



## Miss Karen Louise Atkins

December 30, 1959 - December 24, 2025

Karen Louise Atkins of Cortland passed away after a brief illness on Dec 24, 2025. She was born in 1959 to Kenneth L. Atkins and Joan (Willard) Atkins. She spent the majority of her childhood in Otsego County, graduating from the Richfield Spring Central School in 1978. She graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy in 1983, working as a pharmacist until her retirement.

Karen is survived by her brother Philip (Noreen) Atkins of Groton, James (Dawn) Atkins of Leesburg VA, niece Erin (Ryan) Hildreth of Freeville, nephew Timothy Atkins of Dryden, great nephew Theo and great niece Josie as well as many cousins.

Karen moved to Cortland in the early 90's to be close to family. Karen is a lover of family, friends, cats, her home, the Bills, light & color, gardening, painting, sewing, and travel. She has been a long-time member of the Cortland Art League and has exhibited her paintings around Cortland and Tompkins County. She has been a regular exhibitor at local craft shows where she sold her artwork, cards, doll clothes and homemade gifts.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday Jan 3, 2026 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Riccardi Funeral Home in Cortland NY. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Karen's name can be made to CNY SNAP. Arrangements are under the direction of the Riccardi Funeral

Home

Cortland, NY

[www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ We just received a email from ACP of Karen's passing. Karen and I connected prior to our 1st year at ACP looking for a roommate. She from RS, I was from Herkimer. I remember looking at apartments with her and her dad. Back then, there were no dorms. Luckily, we found a decent one. She was a special friend to many and will be missed by those who knew her. So sorry for your loss, may she rest in peace. Terri Green Garcia ACP 83

Terri Green Garcia - January 12 at 02:27 PM

KM

“ I met Karen when we were both members of David Beale's art class. Her paintings were always very expressive and seemed oriental at times. She was generous with her praise and encouragement for a less accomplished artist. She will be missed!

Katrina Martin - January 08 at 12:56 PM

WL

“ Wayne, L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miss Karen Louise Atkins.

Wayne, L. - January 02 at 07:09 PM

JW

“ John W. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Miss Karen Louise Atkins.



John W. - December 31, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JW

“ John W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miss Karen Louise Atkins.

John W. - December 31, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Miss Karen Louise Atkins.



December 30, 2025 at 01:14 PM

FF

“ From Nancy and Family purchased the Sympathy Gourmet Charcuterie Gift Basket for the family of Miss Karen Louise Atkins.



From Nancy and Family - December 30, 2025 at 12:21 PM

LB

“ Lee & Cathy Mayne and Sherry Brooker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Miss Karen Louise Atkins.



Lee & Cathy Mayne and Sherry Brooker - December 30, 2025 at 11:55 AM

LJ

“ *Love, Roger, Karen, Dan, Donna, Josh purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Miss Karen Louise Atkins.*



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**Love, Roger, Karen, Dan, Donna, Josh** - December 30, 2025 at  
11:29 AM