



## Karen N. Marisch

November 9, 1932 - November 3, 2019

Karen N. Marisch, 86 of Grand Island, died on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the Good Samaritan Society, Grand Island Village.

Burial will be at 9:30 AM Thursday in the Grand Island Cemetery. Celebration of life service will follow at 11 AM Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Karen was born on November 9, 1932 at Fremont, the daughter of Viggo and Isabel (Bender) Mortensen. She received her education in rural Dodge County and graduated from Fremont High School.

On April 15, 1951 she was united in marriage to Donald J. Marisch. The couple farmed in Greeley County, near Spalding, Nebraska. They moved to Grand Island in 1975. Karen worked for the Department of Labor, Unemployment Insurance, from August 1975, starting as an Intermittent Typist, and retiring June 1, 1998, as the Office Supervisor.

Some of her memberships include, First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island Saddle Club, an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy, and the Republican Party. She loved her family, traveling, the movies, music, reading and dancing, especially square dancing which she and Don participated in for many years. She also enjoyed shopping, playing cards and dining out with friends. In May of 2012, she was privileged to serve as an escort for Don on a Hall County Hero Flight to Washington, D.C.

Having been raised by her grandparents, as her mother died shortly following Karen's birth, she appreciated the value of having loving grandparents. One of her greatest pleasures in life was that of being a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Donald; daughter, Melinda (Kendall) Wilhelmy of Lincoln; son, Mark (Linda) Marisch of Grand Island; four granddaughters, Megan Esch, Marisa Esch (Kyle) McClintock, Stacia Marisch (Mike) Shaneyfelt and Jessica Marisch; great-granddaughters, Addison and Brooklyn, and great-grandson, Jaxson. Other survivors include half-sisters and half-brothers, Patricia Haines of WA, Jean Inzano of CA, Kaj Mortensen of CA, John Mortensen of Utah, Paul (Beth) Mortensen of CO and Victoria Lyn (Ed) Muschong of Florida; sisters-in-law, Lois (Marisch) Goss of Omaha and Norma Marisch (Leon) of CA, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law, Robert Marisch and Leon Marisch, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Burial

NOV 7. 9:30 AM (CT)

Grand Island City Cemetery  
Grand Island, NE

## Celebration of Life Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen N. Marisch*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *My sympathy to you Don and your family. Enjoyed knowing Karen and being a student in the class of 1950 with her. So good to see both of you at our September class reunion.*

*Blessings,  
Marilyn Stender Kirdher*

**Matilyn Stender Kircher** - November 09, 2019 at 02:11 PM



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



November 07, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ *Donald and Family,*

*We are so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. It was shocking to us as it seemed so sudden. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this hard time.*

*Sincerely, Pat and Frank Dowd*

**Frank and Patricia Dowd** - November 06, 2019 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Paulette &with love's memory of Jane and Claudette purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen N. Marisch.*



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**Paulette &with love's memory of Jane and Claudette -**  
November 06, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen N. Marisch.*



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November 06, 2019 at 12:38 PM

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“ *The McClintock, James and Hopp Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen N. Marisch.*



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**The McClintock, James and Hopp Families -** November 06,  
2019 at 07:49 AM