



Karla Jensen

04/14/1943 - 04/24/2021

Karla Jensen, 78, of Berlin, joined her Lord and loving family in heaven on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Karla Jane (Lutsey) (Branske) Jensen was born April 14, 1943, in Neenah.

Karla loved music, especially country and gospel and looked forward to Molly B coming to town. She was an avid baker, gardener and canner; known for her Norwegian specialty, "Kruntz", and her crab apple jelly. Karla had a loving heart and open arms for everyone, and was known to take in all strays, man and beast. Everyone was fed and loved. She had many cats and dogs throughout her life, all rescues. She was a skilled craftswoman who had mended many pairs of jeans for family and friends and kept them supplied with hats, mittens and masks. Over the years she has donated many crochet hats to area charitable organizations. Karla became a sports fan later in life enjoying watching the Packers, Jon Elway and anything her grandchildren took part in.

In 1961 Karla graduated from Winneconne High School and met classmates for lunch regularly at the Fin. After high school, Karla attended the Neenah-Menasha Adult School for Practical Nursing and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse on February 1, 1963. She began her nursing career working in the Intensive Care Nursery at Theda Clark in Neenah and ended it 41 years later at Juliette Manor in Berlin, retiring in April of 2004.

On December 14, 1963, Karla married Karl Branske, their marriage ended after 19 years, and they had two children, Karl and Kari. On June 13, 1987, Karla married Charles Jensen.

Karla is survived by her husband of 33 years, Charles "Chuck" Jensen; her children, Karl "Butch", and Kari; her sister, Mary Thompson; stepchildren, Karen, Diane, Kurt, Keith, and Kevin; grandchildren, Karl and Molly; eight step-grandchildren; nieces, nephews; and many loving friends, including special friend, Wally Smietanski.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Keith and Eunice Lutsey.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Saturday at Noon at the funeral home with Pastor Beth Macha officiating. Burial will follow in the Grace Lutheran Cemetery, Winchester.

Karla's family would like to thank Kelly at Mueller Funeral Home, and the staffs at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center ICU and 2nd Floor, with special thanks to the ThedaCare at Home Hospice team for their gentle care and compassion.

If you wish please submit online condolences to [muellerfh.net](https://www.muellerfh.net).