



Karen H.B. Stanton

May 21, 1947 - January 25, 2026

Karen H.B. Stanton, 78, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, passed away on January 25, 2026, in the city where she was born and spent much of her life.

Karen lived with purpose, strength, and an unmistakable no-nonsense spirit. For 30 years, she worked as a Registered Dental Hygienist, a profession that reflected her dedication, skill, and care for others. She was deeply committed to her community, serving for over three decades as a dedicated member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of NANBPW, Inc., as a Native member of the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center, and as a faithful member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church (USA).

Those who knew Karen will remember her sharp sense of humor, unwavering loyalty, and quiet kindness. She valued honesty, showed up when it mattered, and gave her time and energy generously to both family and community. Above all, Karen cherished her family—especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were a constant source of joy and pride.

Karen is survived by her favorite furry companion Kaleb; sister Jocelyn Banks (Frank Perch); son Kipp Stanton of Pittsburgh, and daughter Keirsten Stanton (Tasha Smith) of New Jersey; her granddaughter, Shaila Kratofil (Jon Kratofil) of Greensburg; her grandson, Phoenix Stanton of New Jersey; and a host of beloved bonus children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wm. Norman Banks and Hattie M. Banks, and her brother, Darryl N. Banks.

A Celebration of Life honoring Karen's life will be held in the Spring.

Karen leaves behind a legacy of strength, service, and loyalty, and her family is deeply grateful for the love she shared, the lives she touched, and the memories that will continue to guide and comfort them.

Professional services trusted to D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd., Lawrenceville.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My dear sister, it's been a long journey. May you at last find everlasting peace and comfort.*

Jocelyn Banks - February 14 at 09:11 AM

KM

“ *Dearest Cousin Karen - I will always treasure our late morning and afternoon conversations. Although we didn't have physical contact, we always shared a spiritual one. I know that you are wrapped in the warm embrace of Aunt Hattie, Uncle Norman and Cousin Darryl. Until we meet again "rest warmly" Cuz! Cousin Kay*

Kay Markham - February 01 at 10:42 PM

CP

My Deepest condolences to the family. Karen was a friend and beloved classmate. Her memory will endure. Chenits Pettigrew

Chenits Pettigrew - February 02 at 01:58 PM

MA

“ *Kipp and Family please accept our condolences, we are so sorry for your families loss! Maggie, Ed, Eric, Michelle and families*

Maggie - January 31 at 09:18 PM

SA

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Karen, my dear friend, I will miss you. Even though health conditions for both of us prevented us from seeing each other, the love was still there. Rest easy now my friend until we meet 🙏 again.*

Sherry Anderson - January 31 at 12:42 PM

CP

“ *To my wonderful and thoughtful Cousin, you will be missed so much I will always remember the fun times we had as children. May you rest in heaven with our Lord. Amen*

Cheryl P Parrish - January 30 at 08:04 PM