



Karen L Busen

July 28, 1950 - December 13, 2025

Karen Lee Busen, age 75, passed away on December 13, 2025. She was born on July 28, 1950, and lived a life defined by curiosity, dedication, and deep love for her family and the natural world.

Karen was a passionate geologist whose academic and professional life reflected her commitment to learning and teaching. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, her master's degree from Florida State University, and pursued a PhD (completing all requirements but a dissertation) from the University of Southern California. Alongside her work in geology, Karen shared her knowledge with students, teaching for a time at Wakulla Middle School and at Tallahassee State College, where she was respected for her intellect and her willingness to mentor others. She was also deeply involved with the Optimist Club, dedicating many years to supporting the local school system through the Brain Bowl program, where she championed academic excellence and encouraged young minds to thrive.

Beyond her career, Karen found great joy outdoors. She loved the beach, boating, and spending time surrounded by nature. Animals held a special place in her heart, and her patience and determination were evident in her training of her own service dog Noor, an accomplishment that reflected both her skill and compassion.

Karen is survived by her beloved husband of 50 years, Kenneth Busen, and her sister Janet. She was a devoted mother to her sons, Jesse Lloyd Busen and his wife, Jessica, and Eli Andrew Busen and his wife, Angie, and Clayton

Anthony Busen, who sadly passed in 2024. She was a proud and loving grandmother to her five grandsons: Sam, Adam, Lucas, Leon, and Hunter Paul, each of whom brought her immense happiness and pride and numerous nephews and nieces

Karen Lee Busen will be remembered for her sharp mind, generous spirit, and unwavering love for her family. Her legacy lives on through those she taught, the lives she touched, and the family she cherished so deeply.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Family Funeral Home-Harvey Young Chapel
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
paula@familyfhc.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen L Busen*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - January 13 at 10:12 AM

WC

“ *Wiley C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen L Busen.*

Wiley C. - January 19 at 12:48 PM

SL

“ *Susan L. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen L Busen.*



Susan L. - January 15 at 09:28 AM

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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen L Busen.*



January 03 at 10:02 AM



“ *I am so very sorry, I just recently visited her at Eden Springs had no idea she passed away, her and Ken and the boys were our neighbors for many years..I will always remember Karen for her love of animals and seeing her many times at publix...she was a sweet lady and we will miss her.*

lavonne s greene - December 24, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *I'm so glad I got to see her earlier this year, though it was another sad family occasion. I'm so sorry for this new loss. Hugs and love to the whole family.*

Judy Egner - December 20, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Karen was not only my sister but my best friend. I couldn't have asked for a better sister.*

Janet Eason - December 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM