



## KARMEN HAUGLAND

December 28, 1964 - April 16, 2026

While we cannot conquer the passing of a loved one, we can always keep them alive in our hearts and memories. They are never truly gone as long as we remember and share memories.

Karmen was born December 28, 1964 and passed away on April 16, 2026 at the age of 61.

Karmen was the kindest and most caring person with massive determination. While her life was overwhelming at times, she always pushed through all the pain with perseverance, no matter what lay in her path. Wherever she went, she made friends. She just had that kind of personality.

Paul, her husband, was devoted and caring and was near her side the entire time. Karmen also was cared for by her brother.

Karmen had many enjoyments in life. She enjoyed herbology, cooking, baking, and geology, and was very wise. She enjoyed mentoring others and passing her knowledge onward. She was very creative and an excellent singer. Early in her marriage with Paul, they would often go sing at karaoke. Listening to her sing was like hearing the same artist perform. She sang effortlessly and enjoyed the joy it brought her and others.

Karmen really enjoyed playing games with her family and friends, both board games and video games. She enjoyed the ones where she could use her imagination, particularly magical quests filled with fairies, butterflies, and mystery around every corner. She would write detailed notes to remember the storylines.

One of Karmen's greatest achievements was the launch of her business, Fae-Essence, which she put a lot of time and effort into. It had a stand in the Ballard house in Spring Grove, MN and at Steam Engine Days in Mabel.

She also homeschooled her son for fourth and fifth grade.

Karmen is survived by her husband Paul, her mother Vicki, her son Erik and daughter-in-law Emalie, her brother Jason, many nieces and nephews, and her extended family, Joe, Maddie, and Ellie.

Karmen married Paul on November 4, 1995. She is survived by her husband Paul, son Erik, daughter-in-law Emalie, mother Vicki, brother Jason, mother-in-law Susan, and sister-in-law Angela (and Gary).

She was preceded in death by her son Christopher, two brothers Wesley and Kevin, and her father Michael.

Celebration of life party is on April 25th, from Noon to 5 at the Mabel American Legion - 114 N Main St, Mabel, MN 55954

The family wishes to send thanks to the staff at Mabel EMT service, McCormick Funeral Home, and special thanks to Tim Mengis for their assistance and care and compassion during this difficult time.

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

American Legion Club Post 299  
114 N. Main St.  
Mabel, MN 55954

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Preceded in death by her stepfather, James C, a stepsister, Becky, stepbrother, James E.  
Survived by father-in-law, John (Lynn)  
Stepbrothers, Tim and John.*

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**Vicki** - April 28 at 03:38 AM

DH

“ *Karmen has been one of my most cherished friends and a sister to me. An amazing, loving, caring, strong woman filled with so much magic that she shared with everyone around her. Meeting her 39 yrs ago in beauty school was one of the greatest days every! She and I became family instantly and another daughter to my mom. She was my maid of honor at my wedding and had a lavender dress. Always purple no matter what and I have always had purple in my life since then. The heartbreak of losing her is overwhelming and will be bringing something special to her home to honor her for always. So sorry I am unable to be there due to having major surgery on the 17th. We are sending so much love, hugs and healing prayers to you all.  
Love Dani and Lori Hanson.*



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**Dani Hanson** - April 25 at 11:21 AM

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“Karmen, we didn't get enough time together, but I remember you clearly - your warmth, your boldness, your ability to enter any room and make it yours. Reading about the life you built - the singing, the magical quests with detailed notes, the herbology, the friends you made everywhere you went - I recognize the person I remember from all those years ago. You were someone who showed up fully and brought others along with you. I'm grateful you were in the world and in my family cousin. Rest well. 💜 Love, Anna

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**Anna Walker** - April 20 at 02:03 AM

SG

Karmen, I love you. My love goes with you. I can't believe that you were gone. We were friends for 45 years. You were my teacher my friend and you taught me so much and I will never ever forget you. I knew how much you loved your family and your friends you gave 100% to all you met my deepest and my most sincere condolences to Paul Eric, Eric's wife and your mother and brother I love you Karmen. I will miss calling you and I was talking for hours and you making me laugh. May you rest in peace you are my bestest friend, my truest friend and a sister I never had.

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**Sherri Gamble** - April 20 at 06:57 AM