



Karen Cole

MAY 26, 1925 - FEB 8, 2025



Scan to Visit

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Events	Page 4
Tribute Wall	Page 5



Karen Cole

MAY 26, 1925 - FEB 8, 2025

Karen Cole passed away on February 8, 2025. Karen was born to Aphrodite and Costantine Kapsalis in Greektown, Detroit, on May 26, 1925. Her mother died of an accidental death at the age of twenty-five, leaving four children under the age of six years who were placed in foster care in Adair by the Children's Aid Society.

Karen graduated from St. Clair High School in the class of 1942. Her first employment was as a medical-surgical transcriptionist in the outpatient clinic in Grace Hospital in Detroit at the age of seventeen.

She and Robert S. Cole married and built their home in Algonac. She became the first woman Mayor of the City of Algonac in 1976. She was chosen Algonac Citizen of the Year in 2000. She retired from the Algonac Savings Bank as an Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager. Karen served as a volunteer for the Blue Water Hospice, Algonac Schools, and River District Hospital. She served two decades as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Clair County Community Mental Health. She was also a member of the River District Hospital Board of Directors.

She was predeceased by her three siblings. Husband Robert S. Cole died in 1983. Son David S. Cole died in February 2016. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa M. Lewis, and her grandson Nicholas R. Lewis and a niece and nephews.

A Celebration of Karen's Life will be held on May 25, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Algonac Lions Hall, 1905 Mill St. Algonac, MI 48001. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to the Young Gilbert Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Algonac, MI.




Events


Karen Cole

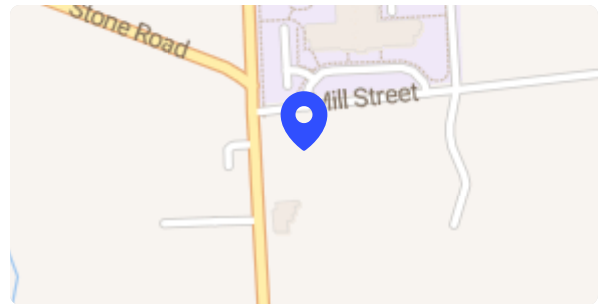
MAY 26, 1925 - FEB 8, 2025

Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, May 25, 2025

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Algonac Lions Club**
1905 Mill Street, Algonac MI 48001



Cemetery Details

 **Cremation**
MI



Tribute Wall

Karen Cole

MAY 26, 1925 - FEB 8, 2025



Carrie Short-Stern posted:

Took care of my beautiful mother Mary-Ann Short Westrick when she went into Hospice. She was the very reason I got into doing hospice after my mother passed away. What a kind loving person like I've never met before. Condolences to her family, she was a Beautiful Human!!

February 11 at 10:13 AM



Lisa Lewis March 20 at 2:28 PM

Thank You Carrie for your kind words. My mom's final few days were at Bluewater Hospice, she had told me that when the time came, that is where she wanted to be, her wish was granted, such wonderful staff ❤️



Teri Knecht posted:

Condolences and prayers for you through this rough time. I met Karen @ Sanborn where My father also resided. Karen became close to my brother and I and we would play Bunco on Saturdays or Sundays with Karen, CoCo and Margaret when we would go and visit our Dad and even after his passing my brother and I continued to go we just celebrated a little Christmas with Karen, CoCo and Margaret. Karen would always tell us her wonderful stories and Karen's poems WOW! Her memory of her poems when she would tell us blew me away. Karen was always so insightful and kind to my brother and I. She would always tell us upon leaving and going back to her room Luv You and give us a hug and say, I enjoyed your company. Karen will be missed that's for sure ❤️🙏🙏

February 11 at 5:29 AM



Lisa Lewis March 20 at 2:26 PM

She talked about those Sunday's to me many times, she enjoyed them immensely ❤️



Debbie Bussell sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cole family.



February 10 at 5:05 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



Scan to Visit