



E. Karol Alexander

September 14, 2022

E. Karol Alexander, 70, of Charlestown, RI passed away on Sept 14, 2022 after a prolonged illness.

Karol was born October 4, 1951 to Edith and Robert Alexander in Burbank, CA. After the passing of her father Bob, Edith remarried Barton P. Jenks III and raised four children.

Karol was a 1970 graduate of The Walnut Hill School in Natick, MA and a 1983 graduate of Boston University where she majored in History and minored in English Literature, two of her passions.

Karol joined the United States Coast Guard in 1975, as the first woman to join the USCG in Rhode Island where she served in a variety of locations.

After retiring she made her home in Connecticut and Rhode Island and was a 'jack of all trades', including owning her own balloon business, a long and rewarding career with Amtrak, Veteran's advocacy and photojournalism. She was a long term substitute teacher at Ellis Tech and Chariho school system and enjoyed the challenge of teaching a number of subjects.

Karol had many friends who became family especially family she gained in Canada through her mother. Karol had a strong love for Canada which she

considered a second home.

Karol was known by her family and friends to be loving, loyal, feisty and passionate. She enjoyed sharing her knowledge of history in her interactions with everyone she met. Her hobbies included gardening, canning, photography and especially reading a wide variety of subjects. She could always be found with a book by her side.

Karol is survived by her loving daughter Tabitha Alexander and her wife Erin Cornelius of Middleborough, MA as well as her daughter Jennifer Bishop and husband Jason of Lake Stevens, WA and son Stephen Kynaston of Grand Bay, AL as well as many grandchildren. Karol also leaves behind her sisters Elizabeth (Dee) Laver of Portishead, England, Michelle Jenks and Greg Golinski of Simsbury, CT and brother Daniel Jenks and wife Mary of Highland Park, IL. A military committal service will be held Monday September 26th at 11:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. Please gather at the administration parking lot no later than 10:45 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

301 South County Trail
Exeter, RI 02822

Previous Events

Committal Service with Military Honors

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry I can't be there in person but am thinking of Karol and her family. The words that come to mind and memory are that in this lifetime, Karol specialized in living Big, Bold and Brassy like few others. Even so, on occasion I was fortunate to glimpse the side she showed less frequently - tender and vulnerable - when I was living in Boston and visited her in Hull when Jenny and Jay were little, and especially Tabs a tiny baby. God bless.

Leslie Simmons - September 25, 2022 at 11:03 AM

KB

“ So sorry for your loss of your Mom Tabitha and family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers <3

Karen Britton - September 21, 2022 at 05:04 PM

SC

My condolences to you and all Karol's family. I'm so sorry that we lost touch and that I missed much of the past few years.

Sandra Carman - September 21, 2022 at 06:32 PM

PE

So very sorry for your mom's passing. A friend for 50 years . One of the strongest women but with a kind heart.. we'll all miss her.

Peter - September 25, 2022 at 02:43 PM