



Karen S. Bark

May 3, 1951 - September 21, 2022

Hampton Falls, NH - Karen S. Bark, 71, of Hampton Falls, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Karen was born in Exeter on May 3, 1951 a daughter of Lucille (Close) Savage of Hampton Falls and the late Charles F. Savage. She shared over 27 years of marriage with the love of her life, Kevin Bark.

Karen was raised in Hampton Falls and graduated from Winnacunnet High School with the Class of 1969. She continued her education at Oberlin College in Ohio and the Potomac Horse Center in Maryland. She met Kevin Bark in the early 90's while on a blind date and the couple married in 1995.

She held a number of varied occupations over the years, the most pivotal of which included her career with Mary Kay, where her natural affinity for people, magnetic personality and impressive ability to inspire and motivate propelled her to the position of Executive Senior Sales Director. Throughout these years she could be easily spotted driving around town in one of the many pink Cadillacs she had earned. Not one to miss an adventure or a challenge, when the opportunity presented itself to help launch Mary Kay's UK division, she moved to London and worked as Director of Sales Development for UK and Ireland, playing an integral role in successfully establishing Mary Kay in the UK and other parts of Europe. Upon her return to the States, she embarked on the adventure she was perhaps most proud of, joining her siblings to own

and run Wakeda Campground in Hampton Falls, a family business started by her parents in 1965. Ever the entrepreneur, Karen and Kevin then entered into her final business venture, opening and operating Fort Davis Outfitters in Fort Davis, Texas, where they'd moved to enjoy a break from New England's winters.

Karen enjoyed traveling, reaching points as varied as Hong Kong and Russia, and was an animal lover of all kinds - holding a special place in her heart for horses and dogs. She was an avid equestrian, breeding and training horses for many years. She also held her pilot's license and flew as a private pilot for several years.

She will be remembered for her love and devotion to her many family members and wide circle of friends, her quick wit, sparkling green eyes and ready smile. Her talent in public speaking, where she could light up a room and emcee an entire event without a note in hand will also never be forgotten.

In addition to her mother and her husband, Karen is survived by her daughter, Amanda Allen and her husband Timothy of East Kingston and her son, Adam Ciardelli and his wife Robyn of Hampton Falls. She also leaves her grandchildren, Michael, Alexis and Adriana Ciardelli and Matthew and Andrew Allen, siblings Terry Savage, his wife Jane, Jan Hambleton and her partner Stew Bradley, nieces Kerry Savage and Laura Ferrigno and nephews Ryan Hambleton and Todd Savage.

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her brother-in-law Mike Hambleton.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 7 PM on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held at 11AM on Wednesday, in the funeral home. In lieu of

flowers, memorial donations may be made by clicking here (<https://www.alz.org>) to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., F117, Chicago, IL 60601 . Karen's smile was her currency. To honor her memory, please commit an act of kindness to help make the world a better place.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
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Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I treasure so many memories of Kar! Babysitting her kids, visiting the zoo with the pink Cadillac filled with kids, the inspiration she shared with so many, worshipping together, getting stuck in snow in the caddy, visits to Wakeda...
She always put family first. We're cleaning up after hurricane Ian so I can't expand but I truly loved Kar & will always be grateful for the impact on my life.

Marcia (Lindsay) Sparks - October 04, 2022 at 09:07 AM



Karen was a sweet and special friend "down here" in Texas. I didn't know of her passing until a few months ago. My sincere condolences to Family, 🙏💙 Martha King

Martha King - December 11, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karen S. Bark.



October 03, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen S. Bark.



October 03, 2022 at 03:00 PM

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“ *The Ferrigno Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen S. Bark.*



The Ferrigno Families - October 03, 2022 at 02:15 PM

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“ *There is so much that could be said but no words are enough. I am so honored to have known and been a part of Karen and her beautiful family's life.*



Her smile gave warmth and her sparkling green eyes told you everything you needed to know. Her loss is felt so deeply, which speaks to how loved and cherished she was.

"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in the heavens where the love of our lost ones pour through and shine down on us to let us know they are happy."

Kiah Martinico - September 30, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Karen S. Bark.*



September 29, 2022 at 11:32 AM



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



September 29, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen S. Bark.*



September 28, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *I was incredibly lucky to know Karen when I was growing up and she was staying in London. A close friend of the family, I remember Karen being always so glamorous, energetic, interested, funny and kind. I had some amazing holidays at Wakeda thanks to her hospitality, and really cherish those memories visiting New Hampshire, even when Karen appeared green on TV when being interviewed for the news after a tornado hit the campground when we were staying.*

*Our thoughts are with all the family. I know how much she was loved by everyone close to her, including her friends and horses.
William and the George family x*

William George - September 27, 2022 at 07:15 PM

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“ *Andrea and Tom purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Karen S. Bark.*



Andrea and Tom - September 27, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen S. Bark.*



September 27, 2022 at 12:02 PM