



## Karen Fisher

July 7, 1938 - July 16, 2023

Karen L. Fisher, 85, of Cedar Falls, IA passed away peacefully on Sunday July 16, 2023, at Western Home-Nation Cottage, in Cedar Falls IA.

Karen (Russell) Fisher was born July 7, 1939, in Hastings Nebraska, the daughter of Harold and Ruth (Banker) Russell. She was a sister to Harold Russell who preceded her in death.

Karen is survived by her son Randall Boyken, her daughter Julie (Michael) Fleming, and her daughter by heart and love Kristy Lawrence. She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Boyken. Continuing her spirit and legacy are her grandchildren Erin (James) Good and Neal (Kristin) Petersen and her great grandchildren Braden Good, Ely Good and Owen Good.

Giving is a word that always described Karen—in various ways. She spent most of her professional life as a Surgical Nurse in hospitals in Iowa, California, Louisiana, and Arizona over the years. She had a passion and love for her work and valued the interchange that occurred between doctors, colleagues, and patients. She was always known for “giving” it to others as she would engage in witty and humorous banter with them. Over the years scores of friends, colleagues and family were “in her will” or “out of her will” --a status change that could occur in minutes within the humorous banter that was unfolding. She was an adventurous soul who always valued time, a glass

of wine, and adventures with friends.

A private family gathering will take place at a later date. There will be no visitation services. Online memories, stories, and condolences are welcomed. In lieu of flowers or gifts, contributions to the Dementia House and Support Group of the University of Northern Iowa are welcomed and can be made to University of Northern Iowa Foundations Office 121 Commons, Cedar Falls IA 50614-0239.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember that she would never go out of our house through any door except the one she entered through, even if we wanted to look at flowers by the front door.

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**Shelly Bilsborough** - November 02, 2023 at 06:35 PM

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*I met Karen through mutual friends. My life was forever changed by her laughter, quick wit, and sassy words! I am a richer person through knowing Karen.*

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**Cynthia A Arneson** - April 19, 2024 at 01:30 AM