



Karen McAlister

July 12, 1953 - October 11, 2022

Karen Kay (Schultz) McAlister, 69, died on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the Western Home in Cedar Falls.

She was born July 12, 1953, in Marshalltown, IA, daughter of Robert and Bette Schultz. Karen married Richard McAlister on December 28, 1974.

She graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1971, and later graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 1975. Karen spent her career as Head Teacher and the Director of Cedar Valley Preschool and Child Care Center and as a Preschool Teacher for Cedar Falls Public Schools. Karen impacted the early education of hundreds of children that she was privileged to help educate. She retired from teaching in 2015.

Karen's greatest joys were spending time with her husband, her sons and daughters-in-law, and her grandchildren. She was passionate about the Iowa State Cyclones and the Chicago Cubs, and loved to spend time at their cabin on the Mississippi River.

Karen is survived by her husband of 48 years, Richard McAlister; two sons, Benjamin (Kelly) McAlister of Johnston, IA and Mitchell (Megan) McAlister of Cedar Falls, IA; four grandchildren; Katheryn, Samuel, Connor and Riley; her

brother, Douglas Schultz of Marshalltown, IA and sister, Leanne Clemenson of Polk City, IA.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Gregg Schultz.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 17, 2022, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 3:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Service.

Memorials may be directed to the North Cedar Elementary School Library in Cedar Falls (2419 Fern Ave, Cedar Falls, IA 50613).

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Memorial Service

OCT **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jackie, Brad, Steve and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen McAlister.



Jackie, Brad, Steve and family - October 16, 2022 at 07:13 PM

MS

“ Karen was my son’s Head Start teacher in 2005-2006 at North Cedar. She believed in my son and set a positive foundation for learning. He even started kindergarten early. She was a wonderful teacher and we are privileged to have had her in our lives.

Melanie Simpson - October 16, 2022 at 05:16 PM

BG

“ Karen was a neighbor of ours for many years. She always had a joyful spirit and was known for her dedication to her work in Early Childhood Education and the many young lives that she touched throughout her career. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences and sympathies to her husband, Richard and their family. Barb & Grant Gager



Barb & Grant Gager - October 16, 2022 at 05:01 PM

JH

“ *Janiece Zoutte and Joe and Joni Hayes purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen McAlister.*



Janiece Zoutte and Joe and Joni Hayes - October 15, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen McAlister.*



October 14, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen McAlister.*



October 14, 2022 at 11:08 AM



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



October 14, 2022 at 08:38 AM

SH

“ Sue Garner Huber lit a candle in memory of Karen McAlister



Sue Garner Huber - October 13, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen McAlister.



October 13, 2022 at 05:27 PM

CH

“ So sad to hear of Karen’s passing. She was such a positive wonderful and kind person. My deep sympathies to her family and friends. 🙏

Cindi Hendrickson - October 13, 2022 at 04:51 PM

YF

“ Your friends at Foth purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen McAlister.



Your friends at Foth - October 13, 2022 at 01:17 PM

NT

“ *NewCom Technologies purchased the Arrive in S
tyle for the family of Karen McAlister.*



NewCom Technologies - October 13, 2022 at 11:23 AM

BD

“ *Beverly, Greg, Rebecca, Sheri, Dan purchased
the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of
Karen McAlister.*



Beverly, Greg, Rebecca, Sheri, Dan - October 13, 2022 at
11:21 AM

AK

“ *Thinking of Karen and her never-ending smile and positivity!!!! She
was so wonderful when we did "Big Pals" with her "Little Pals". I am
so very sorry and I will be keeping all who love her very close in
Prayer. Rest in Peace, Dear Pal <3*

Adel Maria Kessler - October 13, 2022 at 10:08 AM

CL

“ *Your friendship has meant so much to Mark and I. We didn't get to
see each other as much as I would have liked but we have so many
good memories of the times we did have together. We are going to
miss her so much. We are thinking of you Dick. Love, Mark and
Cindy Lewis*

Cindy Lewis - October 12, 2022 at 09:45 PM

JE

My dear cousin Karen will always be remembered. A big family means big memories to last a lifetime. Caring sympathy and love to Karen's family that she loved and cherished. 🙏❤️

Janet Ekvall - October 20, 2022 at 12:01 AM

SR

“ 1 file added to the album Karen



Susan Rabe - October 12, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen McAlister.*



October 12, 2022 at 06:48 PM

PF

“ *Peggee Frost lit a candle in memory of Karen McAlister*



Peggee Frost - October 12, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen McAlister.*



October 12, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ *Nancy A Klodt lit a candle in memory of Karen McAlister*



Nancy A Klodt - October 12, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Karen was a wonderful lady!! I got to know her at North Cedar Elementary School. I was a kindergarten teacher, she was preschool. Always so friendly, positive and fun! She was a fantastic teacher. She was generous with her time and after retirement volunteered in kindergarten. She also helped with our kindergarten round-ups for many years. Karen will be greatly missed! She was such a vibrant light!!*

Susan M Armstrong - October 12, 2022 at 02:21 PM



She was so precious to all,our family. We will never forget her and her love and the Blessings she gave to our family

Pat McAlister & family - October 21, 2022 at 11:46 PM