



## Mrs. Karen O'Rourke Nielsen

June 9, 1965 - September 29, 2021

Karen O'Rourke Nielsen, 56, of Cortland, passed away on September 29, 2021.

Born June 9, 1965 in Topeka, Kansas Karen had been a Cortland resident for many years.

She was the daughter of Gerald and Patricia Jennings O'Rourke of Cortland, who survive her.

Karen was employed locally by, Access to Independence, Office of The Aging and the J.M. Murray Center. She was also previously employed the U.S. Treasury Department.

In addition to her parents she is survived by her husband; Dale Nielsen of Cortland, two brothers; John O'Rourke of Cortland and Brian (Deirdra) of Westfield, Indiana., sister in laws; Susan Nielsen of Syracuse and Linda Nielsen of Rochester and many nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as many Aunts and Uncles.

Services will be held at the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home on Thursday October 7, 2021 at 11 a.m. Prayers of committal will take place in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4101 West Rd  
Cortland, NY 13045

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Riccardi Funeral Home  
69 North Main Street  
Cortland, NY 13045  
(607) 753-1053  
riccardifh@icloud.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rest well, Bushi. <3*

**Cat Morse** - October 22, 2021 at 06:56 AM



“ *Though I worked with her dad, Jerry, many years ago, she always took the time to stop and visit with me, when we would run into one another downtown. She also was always gracious and helpful, in her role at Access to Independence. My sincere sorrow at her passing... Tony Raggi formerly of Catholic Charitie.*

**Tony Raggi** - October 10, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen O'Rourke Nielsen.*



October 06, 2021 at 08:05 AM

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“ Karen will be missed for her beautiful heart and soul. She and I shared a love of reading and fantasy. We played many games through the years and shared many conversations on the books we shared a love for. I will forever miss her witty sense of humor and love for all things fantastical! May her family find comfort in knowing that Karen lived a life with love and compassion for everyone she knew or met. I pray that a of Karen's dreams and fantasies are a reality for her now.



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**Kara Ptak** - October 06, 2021 at 06:30 AM

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“ Cousins Susan, Tom and Dave O'Rourke purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Karen O'Rourke Nielsen.



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**Cousins Susan, Tom and Dave O'Rourke** - October 05, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen O'Rourke Nielsen.



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October 05, 2021 at 01:48 PM