



Karen Anne Heider Ruda

November 17, 1958 - October 9, 2013

Karen Anne (Heider) Ruda, 54, of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

Karen was born on November 17, 1958 in Carbondale, Pa., a daughter of Bernard and Marie Heider of Sayre.

She graduated in 1976 from St. Rose High School.

In 1978 she graduated from the RPH School of respiratory therapy. Shortly after graduation, she worked as a respiratory therapist. After the birth of her first child, Karen did what she loved best; raising her family.

From 2000-2007 she worked as a secretary in the administrative office of the Notre Dame High School in Elmira, where all three of her children attended. From 2010 to the present she has worked as a medical office assistant at the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre.

Karen's favorite role and one in which she excelled was that of mother and wife. Her strength in these roles permeated her life and the lives of those around her.

Karen is survived by her loving husband, David; with whom she celebrated

their 35th wedding anniversary on Oct. 7, 2013. She is also survived by her beloved children: Jason Ruda (and his partner Stephen) of New York City, Anjelica Ruda of Washington D.C., and Marissa (Ruda) Smith and her husband David of Clarks Summit, Pa.; sister Dianne (Heider) Webster and her husband Mark of Ogdensburg, NY.; mother-in-law, Veronica Ruda; sister-in-law Charlotte (Ruda) Pace and her husband Robert; brothers-in-law Joseph Ruda and wife Mary Ellen, Ronald Ruda and wife Barbara, Edward Ruda and wife Terri, Richard Ruda and wife Julie; 17 nieces and nephews, as well as many great nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

She is predeceased by her father-in-law, Joseph (Boss) Ruda. Karen's legacy of love lives on in the family and friends left behind. Her optimism and joyful personality drew out the best in those around her and will forever be remembered by those whose lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karen's memory to the No-Kill Animal Shelter, Centre County Paws in State College, Pa. Donations can be made in her honor at <http://www.centrecountypaws.org/donate/>.

By Karen's request, there will be no calling hours. Those wishing to attend, the Church will be open for an hour of prayer at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Catholic burial at the Epiphany Church in Sayre at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. Directly after Mass, there will be a reception in the Church basement. All are welcome to attend. Burial services will be held at St. John the Baptist cemetery in Exeter, Pa. She will be deeply missed.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. John The Baptist Cemtery

Exerter, PA

Previous Events

Hour of Prayer

OCT 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 South Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Anne Heider Ruda*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Karen Anne Heider Ruda*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Karen Anne Heider Ruda*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Karen Anne Heider Ruda*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Karen Anne Heider Ruda*

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“ *Our sincere condolences to the Ruda family. May God have a special place for Karen as she joins him in heaven. The Benish family.*

Patricia Benish - October 10, 2013 at 08:16 PM