



Karl Matthew Anderson

September 15, 1960 - February 21, 2024

Karl Matthew Anderson, 63, of Quinnesec passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, in the comfort of his own home.

He was born in Seattle, WA, on Sept. 15, 1960, to the late William and Mavis (Holappa) Anderson. Karl was raised in Grass Lake, MI, with his siblings Leif, Norris, Jenny, and Soren, who preceded him in death. After high school, Karl attended Michigan Tech before moving to Oregon to work for his uncle Ivan at Roseburg Forest Products.

While living in Oregon, Karl married and raised his two daughters, Olivia and Miranda, with an appreciation for The Beatles, Michigan football, and a good home-cooked meal. Karl's daughters remember his love for oversized Christmas trees, hosting 4th of July BBQs and baking special cakes for birthdays. An avid gardener, Karl served as the Vice President of the Oregon Koi and Water Garden Society and built gardens at each of his homes throughout the years.

After over 25 years in Oregon, Karl moved back to Grass Lake to help care for his aging parents and reconnected with high school classmate, Theresa (Gallas). The two found they shared a love for exploring the outdoors, gardening, and baking and were married on May 26, 2018. During the summers, son Nick and grandkids Brinley and Caleigh would frequently come

to stay and were helpers in the garden and kitchen.

Karl loved baking and could make every mouth water with the smell of his cardamom bread and saffron bread, so the two started a cottage bakery business, Heritage Bakes, to sell cookies and breads at farmers' markets.

After his parents passed, Karl and Theresa moved back to his historical family homestead in Quinnesec, MI, where he continued his love and talent for woodworking. A hobbyist furniture maker, Karl built tables, bookshelves, and keepsake boxes still used by family today.

Karl loved road trips and spending time outdoors. He and Theresa traveled from Florida to Washington and countless destinations in between, leaving behind precious memories of gathering wild blueberries, rock hunting, and camping in the Porcupine Mountains. In 2022, Karl and Theresa drove out to Oregon and Colorado to visit all their children and grandchildren, creating memories for the family to cherish.

Karl will be deeply missed by his wife, Theresa; 3 children, Miranda, Olivia and Nick; 6 grandchildren, Riley, Lillian, Annabelle, Emily, Caleigh and Brinley; and great-child, Russell; siblings, Norris, Debbie, Leif, Jenny, and Pat; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Steve and Dee Emmert's home, 3750 Burkhart Rd. off of Lee Rd. in Grass Lake, MI starting at 3:00 p.m. EST on June 29, 2024. We will be serving Karl's favorite foods. Water, Tea, and Lemonade will be provided. Your welcome to bring your own beverage, and lawn chair.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Steve & Dee Emmert's Home
3750 Burkhart Rd.
Jackson, MI 49201

Tribute Wall

KM

“ A few photos to share.



Kathy Messner - February 25, 2024 at 11:07 AM

JK

“ I was made aware of Karl's passing today and I wish to relay my condolences to you all. I know we lost touch over the years, but you all have never been forgotten.

The memories of all the things we did together came flooding back when I heard. From swimming at the lake, riding bikes around town, icing down the hill in your yard for sledding, the huge snow forts and snowball fights, playing baseball and football in the field, running around in the marsh by Freeman's, skating and playing hockey on the lake...and more, truly good times.

When I first saw the movie "Stand By Me" and heard the closing dialog, I didn't realize until then how true that statement is "I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was twelve. Jesus, does anyone?".

May you rest in peace Karl.

Jim Kwiatek

Jim Kwiatek - February 23, 2024 at 05:49 PM

TA

Thank you Jim for sharing your memories.

Theresa Anderson - February 24, 2024 at 04:16 PM

JK

Thanks, Jim.

Jenny Anderson Kalahar - February 24, 2024 at 09:13 PM

LA

“ When we were young Karl and I were really quite tight, very much simpatico. We were never bored: always something in the works, always something going on.

Then one day I turned 18--back in those days rather a seismic shift--and moreover went away off to college by my lonesome. For a couple years there I missed that connection with Karl.

But by & by Karl turns 18, and joins me and my cronies at Michigan Tech. Right away we two are together again, thick as thieves. For less than a year, but a special time I never forget.

I post this picture here mainly because it is the only one I have close to hand. I've always had this picture close to hand: college days, from that one spell together at Michigan Tech (Karl off to the right). (Every other photo I have is currently boxed up in the basement, and I cannot possibly tackle my basement until I retire.)

That's one aspect of Karl: good-natured, congenial, amusing, kind-heard, fun to be around and with, pursuing interests and developing new ones. And he could be contagious, bringing out such things in others around him; I know that was so for me. Karl is and will be missed.



Leif Anderson - February 23, 2024 at 09:08 AM

TA

TY Leif. That's a picture I have not seen.

Theresa Anderson - February 24, 2024 at 04:16 PM

KM

Karl came into our lives when my sister Theresa moved back to Grass Lake, she met Karl this very nice man who she had so much in common with. He made her laugh and happy. We had the opportunity to watch how he cared for his folks and others, while also sharing his love of cooking, gardening, working with wood and sharing fun stories. Oh and he was wicked playing Chase the Ace. And he loved some good U of M football!

The memories that we now have with the Anderson family are special, Karl you will be missed by all.

Kathy Messner - February 25, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JS

“ Anderson family

I am so saddened to learn of Karl's passing but he did it on his terms. He is at peace and his life should be celebrated. My condolences to his family. May wonderful memories of a life well lived give you comfort.

*Jo Savoy
Palmview, TX.*

Jo Savoy - February 22, 2024 at 09:27 PM

TA

Thank you Joy for the kind words, and the cards you sent. We were truly blessed, he went the way he wanted.

Theresa Anderson - February 24, 2024 at 04:15 PM

JK

“ 6 files added to the album Karl Through the years



Jenny Anderson Kalahar - February 22, 2024 at 02:44 PM

BJ

Jenny may you find comfort at this time. My heart & thoughts are with you. Bonnie Becker Jarrett

Bonnie Jarrett - February 22, 2024 at 07:46 PM

JK

Thank you, Bonnie! -- Jenny

Jenny Anderson Kalahar - February 24, 2024 at 06:59 PM