



Karen Wheelock

October 25, 1945 - August 6, 2016

Karen L. Wheelock passed away in her Visalia home on August 6, 2016. Born October 25, 1945 in Milwaukee, WI, she moved with her family to Antigo, WI while in the second grade. She had one older and four younger brothers. After graduating from Antigo High School, she went to work for the FBI in Washington, D.C., where she met her husband to be, Bruce. Karen was looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary on December 31, 2016. Karen was blessed with and raised two sons; Joel, born in Alexandria, VA and Jeff, born in Green Bay, WI. Karen, Bruce and their sons moved to California in 1984.

Karen was an entrepreneur at heart, and after raising her sons in 1992, she founded Visalia Coffee Company on Mooney Blvd. She moved the growing business to Main St. in 1995, where she added Saturday morning jazz, a tradition which still exists, but has moved to Café 210. Karen sold the business and retired in 2000. Retirement didn't last long for this go-getter, who didn't give anything less than 110% in any undertaking, family or job. So with Bruce still working, three years later, she purchased and ran First Glance Ultrasound, until selling the successful business after seven years.

Karen also loved her new-found community and served on the boards for the First Methodist Church, Visalia Downtown Association, and Café 210, as well as serving on the new Visalia Transit Center Design Committee. However, her proudest accomplishment was being a part of the growth of her five grandchildren into wonderful young ladies and gentlemen.

The loves of her life were Bruce and their sons, their sons' spouses, and their grandchildren; Joel (Lana) and sons, Alex and Jonathan, frequently visited from Bakersfield. Jeff (Lisa) blessed her with little girls (finally!) and a son, Jessica, Samantha, and Seth, all from Visalia.

She is also survived by her mother, Lucile Weaver, 93, of Baraboo, WI, and five brothers; Don (Marilyn), of Weaverville, NC; Mark (Mary), of Sauk City, WI; Dean (DeeDee), of Antigo, WI; Greg (Courtney), of Surry, ME; and Doug (Candy), of St. Louis, MO. Her father, Don Weaver Sr., preceded her in death in 1985.

Karen will be sadly missed by her family and friends in Wisconsin and California and elsewhere. A memorial service will be held for Karen on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, in Visalia, CA. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Memorial

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Karen Wheelock*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 19, 2016 at 05:25 PM

RW

Sitting here listening to what everything that was said about Karen at the life service, which i couldnt attend, she was and is my favorite sister in law my onlyone

Roger Wheelock - August 22, 2016 at 08:59 PM

SW

“ *Uncle Bruce, Joel & Jeff,*

Thinking of you as you celebrate Karen's remarkable life.

I am holding you close in my thoughts and prayers.

Shay Weaver Wells

Shay Weaver Wells - August 20, 2016 at 03:52 PM

MB

“ *Jeff& Lesa may Gods grace be with all of you love*

marvin & Betty - August 20, 2016 at 03:23 PM

AH

“ I send loving thoughts to the family of Karen. I so enjoyed getting to know her over the years at Hope family reunions. She will be sorely missed! Love, Ann Hope

Ann Hope - August 20, 2016 at 02:13 PM

BS

“ Dear Bruce and family, we wanted to send our sincere sympathy to you all ! We were so saddened to read of Karen's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
We always enjoyed our visits with Karen and you too Bruce whether it was a by chance meeting or at the Visalia Coffee company when you had that or even her first coffee company there on Mooney. She was always so friendly and open and welcoming to all!
Having been involved with the 210 center ourselves we appreciated the professional advice and help she gave the center. She really made a difference!
Her loss is not only to all of you but to our community as well. She will be missed and hopefully the love and support of family and friends plus all of the incredible memories will help to ease you thru this difficult time. With love, Tricia and Barry Smith

Barry and Tricia Smith - August 18, 2016 at 03:16 PM

SM

“ Sam & Marie purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Karen Wheelock.



Sam & Marie - August 17, 2016 at 10:03 PM

AC

“ Karen will be deeply missed! As a close friend of my mom's (Elizabeth Mowbray) it seemed like we were always sneaking into the Visalia Coffee Company to say hello and she was there to greet us with a warm smile and a warmer hug! I was also fortunate enough to see Karen when she did the ultrasound for me when I was pregnant with my daughter. She was always so sweet and so kind. Heaven definitely gained a good one! My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Andrea Castro - August 17, 2016 at 03:14 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Karen Wheelock.



August 17, 2016 at 02:37 PM

JH

“ I was very sad to learn of Karen's passing. Dave is planning to attend the service. My best wishes to the family at this difficult time
John Hope

John Hope - August 17, 2016 at 12:53 PM

BM

“ Barb and Terry McDougall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen Wheelock.



Barb and Terry McDougall - August 16, 2016 at 09:33 AM