



Karen Patch

May 9, 2014

Mrs. Karen Marie (Gwozdz) Patch, 40, of 93 Wilshire Drive, Cheshire, died on Friday, May 9, 2014 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was born in Pittsfield on October 19, 1973, a daughter of Edward and Margaret "Mal" (Lyons) Gwozdz. She attended schools in Cheshire and graduated from Hoosac Valley High School in 1992. She then went on to attend Fitchburg State College and received her degree in nursing as a Registered Nurse from Berkshire Community College.

At the time of her death, Karen was employed as the Assistant Director of Nurses at Craneville Place Nursing Home, Dalton. Earlier she had worked at Hillcrest Commons Nursing Home, Pittsfield.

She was a communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire.

Besides her parents of Cheshire, she is survived by her son, Kyle Patch of Cheshire and New Lebanon, NY and his father Trevor Patch of New Lebanon;

1 Sister – Kerry McMahon and her husband Sean of Cheshire;

1 Brother – Christopher Gwozdz and his wife Holly of Byfield, MA;

3 Aunts – Christine Barbarotta and her husband Pepi, Kathy Harter and Barbara Insero and her husband Thomas;

1 Uncle – Francis Gwozdz and his wife Dorothy;

2 Nieces – Cailin and Cassidy McMahon;

2 Nephews – Henry and Benjamin Gwozdz;

5 Cousins, Mark Gwozdz and his wife Liz, Lisa Gwozdz, Kelly and Nicole

Barbarotta and Katie Harter and by a very close family friend, Andy Kachel

She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents Matthew and Ann Lyons, by her paternal grandparents, Frank and Stella Gwozdz and by her Aunt Margie Gwozdz.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, May 15 at 10:00AM in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, celebrated by Rev. David R. Raymond, Pastor.

Burial will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams.

The family requests the omission of flowers and suggests memorial donations be made to the Kyle Patch Education Fund through the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *My heart breaks for your whole family. You were taken from us far too soon. Rest in peace my friend. You are missed, and will be remembered always.*

Mellissa Gates - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

HE

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Karen's family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all she has met. Rest in piece karen*

Holly Emerson-Rufo - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

KH

“ *A bright shining light has been extinguished with your passing. Our hearts are with your loving family. Fly with the angels Karen.*

Kim and Jim Hurlbut - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

AW

“ *Sending wishes of strength and love to the Gwozdz/Patch family. We are all blessed to have enjoyed our time with Karen. She will always be fondly in my memory!*

Amy Hendricks Wiles - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

LP

“ *First, it must be said, that this loss to your family, is beyond my comprehension, so I want you to know I will not say I understand what you are going through. I will tell you that I knew Karen, laughed with her, ate lunches with her, yelled with her when things were not making sense...we worked at Hillcrest together for a number of years. Karen was adorable...sweet....kind....giving....and even though it had been awhile since I had seen her, I cannot fathom not seeing her again...that is what is real to me...Please, know how much your daughter was loved outside of the family or friend circle..she was loved by everyone who knew her for more than a minute....her impact on me will always be with me and her goodness imbedded in my memory until I have none...My sorrow for you, her family, is immense. Please keep all the beautiful memories in mind, see her in Kyle....and make sure he knows what a treasure his Mom was...as she watches over him. With great regard and respect...Louise E Posnick RN, LSW*

Louise Posnick - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ I have so many funny and fond memories of Karen..she was a kind, loving and fun person..smart, athletic,beatiful, awesome mother,caring and compassionate towards others. most recognizably was the loving bond she shared with her family and son..as high school students we would all go out,but no matter what,why,where or how Karen always made sure to call home to check in and to say I love..for the night..that always stuck with me thru life.. drove to cape cod with kerri, Karen and their family..even though it rained it was my first time and I had a blast, we had a weird language of our own where we would put "r" in words and sentences where it didn't belong.. just silly silly stuff.playing sports with Karen was fun, anytime around her was laughter..Karen had so many friends and lives she touched in so many ways her passing will be difficult but never forgotten..i choose to remember her life light and celebrate her spirit everlasting...look down on us Karen when you arrive..xo peace and love..

teisha fletcher - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

CC

“ It was a joy knowing Karen my heart breaks for your family thoughts and prayers go out to them praying that God gives them the strength to make it through this difficult time. Rest in peace dear sweet beautiful lady. Those angles got nothing on you...

chris collins - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ may this flame burn in your honor Karen as your soul searches for serenity..

teisha fletcher - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

JH

“ Words can do little right now to take away the pain of loss. Karen was always bright rays of sunshine from the time she was a little girl. She loved everybody which is probably why she was so successful as a nurse. I recently reconnected with her on Facebook. Her posts of her and Kyle showed she hadn't changed much at all, still one of the most beautiful people inside and out. Mal, Eddie, Kerry, Christopher and families, sending you all blessings and strength to get through this loss a bit easier. Love to you all, Jean

JeanAnn Harrison - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

CN

“ Mal, Eddie and family: we are heartbroken over your loss. We pray that your beautiful memories of Karen and the support of so many who love you and Karen will ease your pain. God bless you.

Chris and Amale Neary - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

SB

“ Dear Mal, Eddie & family: We are devastated to hear of your loss. While there are no words to ease your sadness, know that we send our sympathy and love to all who grieve for the beautiful Karen. Love, Sharon & Al

Sharon & Al Barbarotta - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

SS

“ I am so incredibly sorry to hear about Karens passing. I had the joy of working with her at hillcrest commons...she was a very kind and wonderful person..i know it hurts to loose her..however now she can be with and guard over everyone she cares about at the same time....my prayers are with you

sarah simmons - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this heartbreaking moment of your lives. God bless you all. Donna Grover*

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“ *We send our love to Karen's family, Kyle and Trevor. She was a beautiful person and a very loving daughter-in-law. We will miss her dearly.*

Dan & Bevis Lind - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to all the family.*

Ann Tyler - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *So many of my fondest memories were with Karen and the entire Gwozdz family. My deepest sympathies are with you all during this very sad time. With love, "Boner"*

Amy Bozek - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Mal, Eddie & family--Our deepest sympathy to all of you. We will keep you in our prayers & hearts. Jean & John (Butch) Casey*

Jean Casey - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

RL

“ *Mal, Eddie and family - Bob and I were saddened to hear of Kerry's passing. Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Bob & Leslie*

Robert LaPlante - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

RL

“ *Mal and Eddie - sorry I put Kerry's name in the sympathy - I meant to say Karen. Love, Leslie*

Robert LaPlante - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Mal and Ed, We are very sorry for your loss. Karen was a great roll model as well as a friend. Words cannot describe the loss that will be felt by many. - Jeff, Kim, Sam and Kylie Warner*

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“ *Mal, Ed, Kerry & Kyle ~ I'm so incredibly sorry for your loss. The whole community is mourning with you. Please know you are all in my thoughts. Paula Bourdon-Morehouse*

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DK

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Although I personally did not have the privilege of knowing her directly, my sons both had a strong connection to her. To know that she shared the same passion as me, being in the nursing profession, I feel like we had an underlying bond. May God rest upon her soul and bring comfort to her family and friends especially her son, Kyle.*

Danielle Kinne - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Ed and Mel and Family . Ron and I send are deepest sympathies.*

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“ *To the Gwozdz Family and the Patch Family So sorry for your loss Karen was a Great person my prayers are with you and your Family through this difficult time. Stacy & Mark Mazzeo Stephentown, NY*

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“ *Words fail to express our sorrow.
Hugging you with all our heart and surrounding you with prayers.*

Jeff and Wavelyn Hine - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Dear Gwozdz & Patch families, I am so very sorry for your loss. Growing up with Karen she was always smiling and laughing and was such a kind person to everyone, and that's how she will always be remembered. Please know you are all in my thoughts & prayers. Rest in peace, Karen.*

Liza Ameen Pontonio - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Karen was a wonderful person, wonderful mother, friend and daughter. The world will not be the same. My heart is with your family.*

Mel King - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MB

“ My heart goes out to Karen's family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Michele (Soncini) Bradley - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MG

“ Kerry and the entire family, we are so very saddened for your loss

Mike and Quinn Gladu - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

PH

“ Mel and Ed- and your FamilyOur deepest sorrow for your loss, its the hardest to lose a child before they fulfill there life.Paul and Elaine Horbal

Paul Horbal - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

LS

“ Mr. & Mrs. Gwozdz & Patch Family,Very sorry to hear of the untimely loss of Karen. Please know you are in my heart and prayers during this difficult time. She will be your guardian angel, watching over all of you. Let the strength of each other and the memories help ease the pain.

Lisa Swistak - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

TE

“ I will always remember Karen's laugh and contagious smile. Always a kind word and helping hand, she will be greatly missed.My prayers and thoughts for Kyle and her family and all those to have been graced by knowing her.

Tammy Early - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MD

“ We were so sad to hear this news. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Marty and Marybeth Degen - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MS

“ Kyle and family
my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.
I worked with Karen for a few years, i am glad that i had the oppurtunity to get to know her, she is a great person and will be missed greatly.

melisa sherman - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

LV

“ My heart aches for your entire family but especially for the love of her life Kyle. I was working with Karen when she had Kyle and from the first second he made her life complete...

Linda Vallone - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. How sad! I am so, so sorry!

Marjorie Keeley - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

JR

“ I am so saddened by Karen's passing. I remember her throughout elementary and highschool as being such a nice person with an unforgettable laugh. I only have the the fondest memories of her. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family and friends. So very sorry for your loss.

Julie (Armata) Reynolds - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

IM

“ to the family and friends of Karen I am very sorry for your loss she is with god in is house may god help you and your family and friends

Irene c morrison - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

LH

“ Mal, Eddie and family; We are heartbroken over your untimely loss of Karen. We're praying that the Lord will guide you through the difficult days ahead and that your memories of Karen will sustain you. God bless you all.

Linda & Bob Huskins - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Jim and I are so sad to hear about your family's loss. To lose a child is the most tragic thing that can happen in a parent's life. We are so sorry. Jim and Carol Robinson

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JA

“ My dearest Karen
I think of me and all the things I can't change
My heart is in pieces my tears fall like rain
I never said I'm sorry I never said I love you
I can't erase that from my mind
If I could see you one more time I would ask for your forgiveness for my stubborn selfishness
But now you are gone and it's too late
You will never be forgotten
Thank you for being my true friend
The one who knew everything about me and I you
Sleep well I will miss you so
Love Jackie

Jackie - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ With deepest sympathy to all of you. I will continue to keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless all of you.

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“ Dearest Mal & Ed, our hearts are sad. We are so sorry for your great loss. Love and Prayers, Dana Sr. & Martha Labbee

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“ Mal and Eddie, I was so sorry to hear about Karen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. God Bless, Christine Newton

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“ Karen was always smiling and pleasant to me. So young and too soon to leave us. My heart goes out to all of you. She will be missed by all. T

Bill Kiely - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Mal & Eddie, Mike and I are so sorry for your loss. There are no words to express how deeply saddened we are to hear of Karen's passing. Our love and prayers are with you and your family. We love you. Mike and Marie McCarron

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CM

“ Dear MAI & Eddie, There are no words for your loss. Sending Love and Prayers for the whole family. God Bless

Charlene Morocco - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

LD

“ Sending love and prayers to the entire family. I am so very sorry.

Lisa Prejsnar DeLucia - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

AG

“ Dear Mal and Eddie, My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your whole family. I am so sorry for you loss.

Albert Gardner - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

JR

“ I am very saddened by Karen's passing. I remember her throughout elementary school and highschool as such a nice person with an unforgettable laugh. I only have fond memories of her. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family and friends. Karen will be sadly missed by so many, so sorry for your loss.

Julie Armata Reynolds - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

BE

“ Karen I will always cherish our times together . You were the Mom who kept us all in line and made sure that we didn't get in too much trouble. None of us wanted to disappoint your parents. I know that I'll see you again one day, until then smile down on us all. Love you forever.

Becca - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

BL

“ It seems the HVHS Class of 92 has gained another angel watching over us all. It seems very hard to understand how such a special person could go so very quickly. She was a special person who brought out the best in others and as nursing was a calling to her , so was the fact she was a guiding light for all that came across her path of life. See you on the other side kiddo and love to your family, the best cheshire,ma has to offer !

Bob Lora - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

LW

“ You were a true friend since we were little kids in elementary school. Then came junior high & high school where we had so many fun times - I'll never forget driving around in the k-car (we had certain routes we had to take) and when you would slow down or slam on your breaks just like a mother you would put your arm out in front of the passenger (chickens!!!!) Young adult hood brought us closer and we had so many incredible times. All of us became fixtures in Jackie's apartment. It gave me so much joy when you had Kyle, as I knew you always wanted to be a mother and you were a natural from the beginning and I know he was your whole world. He is your biggest joy and there is so much love for him. You have an amazing family that is always there for each other and always willing to help out anyone in need. We all love you and will miss you. Our hearts are broken. I will miss our visits as you always made me laugh and brought a smile to my face. RIP, Love always, Laurie

Laurie Mitchell Witto - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MB

“ When Karen was the nurse at my boarding school she stopped to see me almost every day she was working. Those were some of my darkest days/years and I admit I was far from an angel, however she let me know she would love me through it. She believed in me when most had given up. She shared some of her struggles and although they were not the same as mine, it made me feel less alone. We have kept in touch over the past 12 years and were planning on getting together this summer when on my cross country trip. I am hoping that before I take my trip I will find out how she passed and where I can pay my respects when I am in the area. Although I am saddened by your passing I am more than grateful I had you in my life at all. You are a true blessing. I will never forget you. Thank you for making me a part of your life, you will always be an important part of mine. Rest In Peace! xoxoxox

Melissa Burech - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Karen. She was a beautiful woman! Rejoice in the memories you have of her & know that she will be with you all every day!

Michelle Larese Rhodes - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

AJ

“ I AM SO SORRY TO KNOW ABOUT KAREN'S PASSING.I HAD THE JOY OF WORKING WITH HER AT HILLCREST COMMONS.SHE WAS AN AWESOME PERSON, ALWAYS SMILING AND READY TO LISTEN . I CAN FEEL THE PAIN OF THE FAMILY. MAY THE GOOD LORD STRENGTHEN ALL OF YOU . MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.

ALEYAMMA JACOB - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

AT

“ To Karen's entire family, we are so sorry to here of her untimely passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so terribly sorry for your loss.

Alan & Jennifer Thurston - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

PK

“ Mal & Ed, and familiessorry to hear about karen, will keeper and u all in our prayers. may godbless. Paula and Don

Paula Kettles - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

NG

“ To the Gwozdz and Patch family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Karen. We graduated HVHS together and I remember her as always being a really nice person who always had a smile on her face. The Class of "92" has gained another angel. May she Rest In Peace.

Nicole Grabicki-Brown - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

SS

“ Dear Mal and Edd, I am so sorry for your pain. I can feel it from here. I think of you often ,but mostly today. I pray for your healing and your family. Love Sheri and Dave

Sheri Simon - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MB

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to Kyle and his family. May you find some comfort during this time. I had the pleasure of knowing Karen as our school nurse for a short time. She will be missed.

Michelle Bruns - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

WB

“ My heart goes out to you Gwozdz family for your lose. I haven't seen Karen since we were children but I remember her bright smile and spirit. Take care if yourselves in this time and always.

Wendy Bush - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Chris Carbin - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

CT

“ Dear Mal & family, We were so sorry to hear about the death of Karen. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. With our deepest sympathy...Pete & Chris Tietgens

Chris Tietgens - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

TC

“ Mal, Eddie & Family Shocked to hear about the loss of your beloved daughter. Just lost for words at the moment.

Tom Callahan - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Sending love & prayers to Karens entire family, so so sorry for your loss

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DB

“ Karen will be greatly missed and not forgotten.

Doug Bozek - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

TC

“ *Mal, Eddie, and family.. I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful person she must have been. I never met Karen, but I know she was deeply loved, and will be missed. God Bless*

tracy cameron - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

BB

“ *Mal, Eddie, Kyle , Kerry and to the rest of the family, I am heartbroken for your loss., Karen was a beautiful person, inside and out., Heaven has another angel. May all your wonderful memories of Karen help to guide you through your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Beth Barbarotta - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

JB

“ *So sorry for this terrible loss. God bless you all.*

John Bielski - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ *Dear Gwozdz and Patch family, Our Deepest Sympathy for your loss.*

The Donald Kruszyna Family - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

AA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Gwozdz and Patch Familys.*

Alicia Andros - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

LS

“ *Mal, Ed & Family, I am so sorry on the loss of your daughter Karen. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.*

Lynn Satko - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

BH

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Patch/Gwozdz Family I will always remember her lovely smile, it always brightened up any room she was in .*

Bonnie Harris - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *So Sorry for your loss, prayers are with your family, you will be missed*

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RE

“ *We're sharing the grief with you, Mel & Ed. Karen graduated with our daughter, Robbin. Although our paths never crossed, it is so close to home. Shirley and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Robert & Shirley Emerson - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

MG

“ *Mal, Eddie and Family, so sorry to hear about Karen. WISH we had a way to find out sooner. You are in our prayers. Cousin Matthew and Mary from Amsterdam, NY*

Matthew Gwozdz - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM

VT

“ *Dear Mal and Eddie, my heart is broken to learn of your loss. So very sorry. Words are not adequate, except to say I will remember you all in the days ahead in thoughts and prayers.*

Val Tracy - June 07, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Mal and family, I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words to express the loss of a child. I am holding all of you up in prayer.*
Jennie Pierce

May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eddie, Mal, Kerry, Chris, Kyle and Family, I am so sad to hear of Karen's passing. I simply cannot put into words how deeply sorry I am for your loss...my heart just breaks for each of you. Karen was a wonderful person who will be missed dearly by many. I know that there is nothing that I can say, or do, to take away your pain and sorrow, but know that I am thinking of you all and praying that your happy memories of Karen, and the love you have for one another, will help you get through this very difficult time. With Love,*

May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cailin, So sorry to hear about your aunt. Your happy memories will make you smile. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Kathy (Kirby's aunt)*

May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM