



GEORGE J. KARELS

February 17, 1946 - October 31, 2018

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George J. Karels, 72, of Holmen, WI, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at Benedictine Manor in LaCrosse, WI.

George was born February 17, 1946, in Caledonia, MN, to Lawrence and Leocadia (Becker) Karels. He attended St. Mary's Grade School and Loretto High School in Caledonia. George married Victoria Traff on June 14, 1969. They later divorced.

George married Sara Bahnub on December 27, 1986 and they later divorced.

He drove school bus for the family bus business in Caledonia, and then was maintenance supervisor for the LaCrescent School District for over 30 years.

George was Karaoke King, a Vikings fan, a deer hunter and he always had a project to work on. He was always there to lend a helping hand to those in need. George was known for always having a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. He was proud of his children and adored his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his special friend, Ruth.

He is survived by his children, Janelle (Dennis) Liebe of Plover, WI and Kraig

Karels (Rachel Ramsey) of Lodi, WI; grandchildren, Makayla (Drew Nolli), Noah, and Braedyn Liebe and Laini, Stella, and Rowena Karels; step-daughter Kari (Butch) Harvieux, step-grandaughter, Alexis Anderson; siblings, Muriel

(Dick) Loomis of Caledonia, Donald Karels of Caledonia, Leland (Ruby) Karels of Blaine, MN, Wilfred (Suzie) Karels of Alexandria, MN, Kathy (Al) Copeland of Rockton, IL, Mary Karels of Madison, WI, Nathalie (Tom) Weibel of LaCrescent, and Julie (Larry) Burroughs of LaCrescent.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Vernon Karels, Joanne Bague, Virginia McCauley, Jerry Karels, and Terry Karels, and 2 nephews, David Loomis and Mark Karels.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Orthopedics 4th floor at Gunderson Lutheran Hospital, Benedictine Manor and Bluffview Memory Care for their exceptional care of George.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am on Saturday, November 17th at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Stephen Abaukaka will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-8 pm Friday at McCormick Funeral Home, Caledonia, and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Tribute Wall

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“ We met George through karaoke. He was a great karaoke friend and a good friend with a sense of humor. He was helpful to others and a fun person. We will remember him with his smile and his laughter. Chris and Kevin Ritter

Christine Ritter - November 16, 2018 at 05:33 PM

FD

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember George as always having a smile on his face and so good natured. We will keep him in our prayers. May he rest in Peace.

Francis and Cindy Dvorak

Francis and Cindy Dvorak - November 16, 2018 at 03:41 PM

LS

“ George was my neighbor and came to the rescue of my husband Vern and myself. I love the picture you posted it is how I always remember George. He was a great friend.
Linda Schermerhorn

Linda Schermerhorn - November 12, 2018 at 11:42 PM

TL

“ Rest in peace George, you were always a man of good humor and a friendly smile, you will be missed!

Terry Lee - November 11, 2018 at 09:18 AM



Pete
Engh

“ George was a great karaoke friend who never had a bad word to say about anybody. He was kind and gentle caring about everyone that he knew. I will miss his singing and the way he tilted his head while doing so. Pete Engh

Pete Engh - November 11, 2018 at 08:48 AM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of George's passing, he was a wonderful man with a huge heart and infectious smile/laugh. We will treasure the fond memories.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jeff & Theresa Krueger*

Jeff & Theresa Krueger - November 08, 2018 at 08:16 AM

VK

“ I lived with George for 4 yrs. we were engaged and I loved him dearly. Blessed be his memory. He will be missed

vicki kinserdahl - November 06, 2018 at 12:33 AM