



## Interment

### Headstone

(Next to Her Mother's)  
Deepdale Memorial Cemetery  
4108 Old Lansing Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

### Cremains

Cremains will rest at the Cottage on  
The East Bay of Lake Michigan

## Acknowledgement

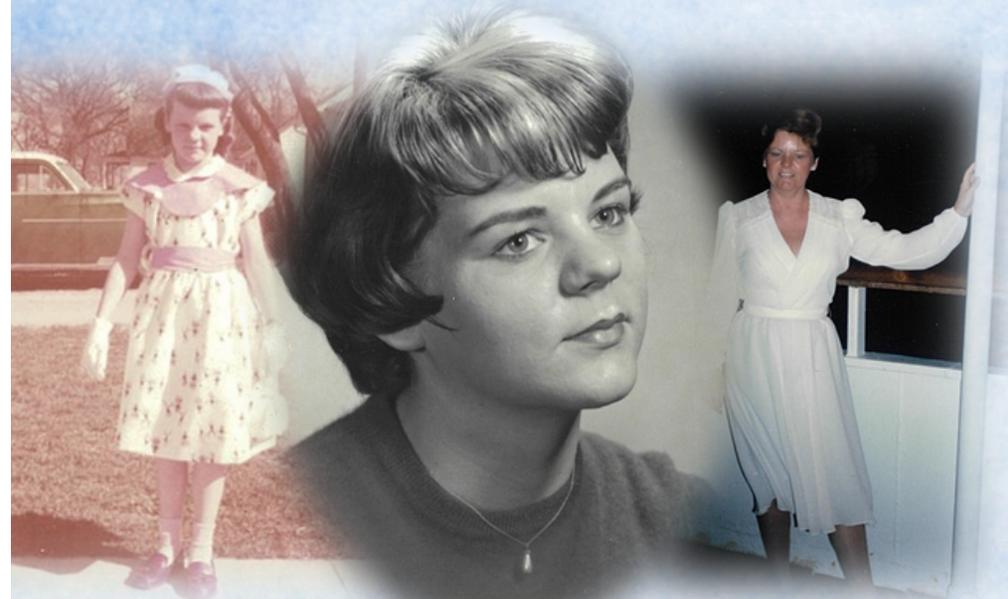
The family wishes to thank our relatives and friends for their kind expressions of concern and heartfelt sympathy during our bereavement. May God richly bless each of you. Thank you. Special thanks and gratitude to the Nephrology Clinic of Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, Michigan; nurses, Jeanne and Libby; social worker, Karen; her dietician, Kristen; caregivers, Kim and Kristen; her special friends and neighbors, the Hafez Family, Mohamed, Ramia, Dina, Debo, and Rima. All of the people mentioned treated Karen like she was family.

*The Family of  
Mrs. Karen Lucille Jackson*

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# A Tribute of Love to



*Mrs. Karen Lucille Jackson*



Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartaches  
When someone speaks your name,  
Sad are the hearts that love you  
Silent the tears that fall,  
Living our hearts without you  
Is the hardest part of all.  
You did so many things for us  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you.  
The special years will not return  
When we were all together,  
But with the love within our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.



Celebration of Life  
Saturday, August 23, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Alumni Memorial Chapel  
Michigan State University  
636 Auditorium Rd  
East Lansing, MI 48824

Pastor Rick Smith, Sr., Officiant

## Order of Service

Prayer ..... Pastor Rick Smith, Sr.  
Musical Selection ..... "If I Can Dream" - Elvis Presley  
Readings ..... Kim  
Musical Selection ..... Pamela & Jennifer  
Musical Selection .. "Ribbons in the Sky" - Stevie Wonder  
Expressions ..... Vic Loomis  
Eulogy ..... Pastor Rick Smith, Sr.  
Reading ..... Kristen  
Dismissal ..... Pastor Rick Smith, Sr.  
Recessional Music .... "My Sweet Lord" - George Harrison



### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all,  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play,  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day,  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy,  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss,  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

## Obituary Karen Lucille Jackson



Sunrise: April 22, 1945 - Sunset: July 21, 2025

Karen Lucille Jackson (Bartow) passed away in her home on Monday, July 21, 2025, at the age of 80 years old. She was surrounded by her loving family. Karen was born on Sunday, April 22, 1945, at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, Michigan, the daughter of Douglas and Phyllis Bartow.

Karen graduated from Haslett High School in 1963. Karen met her husband, Wilbert Jackson, in the fall of 1963 while working at Uncle John's Pancake House in Lansing, Michigan. The two started dating shortly after and were wed in the spring of 1967. Together they had a daughter, Andrea, and a son, Jason. While her children were away in school, Karen decided to set out on her own business ventures. Karen started her working life with professional licenses in cosmetology and real estate. Karen was an entrepreneur, purchasing her first business with her husband, a car wash located on Michigan Avenue in Lansing in 1979. In the following years, Karen and Wilbert opened two more car washes in Lansing. Karen and Wilbert then acquired the franchise rights in Eaton County for Mancino's Restaurants in 1990. She then opened two more Mancino's restaurants on Saginaw Highway, one in Lansing and the other in Grand Ledge. In addition to their children, Karen and Wilbert have two grandchildren. Karen spent her life raising her family and her retirement raising her grandchildren. The family often spent time boating off the shore of Lake Michigan in Grand Haven and later at her cottage on the shore of East Bay of Lake Michigan near the village of Elk Rapids. Karen was also well-traveled, enjoying family trips cruising the Caribbean, Central America, South America, and Alaska. She also vacationed in Europe and Hawaii.

Karen is survived by her husband, of fifty-eight years, Wilbert Jackson and her two adult children, Andrea (Kevin) Kirby and Jason Jackson; two grandchildren, Miles Kirby and Skylar Kirby; brother Jim Bartow (Joy Summers); sisters, Susan Adams (David) and Anne Bartow; along with many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents.