



Karen Weldon

August 18, 1944 - December 8, 2025

Karen Weldon, 81, of Oskaloosa and Lake Wales, Florida, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2025, at Homestead in Oskaloosa.

Karen Ann Weldon, daughter of Lewis and Arlene (Glandon) Bower, was born August 18, 1944, in Sigourney, Iowa. Karen attended South English schools and graduated with the class of 1962. A year later, on September 14, 1963, she was united in marriage to Layton Claypool, and to this union, two daughters were born, Krista and Kendra. They later divorced.

During Karen's working career, she was employed by the Welcome Wagon of Oskaloosa, Mahaska State Bank, Edward Jones, and William Penn College.

Karen was united in marriage to Russell Weldon on December 31, 1991, in Oskaloosa. Karen and Russell stayed in Oskaloosa until 2001, when they began splitting time between Oskaloosa and Florida, and in 2015 became full-time residents of Lake Wales, Florida.

Karen enjoyed many activities, including being a member of the Red Hat Ladies and the Street Rod Club, teaching line dancing and belly dancing, playing cards, relaxing in the sun, and golfing, even recording a hole-in-one on hole 17 at Oskaloosa Golf. She cherished memories of spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Karen's family includes her husband, Russell Weldon, of Oskaloosa; her daughter, Kendra (Steve) Heaton of Oskaloosa; grandsons; Cory (Beth) Sheeley of Oskaloosa; Zach (Jose') Sheeley of Des Moines; and Lake Heaton of Oskaloosa; step-children: Jim (Dominique) Weldon of Ottumwa; Rachelle (Scott) Vande Haar of Oskaloosa; step-grandchildren: Amanda (Tyler) Hunt of Oskaloosa; Alex (Andrea) Heaton of Sigourney; Colton Weldon of Leon; Casey (Katie) Weldon of Bondurant; and several great- grandchildren.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Krista Claypool VandeKieft; a grandson, Jordan Heaton; and two great-granddaughters, Ann and Maya Sheeley.

As was her wish, Karen's body has been cremated, and services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Sorry to hear of Karen's loss....She was 10 years older than me so didn't know her that well.....but any Webster native is always deep in our hearts!

Lora Winter - December 20, 2025 at 10:18 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. We were cousins on her mother's side of the family and enjoyed many, many family reunions together as we were growing up. Fortunately we also saw each other occasionally as adults and enjoyed those visits. My thoughts will be with all of you as you grieve the loss of a very vibrant person.

Jackie Lockridge Wallace - December 20, 2025 at 03:46 PM

GW

“ My condolences to Russell and family.

Greg weldon - December 19, 2025 at 05:59 PM

CN

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Russ and all Karen's family. She was a beautiful lady and will be missed.
Chris and Charlie Niemann

Christine Niemann - December 18, 2025 at 06:16 AM

TM

“ Karen will be missed. She was a sweet and beautiful person. I meet her 4 years ago as a new neighbor. She loved playing cards with her friends. She had a great sense of humor that would make you laugh. I was blessed to have known her. Prayers to Russ and her family!



Terri McDuff - December 11, 2025 at 07:37 AM

JT

Karen was a wonderful person and friends. We played cards together for years and she was a joy to play with. We also shared our love for the Iowa Hawkeyes together. I am so sorry to hear of her passing and send prayers to her family.

Joyce Turner - December 11, 2025 at 09:06 AM

JE

“ Julie Van Englehoven lit a candle in memory of Karen Weldon



Julie Van Englehoven - December 10, 2025 at 11:47 AM

RC

“ Rhonda Callison lit a candle in memory of Karen Weldon



Rhonda Callison - December 10, 2025 at 09:13 AM

RC

What a wonderfully sweet and friendly lady, always! Sincere condolences to Karen's family.

Rhonda Callison - December 10, 2025 at 09:13 AM

ZS

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Zach Sheeley - December 09, 2025 at 11:27 PM

JJ

“ *Karen was always the life of the party at family get togethers. Always, always laughing! I enjoyed any time I could talk to her, which wasn't often enough, or visit with her and Russ whenever we were in Florida. We even went to an Iowa Football bowl game in Tampa with other family members that won't be forgotten. Karen will be missed by her extended Glandon family for sure.*

Julie (Glandon) James - December 09, 2025 at 06:49 PM

LH

Not having seen Karen since 8th grade at Webster School in 1958, learning of her passing was sad nonetheless.

Larry Hershberger - December 20, 2025 at 04:21 PM

CS

“ *Cara Sage lit a candle in memory of Karen Weldon*



Cara Sage - December 09, 2025 at 06:07 PM

JL

“ *We are so sorry for your family's loss Kendra. Hugs and prayers are with you now and in the days to come! I have so many fun memories of times spent with Karen!* 🙏



Judy & Larry Lewis - December 09, 2025 at 05:35 PM