



## Karen J. Olsberg (Anderson)

November 20, 1942 - January 20, 2021

A graveside service will be held 10:00 am, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City, ND.

Karen Joan Olsberg (Anderson), age 78, passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Farmstead Memory Care in Moorhead, MN. She was under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley, and her daughters were by her side.

Karen was born in 1942 in Jamestown, ND to Earl and Irene (Horkman) Olsberg. She grew up and lived most of her life in Valley City, ND. Karen attended and was confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City and graduated from Valley City High School in 1960. She then attended Valley City State Teacher's College for one year.

On April 14, 1961, Karen married her high school sweetheart, Lynn Anderson, at the United Methodist Church in Valley City. They remained married for 48 years. When the couple was first married, Karen worked at American National Bank of Valley City, and after that as a bookkeeper for Dakota Auto Supply in Valley City. In the late 1970's, Karen and Lynn started a small business in their home taking family, wedding, and reunion pictures. Karen helped with photo shoots, processed photos, and managed books. After 10 years in the photography business, they set off over-the-road trucking. They traveled throughout the United States for four years while working for various trucking

companies. Upon returning to Valley City, Karen retired to be home and spend more time with family and friends.

In 2016, while struggling with early-onset Alzheimer's disease, Karen moved into an assisted living apartment at Farmstead Care in Moorhead. As the disease progressed, she transferred to the memory care unit at Farmstead Care where she lived until her death.

Karen was a devoted mother and grandmother who enjoyed making her time with family special. She loved to spoil each of her family's dogs and considered them part of the family. Every week Karen looked forward to meeting her high school classmates for coffee. She also enjoyed walking, yoga, and gardening.

Karen is survived by her daughters, Deb (Ron) Jensen, Moorhead, MN, and Tamra Anderson, Duluth, MN; grandchildren, Chelse (Mason) Ware, Moorhead, MN, Aaron Jensen, East Grand Forks, MN, Caryn Bruce and Liam Bruce, Duluth, MN; great granddaughter, Ella Ware; sister, Barbara Olsberg, Valley City and brother Steven Olsberg, Rapid City, SD.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Bonnie Schlaffman formerly of Sequim, WA.

A graveside service celebrating Karen's life will be held 10:00 am, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City, ND. The live stream service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/1095364>

Until then, her family invites you to share a story or memory of Karen on the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel online guestbook at [www.olivernathanchapel.com](http://www.olivernathanchapel.com) as they celebrate her life and legacy.

Memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association MN-ND Regional Chapter, 2631 12th Ave S, Suite A, Fargo, ND 58103, [Alz.org](http://Alz.org) or to Hospice of

the Red River Valley, 1701 38th St S, Suite 101, Fargo, ND 58103, [HRRV.org](http://HRRV.org)

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan  
Funeral chapel. An online guestbook is available at [olivernathanchapel.com](http://olivernathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

Woodbine Cemetery  
Valley City, ND

## Karen Olsberg (Anderson) Live Stream Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen J. Olsberg (Anderson)*



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2021 at 12:45 PM

PS

“ *Deb and Tami*  
*I am sending my prayers to you for the loss of your Mom. I have found memories of your family in high school years. Take care!*  
*Blessings*  
*Pam*

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**Pam Schumacher** - June 28, 2021 at 06:33 PM

LS

“ *Deb and Tamera,*  
*My sincere condolences to you and your families. You probably don't remember me, but I was a second-cousin of your Dad's and knew your Mom quite well, while I lived in and visited with her on a few infrequent visits to VC, usually at Dakota Auto.*  
*I know the type of difficulties you probably faced with her Alzheimer's; my dad had it too.*  
*Time heals, my best wishes to you during this time of grieving.*  
*Rick Luessen*

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**Lee Sun** - February 24, 2021 at 03:41 PM

DJ

*Thanks so much Rick! I do remember you, and I remember Mom and Dad fondly talking about you and the family connections. We appreciate your kind words and memories of Mom. Thanks for sharing!*

Debra K Jensen - June 21, 2021 at 12:53 PM

GH

*“...and here closes another "chapter" of my life with the passing of a dear friend. Karen and Lynn, along with Deb and Tam, entered my life thru our passions in photography and custom cars. It was extremely hard to accept Lynn's disease to his demise, but with the request of Karen wanting for help through those early times, I was honored. Some Memories will never fade...*

Gale Hansen - February 23, 2021 at 10:27 AM

DJ

*Gale, we are so lucky to have had you as a family friend. I don't know what Mom would have done in those early years of Dad's dementia without the help of friends like you and your patience and kindness! I know how much Dad respected you and they both valued your friendship. And, we all loved having you visit. Hopefully your memories will be of the happy times with our family!*

Debra K Jensen - June 21, 2021 at 01:04 PM

JE

*“ Jeff lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Olsberg (Anderson)*



jeff - February 22, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JE

*karen was a fantastic lady who loved people and animals. may she r.i.p. hugs and prayers for her family. we lived up the road from her on riverview drive in the 70's. going east.....*

jeff - February 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM

DJ

*Thanks Jeff. I know you and Todd always held a special place in Mom's heart. I remember you living down the road from our house when we were little. We appreciate you sharing your memories of Mom with us!*

Debra K Jensen - June 21, 2021 at 01:08 PM

NT

“*Dear family members of Karen,  
My wife and I want to extend to you our heartfelt condolences and prayers for God's very real comfort for you, as we have experienced. It was so interesting to read your mom and grandmother's life story! It is clear that she had a strong faith. We share our Jesus' words in John 11:25-26 to his dear friends: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die!" What comfort we have in Jesus who promises us Eternal Life and reunion in Heaven for us and all who believe in Him, including our loved ones!*

Norm and Lois Thomsen - January 31, 2021 at 06:21 PM

AL

“*Tamra and family,  
Sending condolences and sympathy on the loss of your dear mother. May you be comforted with warm memories.*

*Allison*

Allison - January 31, 2021 at 03:30 PM

TA

*Allison, it is so nice of you to send your condolences. Your phone calls of support have comforted me a great deal during this hard time. Thank you...*

Tamra Anderson - January 31, 2021 at 04:43 PM

LA

*“ Rest in peace my sweet aunt Karen, thank you for all the good memories. She Always had a smile and a hug for me, Also, a big thank you for all the Flintstone Vitamins you gave me through my young years ! I am forever grateful . And will love you always. Love and hugs to you Deb and Tam , , thinking of you. Lisa Anderson*

Lisa Anderson - January 31, 2021 at 05:14 AM

TA

*Oh yes Lisa, I remember those Flintstone vitamins that mom used to give us! She was so full of hugs and love for others. Sometimes it feels like just yesterday we were playing with Wiggletail and Fifi in the front yard at Riverview Drive. I think mom always thought of you and Kim as being some "bonus Daughters" of her own! 🥰*

Tamra Anderson - January 31, 2021 at 11:47 AM

RP

*“ When I was young Karen and Lynn loved doing the photography and spending hours in the dark room developing the photos !! I was able to get to know them very well as they built a remote control racetrack just outside of oriska. Many hours on the weekends out there and it was a party all the time !! Karen always had a smile on her face !! She will be missed !! Love always and never forgotten!!!*

Rick pommerer - January 30, 2021 at 11:46 PM

TA

*Thank you Rick. Oh yes, the remote control race track that Mom and Dad built at Oriska. Mom spent many hours out there helping in any way that she could. I think you almost grew up out there lending a hand too didn't you? Deb and I found pictures of the racetrack, definitely a team effort making that place. Thanks for the memory.*

Tamra Anderson - January 31, 2021 at 11:57 AM

DJ

*Thanks for sharing your memories, Rick! I know both Mom and Dad loved having you at the track and watching you grow up over the years.*

Debra K Jensen - June 21, 2021 at 01:18 PM

RO

“ *Sending our sympathy to the family. Karen was such a kind lady. Thinking of you all. Hugs and Prayers,  
Roxanne & Todd Baumgartner*

Roxanne - January 30, 2021 at 11:46 AM

TA

*Thank you Roxanne for your condolences. Mom was very kind indeed! Kind to people, and animals as well. And I was so glad she was such a fun-loving Mom!! Remember when she let me come up to stay at your place, in the camper, during the North Dakota winter show? She always seemed like such a "cool- hip mom" when I was growing up. And I thank her for that...*

Tamra Anderson - January 31, 2021 at 12:05 PM

DJ

*Thanks Todd and Roxanne!*

Debra K Jensen - June 21, 2021 at 01:19 PM

MM

“ *Such great pictures!! Thank you for sharing!! I am sorry for your loss. Karen was a special lady..no matter what phase i was at in my life, she just loved me anyway. I will remember her smile forever. Hugs and love to you all! Melissa Love Meyer*

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**melissa meyer** - January 29, 2021 at 04:14 PM

TA

*Thank you Melissa for writing your memories here. Yes, time sure has flown by, but we have so many pictures of all those good years with Mom. I am very thankful for that...*

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**Tamra Anderson** - January 29, 2021 at 04:24 PM

DJ

*Thinking of you Melissa, and Cory and the boys. Thanks for making memories with Mom and sharing them with us!*

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**Debra K Jensen** - June 21, 2021 at 01:23 PM

GB

“ *Karen was a very special lady. Though I hadn't seen her in recent years, I remember that she always made me feel special. I was blessed to have her help with my senior pictures, and the best was when they agreed to come out and take pictures at our wedding. I believe I remember her saying one of their first weddings was my oldest sister Denise's wedding, and we were one of the last weddings. She leaves behind two beautiful daughters that learned a lot from her. Sending love and prayers.*

*Grace (Dagman) Baker*

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**Grace Baker** - January 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM

TA

*Yes Grace, there were so many weddings and senior pictures during those "Photo Fun" years. I think Mom has managed to attend more weddings that anyone else in Valley!! And she gave Deb and I so much love and support through all those years...*

**Tamra Anderson** - January 29, 2021 at 04:29 PM

SO

*“ I am sorry for your loss she was a wonderful lady! If you looked up the definition of a sweetheart in the dictionary it would say The Angel Karen Joan Olsberg. Looking at all the pictures brought back many great memories.  
Stan*

**Stan Orness** - January 29, 2021 at 12:26 PM

TA

*Thank you so much Stan for your kind words about Mom. I know she enjoyed good memories, thru the years, of you and your classic cars!*

**Tamra Anderson** - January 29, 2021 at 01:01 PM

DJ

*Thanks for your kind words Stan. I know both Mom and Dad valued your friendship and enjoyed having you as a dear friend. We're so happy we found the wonderful picture of Mom standing by your Elvis cutout and classic car! Having that picture in her video tribute is a precious memory we want to share with all of her family and friends.*

**Debra K Jensen** - June 21, 2021 at 01:33 PM

CB

*“ Sorry for your loss. I knew karen thru Eleanor Bachman*

**Charlotte Bates** - January 28, 2021 at 11:56 PM

DJ

*Thank you Charlotte! I remember Mom mentioning your name. I know There was lots of laughing and fun when they got together with Eleanor. 😊*

**Deb Jensen** - January 29, 2021 at 09:45 AM

SC

*“ What a wonderful lady, happy to have known her. Dennis and sharon*

**Sharon coleman** - January 28, 2021 at 10:57 PM

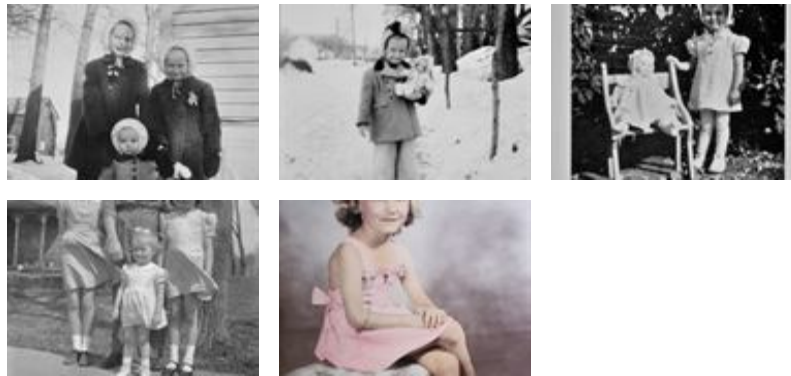
DJ

*Sharon, thanks so much for sharing. ❤️*

**Deb Jensen** - January 29, 2021 at 09:49 AM



*“ 82 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KJ

“ *Kari (Kohn) Jones lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Olsberg (Anderson)*



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**Kari (Kohn) Jones** - January 25, 2021 at 10:24 AM

KJ

*So sorry for your loss. Your are in our prayers*

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**Kari (Kohn) Jones** - January 25, 2021 at 10:26 AM

DJ

*Thank you Kari* ❤️

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**Deb Jensen** - January 29, 2021 at 10:03 AM