



Karen Denine Gogolin

December 29, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Karen (Deana) Denine Gogolin on December 29, 2025, in the comfort of our her home at the age of 59, after a brave, two-year fight with Pancreatic cancer.

Forever remembered by her son Mitchell Gogolin (Cass) and grandson Sawyer; mother Sylvia Pollett (Ron Robinson) and father Albert Pollett (Kimberly); siblings Lisa Pollett, Shawn Pollett (Mary), Danielle Jackson (Shane) and Jesse Pollett (Hailey); dear friend and father of Mitchell, Kevin Gogolin (Kimberly), and she is survived by several loving aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and a large number of extended family and friends.

Deana's greatest joys and proudest accomplishments were her beloved son, Mitchell, and her precious grandson, Sawyer. With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to an extraordinary woman who touched so many lives.

Anyone who knew Deana knew her kindness was boundless, which was evident in her 35 year career as a Registered Nurse. She was caring, forgiving, and lived by the simple yet powerful belief: "Treat people how you want to be treated." Her infectious smile and unwavering compassion left an imprint on everyone she met. Deana always saw the good in everything and everyone, and the countless stories shared about her, reflect a life filled with love and grace. Deana believed that words matter. To her, a heartfelt card

telling someone how you truly feel meant so much more than any present. It was never about material things; it was about connection, sincerity, and making people feel valued. That simple act of expressing love and appreciation was a reflection of her beautiful soul.

Through Mitchell and Sawyer, Deana's (Nana's) spirit will live on—in their laughter, their warmth, and the love they share. She was as strong and resilient as they come, choosing life and fighting with courage until the very end.

It was a privilege to know her. Though she now looks down on us from above, this is not goodbye, rather, like the last book she read to Sawyer, her love remains forever in our hearts through an invisible string. "People who love each other are always connected by a very special string, made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it with your heart and know that you are always connected to everyone you love."

Rest peacefully, Deana. Your light will never fade, and your love will guide us always.

A celebration of Deana's beautiful life will be held later in the year.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Brigitte lit a candle in memory of Karen Gogolin*



Brigitte - March 27 at 12:31 PM

SJ

“ *Goodbye my friend, so many memories, good times, and sadness. I know you are watching over the people you love, that is what you have always done. Thank you for being my friend, love always to the Dancing Queen. XXXOOO Always and forever...*



sylvia james - January 09 at 12:13 AM

KP

“ *Hi I have alot of Memories of Deana...I am so glad I was part of this family and married into the Pollett family! Deana was such a Wonderful friend and a Beautiful person inside and out!!..You will Always be with us Always...Love you..Until we meet again...*

Kim Pollett... - January 03 at 08:15 PM

KP

“ *Love you Deana...You are a Wonderful Friend and so glad I am part of your Family...Our Memories will live on forever!!..Love you until we meet again...xoxo....Kim Pollett*

Kim Pollett... - January 03 at 08:02 PM

MS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Deana's passing. She was not only an exceptional nurse, but a truly wonderful person. She brought warmth, laughter, and compassion into every room she entered, and she was deeply loved by her colleagues and residents alike. Our workplace was better because of her, and she will be greatly missed. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this very difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing how much she meant to so many people.

Michelle Stroud

Michelle Stroud - January 03 at 07:52 PM

JM

“ So sorry Sylvia to hear of your daughter's passing. Condolences to you and all the families. I pray that God will give you the strength to get through the difficult days ahead.

Jean Menchenton - January 02 at 02:56 PM

DL

“ I have so many beautiful memories with Deana. We took a long road trip and got lost and it sure felt like a comedy show if you were on that trip with us. No cell phones back at that time with Google maps so you can only imagine us two in the car. Another thing I will miss is her meatballs and rice the best. Lastly I will miss how she was always there for me even when she was battling cancer. She said your problems are just as important as mine when I said it can't compare to what you are going through. She still wanted to hear and help me that was our Deana with a heart of gold. Love you my bestie 😊😭😭

Debbie Laurie - January 02 at 01:58 PM

CG

“ *The best memory is really hard to pinpoint because we really had a lot of great times together. But the memory I am most grateful for was the day we became friends. We were 17 years old and it was actually over a boy. I won't get into too many details But at the beginning, we weren't fans of each other but after that situation, we became the best of friends ! That was 43 years ago. I will never forget what a kind heart she had. She never thought of herself She always thought of others first, I will treasure all our memories forever. I love you, Deana. You will be forever missed, but always in my heart.*

Cindy Giles - January 02 at 12:37 PM