



## Karen K Roquet

September 15, 1960 - November 19, 2016

Karen Roquet, 56, of rural Hedrick, died Saturday, November 19, 2016, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. She was born September 15, 1960, in Ottumwa, the daughter of Rex Harold and Dorothy Clingman Johnson. Karen graduated from Hedrick High School with the class of 1978. Following graduation Karen attended one year at Indian Hills. On November 25, 1978, she was united in marriage to Ivan Roquet at the Trinity Nazarene Church in Ottumwa. Following their marriage they moved to Des Moines. While living there, Karen worked as a secretary at Capital City Electric. After a few years the couple then moved back to the family farm near Hedrick. Karen stayed home to care for her family and home. She also helped Ivan on the farm. When her children were of school age, she worked for a few years at Bank Iowa. Karen had also worked as a sales representative for Stampin' Up! and Thirty-One Gifts. She enjoyed crafting, quilting, playing cards with friends, and planning parties. She looked forward to getting together with her family and friends. She delighted in seeing her grandchildren. Karen spent many hours helping her daughter and son-in-law at their restaurants in Ottumwa. Her family includes her husband of nearly 38 years, Ivan Roquet of rural Hedrick; two children and their spouses, Sabrina and Bubba Knapp of Hedrick and Eric and Katie Roquet of Muscatine; four grandchildren, Austin Knapp, Madison Knapp, Annie Knapp, and Sofie Roquet; two great grandchildren; her mother, Dorothy Johnson of Ottumwa; two sisters, Judy Kilmer of Ottumwa and Diane Hall of Denver, Colorado; two brothers, Lyle (Lorene) Johnson of

Cheyenne, Wyoming and Dennis (Jeanine) Johnson of Allegan, Michigan; her step mother in law, Gladys Roquet of Ottumwa; and sister and brother in law, Leann and Gary Little of Houston, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. Karen was preceded in death by her father, Rex Johnson; and her father and mother in law, Harold and Virginia Roquet.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 23, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in the Prairie View United Methodist Church near Ollie. Burial will be in the Abel Cemetery. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Tuesday after 11 a.m. at the Prairie View United Methodist Church and the family will be at the church from 4-8 Tuesday evening to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to Ottumwa Christian School, Mahaska Hospice, Thirty-One Gives Charities, or Bras For A Cause/Komen, Iowa.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prairie View United Methodist Church  
27131 IA-78  
Ollie, IA 52576

# Tribute Wall

DH


“ Video from 1994  
<https://youtu.be/1XtGDQssUQg>

Dan Holman - March 23, 2018 at 11:33 AM

DM

“ We met Ivan & Karen in 2003 aboard the Holland America ship, Maasdam along with Paul & Cheryl Valachovics. Then we spent time together visiting each other at their homes. There are so many special memories! We will always have Karen in our hearts along with the special memories. We lovingly nicknamed them Otis & Helen from the tv show, Mayberry. Love you Karen. JC & Diana Merricks

Diana Merricks - November 22, 2016 at 08:31 PM

 Tammy Northup

“ So Sorry for your loss. Karen could always brighten a room when she was there. She will be missed by many. My prayers are with you. Tammy Northup

Tammy Northup - November 22, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen K Roquet.



November 22, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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November 21, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *Ed & Kathy, Jared & Katy, and Hillary purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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**Ed & Kathy, Jared & Katy, and Hillary** - November 21, 2016 at 04:05 PM



“ *Pete and Trudy Martinez purchased the Sweet Tr anquility Basket for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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**Pete and Trudy Martinez** - November 21, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Brett, Jaci, Morley, and Raya Kuntz purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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**Brett, Jaci, Morley, and Raya Kuntz** - November 21, 2016 at 03:56 PM

LB

“ Love Steven & Kimberly Banovic purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



Love Steven & Kimberly Banovic - November 21, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the *family of Karen K Roquet.*



November 21, 2016 at 01:02 PM

JC

“ JC & Diana and Paul & Cheryl purchased the *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



JC & Diana and Paul & Cheryl - November 21, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the *family of Karen K Roquet.*



November 21, 2016 at 09:14 AM

GK

“ *God Bless & Love Always, Herb Kane purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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**God Bless & Love Always, Herb Kane** - November 21, 2016 at 02:49 AM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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November 20, 2016 at 11:01 PM

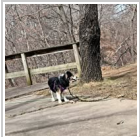
LI

“ *Liz lit a candle in memory of Karen K Roquet*



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**liz** - November 20, 2016 at 08:42 PM



“ *Robb and I wish to send our deepest sympathies and prayers to the whole family. Karen was a very special woman of God and friend.*

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**Joyce Bruns** - November 20, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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November 20, 2016 at 07:36 PM



“ *Ivan, Sabrina, Eric, and family of Karen, Roger and I were so privileged to know Karen and spend some time with the Roquet family. Each time we were with Karen, she had a knack to make you feel very special and loved. Just as I know your hearts are heavy, so are ours. I saw a bright star in the sky tonight and thought---that must be Karen, smiling from Heaven and trying to brighten everyone's spirits, just like she did on Earth. God bless all of you and may you find peace knowing she's at peace. Love, Roger and Carol Ann*

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**Roger and Carol Ann Harrington** - November 20, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ *Diane, Doug & kids purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen K Roquet.*



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**Diane, Doug & kids** - November 20, 2016 at 07:24 PM

RB

“ *She (ma-buddy) & Ivan (pa-buddy) were our Church youth leaders. After the moved back to the farm, post-college, the litreally opened their home to bunch of needy teenagers!*

- *Picking cherries at their neighbors;*
- *Watching Dallas & Knotts landing;*
- *All night game fests, eating pizza, m&m's, and laughing till our sides agonized in pain;*
- *Counsening advice, both before & after Rhonda & wed;*
- *Peanut butter & lime pickle sandwiches while helping hay, planting, or harvesting;*
- *And the best, most sincere, long- hugs, just in the nick of time. Saying that I Love Karen (& Ivan) is by far, a huge understatement....but it's all I have. Even so come, Lord Jesus♥♥♥*

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**Royce (RB) Bishop** - November 20, 2016 at 06:46 PM

DP

“ *I have not known Karen as long as many of you, but I quickly grew to love and respect her. I remember when she shared that she had breast cancer, and she was so bold and confidant that she would win that fight. Then one day she was at our home, and she shared that the cancer had returned. We stood out on our driveway, holding hands, and praying together. It was a sweet time of prayer, and she told me about her faith and that Jesus was her Savior. That is great comfort to us now. We pray that that same Savior will give you peace and comfort in the coming days.*

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**Diana Parson** - November 20, 2016 at 06:30 PM



“ Words cannot express the sorrow we feel on the loss of Karen. As probably many, Karen and Ivan sang at our wedding! She was such a beautiful person inside and out! You all our in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Denise Dehne Brain** - November 20, 2016 at 06:04 PM

DF

“ Dennis Johnson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Karen K Roquet.



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**Dennis Johnson Family** - November 20, 2016 at 04:54 PM

KR

“ Prayers for Karen's brothers, especially Lyle and Lorene. God bless you.

*Leroy and Karen Rouw*

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**Karen Rouw** - November 20, 2016 at 04:46 PM

KR

“ Our deepest sympathy to Karen's family. Prayers to her mom and sisters and families. May the Lord hold you in His hands during this time!!! Prayers for Karen's family, too.

*Leroy and Karen Rouw*

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**Karen Rouw** - November 20, 2016 at 04:42 PM