



## Mary Karen Baker

March 1, 1942 - August 11, 2020

Karen Baker of Lavallette NJ, formerly of Huguenot, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family, on Tuesday August 11, 2020. Born in Brooklyn to the late James & Marie Kenealy. Karen taught Math for over 20 years at St. Joseph St. Thomas School in Pleasant Plains, where she had a profound and positive impact on the lives of countless students. She looked forward every day going to school, for to her teaching was not a job, and she thoroughly enjoyed her students and those she taught with.

She obtained her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from St. Joseph's College for Women in Brooklyn. Karen, volunteered at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manhattan for many years. She was also a member of Lavallette Senior Club. and when she wasn't spending time with her family she enjoyed playing Boccie.

Along with her husband John, they enjoyed going to the Villages in Florida where they enjoyed spending time with their many friends from Staten Island. Karen is survived by her loving husband John M., her children Suzanne Welle, John, Sandra Patterson and Timothy. She is also survived by her sister Anne Logan and her 12 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Monday at St. Joseph/St. Thomas Church at 10:30 am. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday only from 2-6 pm.

Contributions in Karen's memory can be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital giving.[mskcc.org](http://mskcc.org)

Please be mindful due to the current State mandate that a mask must be worn at all times in the funeral home and social distancing requirements must be followed during the services. Due to the current Pandemic a strict 40-50 person in room policy is in effect, please adhere to this policy and allow others to pay their respects as well.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Service

AUG 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Joseph - St Thomas Church  
6135 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Karen Baker*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - August 14, 2020 at 02:19 PM

LM

*I grieve with the family but I rejoice that Karen is home in the Lord's arms.*

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**Liz (Stiers) Milford** - August 19, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ *Mary Karen Baker*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

KS

“ *O my. Last time I texted she was too tired to talk. Hadn't heard from her. Was just going to send a card and looked up on Facebook. Wish I knew. I would have made the trip. I am her cousin Kathy. My dad was Bill. Karen was my big sister. We vacationed together visited often. We moved to R.I. now NH. Always contacted at Christmas. So glad she had so many loved ones around. We stayed on Long Island when we were in New York for my daughters college visits. So sorry we didn't see each other more. God bless you all. My sister died of cancer. It is very sad and almost great fun when they are in peace*

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**kathy (free) stenovitch** - September 24, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RS

“ Karen was one of the most dedicated teachers that our son Christopher '99 had while attending St. Joseph-St. Thomas School for nine years. We miss seeing her at mass at St. Thomas. We know that she is in heaven now. Margaret and Bob Smith

Robert & Margaret Smith - August 16, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JB

“ 13 files added to the album 2016 the villages



Jackie Buonocore - August 16, 2020 at 01:29 AM

JB

“ 16 files added to the album 2015 the villages



Jackie Buonocore - August 16, 2020 at 01:02 AM

JB

“ 10 files added to the album 2020 the villages



jackie buonocore - August 16, 2020 at 12:48 AM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

August 16, 2020 at 12:47 AM

JB

“ 9 files added to the album 2019 The Villages



jackie buonocore - August 16, 2020 at 12:40 AM

JB

“ 9 files added to the album 2018 the villages



jackie buonocore - August 16, 2020 at 12:32 AM

JB

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Jackie Buonocore - August 16, 2020 at 12:16 AM

JB

“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



JACKIE BUONOCORE - August 16, 2020 at 12:01 AM

TS

“ I was principal at St. Joseph-St. Thomas School from 1989 to 2002. Karen had a smile for me every day. She was truly a Master Teacher and I have the fondest memories of her. Karen kept me on my toes...honest to a fault. How she loved her job! And her students loved her. And Jack, how she loved you and your children. What a legacy she leaves behind...a shining witness to her Catholic faith. Karen, you have run the course, you have finished the race, now rest in peace.  
I feel privileged to have known you. You have enriched my life.  
Theresa Simmonds

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**Theresa Simmonds** - August 15, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DS

“ Such a wonderful woman, my condolences to the Baker family. Karen will be missed by all but always remembered for her kindness and compassion May you rest in peace

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**Donna Santaita** - August 15, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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August 15, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.* ”



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August 15, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.* ”



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August 15, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.* ”



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August 14, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ 176 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 14, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Mary Karen Baker*.



August 14, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Mary Karen Baker*.



August 14, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.*



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August 14, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ *I have known Karen my entire life and while geography separated us most of our adult life, I have a vault filled with wonderful memories. In every one of them I can see her beautiful smile and hear her laugh. I was blessed to have called her a friend and am heartbroken that her life on earth has ended. My love and prayers to Jack and family and to my dearest friend, Anne.*

*Judy Prodromo*

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**Judy Prodromo** - August 14, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ *The Logan's Rosemary, Anne, Mike, Patty and Gerard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Karen Baker.*



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**The Logan's Rosemary, Anne, Mike, Patty and Gerard** -  
August 13, 2020 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ Cathleen, Doug, Tom, and Julian Hodgson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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**Cathleen, Doug, Tom, and Julian Hodgson** - August 13, 2020  
at 07:43 PM

MF

“ So very sorry. Sending our deepest condolences. She was a wonderful lady. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Michelle Fiumefreddo and family. 🙏💔🙏💔

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**michelle fiumefreddo** - August 13, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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August 13, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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August 13, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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August 13, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *The Caputo, Marston, and Miley Families* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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**The Caputo, Marston, and Miley Families** - August 13, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *James and Deanna Berkeley* purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of Mary Karen Baker.

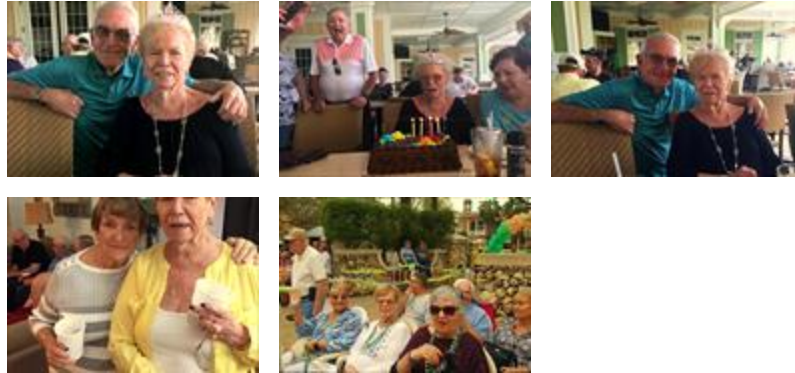


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**James and Deanna Berkeley** - August 13, 2020 at 12:07 PM

JB

“ 7 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Jackie Buonocore - August 13, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mary Karen Baker*.



August 13, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath* was purchased for the family of *Mary Karen Baker*.



August 13, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.*



August 13, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.*



August 13, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Baker was my 6th grade teacher at St. Joseph St. Thomas. She was a wonderful teacher and person. Saddened to hear the news of her passing. Warm wishes to the family*

Nicole Parascondola - August 13, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *With Love, the Cheong Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Karen Baker.*



With Love, the Cheong Family - August 13, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.* ”



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August 13, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *Love MaryAnn Kenealy Harris, Adrienne and Samantha purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Karen Baker.* ”



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**Love MaryAnn Kenealy Harris, Adrienne and Samantha -**  
August 13, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.* ”



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August 12, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family. Rest In Peace Karen. Elizabeth & Vincent Licata* ”

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**Elizabeth Licata -** August 12, 2020 at 10:51 PM

MM

“ Karen was a wonderful woman and friend. I have nice memories, especially the fun times at the beach house. She will be missed by all who knew her. My deepest condolences to Jack, John, Sue, Sandy, Timmy and all the grandchildren. My condolences to her sister Ann and family. May she Rest in the sweetest of peace. Love, Maria Minasz

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maria minasz - August 12, 2020 at 10:46 PM

PB

“ Vibrant is the word that always came to mind whenever I thought of Karen. We will miss her laugh and her love of life and family. May God give all of you comfort during this very sad time. Pam, Jim , Jimmy Blind

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Pam Blind - August 12, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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August 12, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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August 12, 2020 at 07:49 PM

LT

“ Love, Terry purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Karen Baker.



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Love, Terry - August 12, 2020 at 07:25 PM

TG

“ Mrs. Baker was a sweet kind woman, I am so sorry to hear of her passing. May she rest in the Sweetest Peace & May her husband & family find comfort in knowing she was loved by many 🙏🏻🤝💔😭



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Terry Gagliardi - August 12, 2020 at 06:17 PM