



## Karen Kinder

October 21, 1947 - April 14, 2017

Karen Ann Kinder, 69, resident of Kennewick and formerly of Warden passed away peacefully on Friday, April 14, 2017 at home, her family at her side. Visitation will be from 8:30-9:30 am Monday April 24th at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Holy Rosary will begin at 9:30am with Mass of Christian Burial starting at 10am. A luncheon will immediately follow the Mass at the Fatima Center. Interment will follow the luncheon at 1:00pm at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Warden.

Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for family at [www.kayserchapel.com](http://www.kayserchapel.com). Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Karen was born in Tacoma, Washington on October 21, 1947. She is preceded in death by her parents William T. Good and Barbara J. Good (Munro) and her sister Kathleen Good. Karen's early years were spent moving many times with her family, living in Moscow, ID, Newport, RI, and the Florida Keys, finally settling in Aberdeen, Washington for her early school years. She attended St. Mary's Elementary School where she met her lifelong friend Lila Ellis. When she was in junior high school the family relocated to Warden, Washington where her father was superintendent of schools and where she met her future husband Jerry Kinder. She graduated from Warden High School in 1965.

Karen's family moved to Whidbey Island in 1970, the same year she and Jerry were married. Karen and Jerry first lived in Spokane then moved back to Warden where they started farming with Jerry's dad and soon after began raising their family. She worked for a short time at the Warden School District, was a homemaker for a number of years, then worked for Monsanto for 29 years, retiring in 2010. She lived in Warden for 52 years, before moving to Kennewick in 2015 to be closer to her cherished grandchildren. While raising her family she was very involved with the kids as a 4-H leader, pee-wee soccer coach and teaching the youth at church. She was a lifelong gardener and loved her flower and vegetable gardens. After she retired, she volunteered at the soup kitchen in Moses Lake where she made many friends. Everyone she met immediately felt her kindness and thoughtfulness. She made everyone feel welcome and part of her family. She will be remembered for her selflessness and generous heart.

Karen is survived by her husband Jerry Kinder; son and daughter-in-law, Tom (Kristel) Kinder and two grandchildren, Isaac and Joseph, all of Kennewick; daughter Heather

Kinder and life partner, Lance Goetz of Portland, OR; brother Bill Good of Marysville, WA; sister Debbie (Victor) Medina of Covington, WA and Laurie (Ron) Stempel of Clinton, WA and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery

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## Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE  
Warden, WA,

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 08:30AM - 09:30AM

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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
200 N. Dale Road, Moses Lake, WA, US

**APR** **Service** 09:30AM

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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)  
200 North Dale Road, Moses Lake, WA, US

**APR** **Service** 10:00AM

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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian  
Burial)  
200 N. Dale Rd, Moses Lake, WA, US

# Comments

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“ To Jerry, Tom and Heather.....Just heard of the news from Karol Hanson of Karen's passing. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. Karen was hired at Asgrow's Warden seed plant in 1979. She was always friendly and willing to do any task of which she did a great job. I could not of asked more of her not only at Asgrow but also as a person in all walks of life with a friendly smile. Now, she is in a better place but we will not forget the many nice memories of her life.

**Leonard Singhose** - June 13, 2017 at 12:02 PM

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“ Jerry, Tom, and Heather, I was very sad to hear of Karen's passing. She was a very special person and always friendly and kind. Our prayers are with you all.  
Steve Tolley



**Steve R Tolley** - April 24, 2017 at 08:34 PM

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“ Jerry and family, We send you our love and sympathy in Karen's passing. May God comfort you and sustain you in His love.

Jeff & Bonnie Kottong

**Jeff & Bonnie Kottong** - April 24, 2017 at 12:22 PM

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“ Pete And Maggie Staudenraus lit a candle in memory of Karen Kinder



**Pete And Maggie Staudenraus** - April 24, 2017 at 12:20 PM

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“ Jerry and family,  
Our deepest sympathy for you. Praying God gives you the peace and strength you need to get through each day. So sorry for your loss.

Violet and Ed Whitney  
Nellie Voss  
Dixie Flores

**Dixie Voss-Flores** - April 24, 2017 at 11:24 AM

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“ Jerry, Heather, Tom, and family members, I share in the sorrow of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Karen and I had earlier entertained the idea of heading back to Kentucky and Tennessee to see if we couldn't learn more about our roots and even possibly discover what had transpired with our great grandparents, which resulted in our grandfather being orphaned at a young age. It still amazes me given that there were a number of family members in the immediate area (of our grandfather's home town) yet none of them apparently retained such family information...

Over this past decade I saw Karen evolve into the matriarch of the family, a role to which she was well suited--she was "the glue." The love she had for her immediate and her extended family members was quite evident; she beamed with pride when it came to her kids and grandkids. Karen's time in this temporary home has come to an end, but I know that she would want you to draw upon the many fond memories with which she has left you for now.



**Susan Kaelin** - April 24, 2017 at 02:19 AM

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“ Sheila (Gardner) Colbert lit a candle in memory of Karen Kinder



**Sheila (Gardner) Colbert** - April 23, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Our deepest, heartfelt sympathy

**Sheila (Gardner) Colbert** - April 23, 2017 at 02:25 PM

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“ Deborah Medina lit a candle in memory of Karen Kinder



**Deborah Medina** - April 23, 2017 at 12:36 AM

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“ Lew And Sharma McCullough lit a candle in memory of Karen Kinder



**Lew and Sharma McCullough** - April 22, 2017 at 09:28 PM

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“ Jerry, Tom & Heather. Our deepest sympathy go out to you. May happy memories of her love for you comfort you. Karen had such a happy laugh.  
Lee & Margaret Davis

**Margaret Davis** - April 22, 2017 at 08:02 PM

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“ Jerry, Heather, and Tom, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I remember being a child trying to blow out the insides of a Easter egg at your house to decorate and our cheeks hurting!!! So many picnics, 4th of July celebrations, and family times spent together. Your mom was so wonderful. As an adult, when I had the blessing to see her, I would get the same smile, hug, and feeling of love that I felt when I was a little girl. Blessings and love

**Kathleen Gordon-Granado** - April 21, 2017 at 09:42 AM

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“ Karen was my dear mother-in-law who took me in as if I had been part of the family for years. In the past 2 years while they were in Tri-Cities, I was able to go over and have afternoon tea every once in a while. We would talk about anything and everything and Karen would always listen, no matter how big or small our topics. I valued our time together, her advice, suggestions and friendship. It is my promise to keep her memory alive for my sons and her grandchildren. I love you all Kinder (and Good) family!

**Kristel Kinder** - April 20, 2017 at 12:55 PM

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“ Dear Jerry, Tom & Heather  
So sorry to hear your very sad news. We only met Karen a few times but have very fond memories. She was a beautiful lady.  
She never did make it out to Australia!  
Lots of love & thinking of you all lots,  
Peter, Jane & family xxx

**Jane Munro** - April 23, 2017 at 03:48 PM

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“ Jerry, Tom & Heather, My deepest sympathy for your loss. I will always remember the good times Karen & I shared. Barbara Sloan

**Barbara Sloan** - April 20, 2017 at 10:21 AM

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“ Jerry, Tom and Heather and families, John and Teri (Barnett) Mathews send you our deepest sympathy!! You're in our hearts and prayers!! We are SO sorry for your loss!!!



**Teresa Mathews** - April 20, 2017 at 12:21 AM

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“ Jerry , Tom and Heather, Karen was loved by so many of us from Warden that remeber her from School and catechism. I was also blessed to have gotten to work with her at MONSANTO. She was always so supportive. Her greatest love was her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

**Polly Pruneda** - April 19, 2017 at 07:24 PM

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“ Karen touched my life in so many ways. We worked together for 13 years in the Asgrow/Seminis/Monsanto times. Some of my fondest memories of that part of my life involve Karen. Her work ethic and common sense approach to life was a lifeline during difficult times. She was dedicated to her family, her faith, and helping others. To Jerry, Tom, and Heather---she was so proud of you and loved you so much. I feel blessed to have known Karen and sad that so much time has passed without seeing her. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Audrey Ross** - April 18, 2017 at 06:09 PM

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“ Aunt Karen. Wow I'm lost for words. Family gatherings at ur house were the best. I will always charish. Sending hugs n prayers to u all.

**Ronda swetman** - April 18, 2017 at 01:14 PM

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“ Karen was my sister and best friend. I will forever hold dear to my heart the memory of her beautiful smile and her warm hug. She always made my family and I feel loved and appreciated whenever we were together. One memory in particular that makes me smile is of the time we were preparing our parents' home for sale. She and her husband Jerry, my sister Kathy and my husband Victor and I spent countless weekends together working at the house. We affectionately called her our "Bossy Boss" because she kept us all on track and organized. It was a tough time, but sharing it with Karen made it more bearable. Karen, I love you and I will miss you every day.  
Debbie

**Deborah Medina** - April 17, 2017 at 09:12 PM