



## Karen Lou Cerio

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Karen Lou Cerio peacefully passed to her eternal home on February 8, 2023 due to heart failure. She is survived by her loving husband, Joe Cerio and their three children, A.J., Susan, and Paul, along with their families. As the oldest of six children, Karen also is survived by her siblings Doug, Mike, Janice, Susie, and Trish along with their families. Karen and Joe were delighted with their grandchildren Cory, Nikki, Hannah, Kailyn, Paul David, Wendell, Mya, and Emily. Great joy also came from their 7 great grandchildren. Karen's Celebration of life will be held at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery on March 30, 2023 at 12pm.

Karen's wish was to write her own good-bye, so her family has selected one of her original poems, published in her book, *Life's Dusty Roads* to share with all of you:

Never Alone

By Karen Cerio

God came to see me in a dream last night.

He said, "My child I love you with all of My might,  
or I would not have sent My only Son  
to live and to die for you and everyone.

Now child, I have something serious to say.  
Listen to Me, do not waste an hour or a day  
worrying yourself about your dearly departed.  
They are with Me and their life has just started.

When the time is right, you'll be together again.  
With Me you'll live too, it's a matter of when.  
For now, My child, you have Angels at your side  
to help you, protect you and be your guide.

I know that your loved ones you'll miss forever.  
But, remember child, you'll be alone never.  
We'll send you messages in multiple ways.  
Pay attention and they will brighten your days.

The pain will lessen, and may never cease,  
but you will find comfort and inner peace.  
Sit still, My child and feel the great I Am,  
as I hold you in My arms, My dear little lamb."

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Karen Cerio shares her appreciation and love for family, friends and "our Lord Jesus" in "Life's Dusty Roads," a book of reflective, personal poetry.

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About the author

Life's Dusty Roads: Karen Cerio: 9781620247334: Amazon.com: Books

Karen Cerio

Karen is a lover of words and a firm believer that the right words at the right time can touch a heart, expand a mind, introduce a world and make a difference.

A diverse and unique author / poet, Karen Cerio, was born and raised in a small town in Kansas. Her roots have contributed to her eclectic poetry and prose about love and life. Karen and her husband met in Wichita while he was visiting her neighbors. He yelled out the window for her to be quiet as they couldn't hear the ball game, and that was the beginning of a life filled with love and laughter sprinkled lightly with sadness and pain. Her writing has been developed with the rhythm of her life.

Karen says, "I hope to write until the day I die and then write my own good-bye." But first she'd like to make a difference for you, her readers, by touching your heart if even in a small way.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Karen was a life long friend I found in high school. We lost track of each other after graduation but found each other again after a school reunion and immediately took up where we left off although living far apart. I'm so sorry to hear this news of her passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. Mary Lou Smithhisler-McCaslin

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**Mary McCaslin** - April 25, 2023 at 01:52 PM

CC

“ Karen Lou Cerio

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**Connie Causey** - March 24, 2023 at 09:48 AM

SD

“Nana, Mom, Sister, Wife Nana, Mom, Sister, Wife Today we honor your wonderful life. Seventy-six years full of laughter and love, We feel peace knowing you're with the Lord above. Memories we will cherish and always hold dear, Keeping you forever in our hearts and near. You are in a 'gooder' place is what you'd say. It's a win-win situation, you were at peace either way. So we will think of your favorites and what made you smile, Like pot roast and potatoes stacked high in a pile. Shaking your hips to the Elvis groove, Then groaning out loud when you made a wrong move. Singing, "Oh, the Lord is good to me" With a grin on your face as wide as can be. TV mass on Sunday and gospel tunes, Taking a quick nap in the afternoons. Raising your hands and praising God, Your faith and devotion is sure to be awed. Game shows, and Hallmark movies galore! Yet Christmas was what you preferred even more. Tear jerker movies on the edge of your seat, John Wayne and oldies you thought were so neat. Reading a good book in your recliner chair, So engulfed in the story you weren't even aware. Bee Gees on the Mary Rose as the sun set low, Feeding ducks on the dock then resting below. Traveling the U.S. with Dad at your side, You planned it all out as the most perfect guide. Peanut butter and cheese with a pickle on the side, Crackers and butter, spread thick and wide. At Scrabble games you couldn't be beat, Yet we always had fun in spite of defeat. Pointing your fingers and shaking your hand, You always spoke your mind and took a stand. Our prayer warrior, angel, and friend. Caring for others was your goal til the end. We could do anything we set our minds to, That's what we believed because of you. "Learn something new everyday" was your advice. And, "Be willing to work hard and pay the price." "If God brings you to it, He'll bring you through it," you'd say. And Romans 8:28 was your guide to each day. You never gave up on us when we went the wrong way. You loved and forgave, come what may. Poet, and writer with an amazing knack for words, With a love for nature and its rocks, flowers, and birds. "Good morning, good morning, good morning! Time to rise and shine!" Now you sing it to the angels in your heavenly home divine! We will tell stories of your life and the days of your passing. The love we feel for you is indescribably

*surpassing. How Pop told the Lord what a great 'Comish in Heaven' you'd be, How strong and brave as you waited to be free. How you barked like Little Bit whenever AJ comes by, And came back to hear Oak Ridge Boys Christmas one last time. Then asking Dad to remove his glove to hold your hand. How you signaled to us all - it was time to end. Seventy-six years full of laughter and love, We feel peace knowing you're with the Lord above. Memories we will cherish and always hold dear, Keeping you forever in our hearts and near. Yes, today we honor your wonderful life. Nana, Mom, Sister, Wife! love you, Mom! See you on the other side! Susan*

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**Susan Dain** - February 19, 2023 at 06:27 PM

MD

“ *I love you Nana! "Good morning, Good morning, Good morning, it's time to rise and shine!"*

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**Merritt Dain** - February 19, 2023 at 07:48 AM

SM

“ *Karen was a wonderful neighbor with a generous spirit . We enjoyed her mildly wicked sense of humor!*

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**Scott and Annie McDonald** - February 18, 2023 at 06:44 PM

HH

“ *You were such a loving Nana. Even though I live far, you still always text me and showed you cared. Always keeping me company on those long nights via texting. I love Nana so much. Her laugh made my day and her song she would always sing to me as a little girl stays forever in my mind "Oh the Lord is good to me. And so I thank the Lord. For Giving me the things I need the sun and the rain and the apple seeds. The Lord is good to me." She loved the Lord and her family so much. I love you Nana and miss you dearly ❤️*

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**Hannah Hatch** - February 17, 2023 at 07:47 PM

AC

“ To my loving wife. You will be missed! I love you to infinity. Joey

Anthony Cerio - February 14, 2023 at 10:36 AM

KC

“ Karen was the best and truest friend I have ever had. Ever in my life.

Kimberly Coleman - February 14, 2023 at 09:00 AM

LZ

“ Gonna miss you SO much my fellow "outlaw"! You were my faithful friend and my personal comedy act. You out-gambled me in Las Vegas (which BTW didn't take much - LOL), and I'll miss our phone calls. I promise to keep calling Uncle Joe for you and keep him company....I know you'll be there with us. Love you to the moon, Auntie Karen! xox

Lynn Zarrella - February 13, 2023 at 10:51 AM

MG

“ We will miss you Auntie Karen- such an amazing and talented woman, with one of the kindest hearts. Your calls, emails and love lifted our mom's spirits so many times when she needed some encouragement. We are sending love to all of your family, know that we are here for you. Love, Leo, Miki, Dan and Emily Gauthier

Michaele Gauthier - February 11, 2023 at 10:54 AM