



Karen Leslie Ruck

December 24, 1942 - March 8, 2022

Karen Leslie Ruck, 79, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at The Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio surrounded by family. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio, to the late Stanley T. and Betty J. Bowden. Karen graduated from Canfield High School and went on to attend Bowling Green State University, majoring in Elementary Education. She also graduated with a Master's degree in Childhood Education from The Ohio State University.

Karen was a dedicated teacher and truly enjoyed teaching the younger students. She retired after teaching 15 years at Centennial Elementary. She also taught and served as the director at Salem Nursery School for 5 years.

She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority while at BGSU and remained an active alumni member. She was a long-time member of the Wapakoneta Junior Service League, Irving Club and a member at St. Paul United Church of Christ. She enjoyed playing Bridge with her friends.

Karen was a devoted mother and is survived by her three children, Michelle (Brad) Hards, Dublin, Ohio, Todd (Susan) Ruck, Dublin, Ohio and Brian (Alise) Ruck, Havertown, PA; six grandchildren, Kristen, Kaitlyn and Kendra Hards, Emma Ruck, and Lauren and Leyton Ruck; two brothers, Gary (Kathy) Bowden, Apopka, Florida, Roger Bowden, Canfield, Ohio and one sister, Lori

Bowden, Canfield, Ohio.

Please join the family for a celebration of Karen's life on Saturday, March 19th, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Avenue, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Visitation will begin at 12:00 pm followed by a service at 1:30 pm. Her final resting place will be in the Canfield Cemetery in Canfield, Ohio. The funeral service will be live streamed on the Eley Funeral Home Facebook page, https://m.facebook.com/events/1027593851488320?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%223%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D&aref=3&__tn__=HH-R

As a final gesture to her dedication to teaching, Karen is making a contribution to the local public library and requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Auglaize County Public District Library at www.auglaizelibraries.org/content/donations for continued education of all children.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Canfield Cemetery

315 East Main Street
Canfield, OH 44406

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Leslie Ruck.* ”



March 18, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen Leslie Ruck.* ”



March 18, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Love, Your R&R Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Karen Leslie Ruck.* ”



Love, Your R&R Family - March 16, 2022 at 02:38 PM

GB

“ Karen: I will really miss our late Sunday morning telephone calls after you watched Maria Bartaroma. You tried your best to keep me up to date on the latest political situation which I always didn't want to hear about. I will always look back on those special times and forever miss them.
Love your brother Gary

Gary Bowden - March 14, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ I was 1 of the homehealth ladies that came to her home. I love my work and many times I become very good friends of people I help. She was 1 of them. We shared alot as we were together. I was sad and surprised to see that she died. My condolences to her family that she always spoke so high of and her friends.

Kerry Rotroff - March 14, 2022 at 10:33 AM

MH

“ Michelle - I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. You have my deepest sympathy. Michele Knoch-Hicks



Michele Hicks - March 14, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karen Leslie Ruck.



March 11, 2022 at 05:42 PM

MH

“ Sending sympathy to all the family .I enjoyed many years of playing bridge with Karen. We will all miss her. Margie Horman

Margie Horman - March 11, 2022 at 11:08 AM

ML

“ I knew Karen when she taught at Salem Preschool. She was a wonderful, kind, patient, knowledgeable and loving teacher. She will be missed.

Mickie Lockwood

Mickie Lockwood - March 10, 2022 at 08:58 PM

VA

“ We so enjoyed Karen. She was the first to laugh along at a good joke. Raised a wonderful family and was a great neighbor. May she rest in peace.

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Valentine's - March 10, 2022 at 06:05 PM