



Karen Joan Gueck

March 10, 1960 - January 16, 2026

Karen Joan Gueck, nee Groeger, 1960-2026, of Mesa, Arizona.

Karen was the beloved daughter of Gloria and Walter Groeger, born just two months after Gloria's entry into the United States, following emigration from Europe. Beginning as a toddler, Karen had a voracious appetite for reading which remained with her into adulthood. As a teenager, she became a page at the Charles County Public Library where she had spent many happy hours. She quickly became known for her intellect as well as for her pleasant nature.

Karen's studies were always of utmost importance to her, resulting in her becoming Valedictorian of the class of 1978 at La Plata High School. Whilst there, she used her love of running to be on the cross-country and track teams, as well as enjoying tennis with her family. Her father taught her how to swim; she taught herself to play guitar as well as receiving piano lessons. Following her father's example, she learned the Morse Code and earned her novice radio amateur license.

After graduating from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in computer science, Karen moved to Texas to begin her working life. She and Wayne met and subsequently married and welcomed two children, Jana and Carl, who currently live on the west coast. Sadly, a few years later, while living in Arizona, Karen learned of the passing of Wayne.

Karen is survived by her mother and brothers, Gerhard, John and Jonathan; children Jana and Carl; as well as her aunt, Sylvia and cousins of the United Kingdom. Many nieces and nephews also mourn the loss of Karen.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11 am, at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. (Note Change Of Date Of Service).

A private burial of ashes at Christ Church cemetery.

Condolences may be sent c/o 931 Edgewood Rd, Annapolis, Md, 21403.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service Chapel
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
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<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Please note change of the day of service.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ To my dear cousin Karen, I have such lovely memories of you when you came over to visit us in Brighton, England back in 1975. Two memories in particular:

1. Getting tipsy after sharing a bottle of wine together and tumbling down through the long grass at Devil's Dyke to the valley below.

2. Being absolutely blown away by how you single-handedly turned a normal riverboat cruise into what seemed like something out of a movie musical when you got a whole bunch of school kids singing 'Arky Arky' on the open top deck of a Windsor tourist cruise boat. It was amazing!!

I will miss you my dear cousin Karen, until I see you again one day in heaven.

David

David Pickett - April 29 at 05:51 PM

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“ We will always cherish the time we first met Karen in 1975 in England. She had everyone on the bus singing. Such a sweet soul, just like my dear Aunt Gloria. Our heart felt love and condolences to her immediate and wider family. We remain with the hope that is found in Jesus and we will see her once again without pain and enjoying the joy of resurrection life.

With much love, Steve, Gladys, Laila and Shareef.

Stephen Pickett - April 29 at 11:45 AM

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My memory is getting dim. It was a riverboat not a bus! Thanks, Dave.

Stephen Pickett - April 30 at 02:23 PM

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“ Tammy and Rick and Bobbi and Larry purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Karen Joan Gueck.



Tammy and Rick and Bobbi and Larry - April 29 at 07:34 AM

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“ Tammy and Rick and Bobbi and Larry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Joan Gueck.

Tammy and Rick and Bobbi and Larry - April 29 at 07:34 AM