikonis** posted:

Karen was a great cousin to me and I have A lot of memories growing up with her and all the fun we had. She was a special person to many and will be missed. But now Karen you can Rest In Peace with your mom dad Jack and especially your special daughter Sherri. You are all back together again and enjoy your life in heaven. Will miss you Karen but you can be in peace now. Until we see you again tell my ma and dad I love them and give them hugs

May 14 at 12:06 PM

TS

**Teryl & Jim Mccaffrey, Lori & Dave Demetrio, & Donn Seger & Tara Lazur's** posted:

With our deepest sympathy and prayers to Jay, Chris, Kenadie, and Jake.

May 14 at 12:00 PM



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**Georgian Wielock-Orr** posted:

Jay, My heart hurts for you. I will always remember Karen from the days where I showed up at Sharie's (which was almost every day for years!) and she greeted me with open arms - even when we were hiding Chinese food because your dad couldn't stand the smell of it! We had many conversations over those years - dinners, laughs, outings and she even gave me some tough love that I needed! I remember Sharie being able to talk to your mom about anything and she was always so open. I know it hasn't been the easiest over the past few years, but all I can think about is that she is back with her loves and watching you, Kenadie, and Jake from above. Karen was a good person who loved her family - even when it seemed annoying or was hard to find. I think of Sharie so often, I now have solace in knowing they are having some crazy convos together again. I can already see your dad's face! Know you all are close in my heart. All of you have my deepest sympathy. Love, Georgian (Genie) Orr

May 14 at 9:12 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Karen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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