



## Karen Ann Keller Lessman

December 20, 1942 - November 21, 2018

Karen Ann (Keller) Lessman age 75 passed away peacefully on November 21, 2018 with her family by her side, after a long and brave struggle with Lewy Body Dementia. Karen was born in Port Trevorton, PA, a daughter of the late John Henry Keller and Mary Alice (Newman) Keller. She was a graduate of Selinsgrove High School, Class of 1960. She enjoyed her time with her cousins who were dear to her heart, Lorna (Keller) Yoder, George Keller & Margaret Keller. Margaret Keller was a great comfort to Karen, putting her at ease with the many supportive phone conversations they had, always ending in a prayer.

Karen lived in New Hartford, NY raising her two sons and a daughter before relocating to Raleigh, NC with her long time companion David Cosola. Karen and Dave spent many years entertaining and enjoying their time with their long time friends. Karen appreciated all of her friend's support and comfort throughout her struggles with Lewy Body Dementia. Much thanks to David Cosola, Linda Artis, Jo Hughes, Sally Currie, Paul Salmon Jr., Irma Salmon, Paula Salmon & Mike Gough. She was recently relocated to Maryland to be closer to family.

She enjoyed caring for her cats and the many neighborhood cats that found their way to her door. Her passion was tending to her garden that eventually expanded to her neighbors where they shared and appreciated her green thumb. Karen also loved spending time in the sun, on her deck with a fan, at the pool or the beach. Her favorite time was spending it together with her family at the beach house in Emerald Isle, NC.

She is survived by her son, Brent Alan Lessman and wife LuAnn Lessman of Stevensville, MD, daughter, Roshele Le Lunnie and husband William Lunnie of Seekonk, MA, 6 grandchildren, Rebecca Rose Lessman, Annie Keller Lessman, Chloe Ann Lunnie, Benjamin James Lunnie, Kenneth James Lessman and Marie Alana Lessman. She was predeceased by her son, Kent Alan Lessman.

The family will have a celebration of life in her honor at a later date. We are so thankful for all the love and life our mother Karen gave us.

For more information on Lewy Body Dementia please visit [www.lbda.org](http://www.lbda.org) In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to [lbda.org](http://lbda.org)

In Loving Memory of  
Karen Ann Lessman

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, Release me, Let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown.  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for awhile that you must part.  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away. For life goes on.  
So if you can't see or touch me, I'll be near-  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and  
"Welcome Home"

# Comments

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**Roshele Lunnie** - November 28, 2018 at 08:28 PM

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**Roshele Lunnie** - November 28, 2018 at 08:22 PM

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“ Mom's journey over the past twelve months:

Mom moved to Maryland in February 2018 from her home in North Carolina that she shared with long time companion Dave Cosola. Mom's illnesses became too much for one person. We all realized she needed professional care.

Mom first moved into an Assisted living facility in Severna Park, MD. After six days she was admitted into Levendale Geriatric Hospital where she was reevaluated for her illnesses and proper medications.

After leaving Levendale Hospital we moved mom into our home near the Chesapeake Bay in Stevensville MD where she had home health care providers during the day. LuAnn, Annie and I took care of mom at night. We couldn't provide the proper care, so mom moved to a beautiful assisted living facility, Heartland House in Grasonville, MD.

We were very fortunate to find Heartland House. The owner, Lori, takes personal loving care in each of her fifteen residents. Lori has a staff of healthcare providers that proved to me that they truly care for their residents. I was always confident that mom was getting better care at Heartland House than I could give myself.

I feel fortunate for mom that we found Heartland House, the other residents, their loved ones and healthcare providers that cared for her twenty four-seven.

Mom always described Heartland House as her apartment and "the food is fabulous".

I would like to recognize and thank everyone that helped take care of my mother at Heartland House.

**Brent Lessman** - November 28, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ Brent, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. You are all in my thoughts. Sending you

**Deana Musso** - November 29, 2018 at 07:20 AM



“ Wow Brent didn't realize how involved you were in her care. As you know we own an in-home healthcare company in Wilmington North Carolina and I know how hard of a job it is to be a caregiver. It think it is amazing that you did all you could to keep mom at home with you as long as you did... and also so happy to hear you found such a wonderful place like the Heartland House. As I told Roshele, I close my eyes I can still hear your mom's voice from back in our NH days. May she Rest In Peace.

**alyssa kelly** - November 29, 2018 at 08:02 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

**Robyne Altomari** - December 01, 2018 at 08:05 AM

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Roshele Lunnie - November 28, 2018 at 07:36 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Karen Ann Keller Lessman



Roshele Lunnie - November 28, 2018 at 07:30 PM

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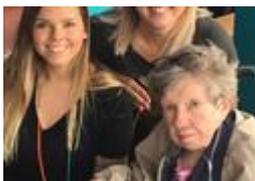
“ Rest In Peace Dear Friend You Hold a Special Place In Our Hearts and Always in Our Memories You will be Missed Beyond Measure Much Love Irma, Paul Jr and Paula Salmon

Paula Salmon - November 28, 2018 at 03:31 PM

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“ Granny spending a Saturday afternoon in September with the girls at Fishermans Crab Deck, on the Chesapeake Bay.



Brent Lessman - November 28, 2018 at 12:22 PM

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“ This picture shows Mom and Brent holding hands during her last few hours



**Brent Lessman** - November 28, 2018 at 11:12 AM

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**Roshele Lunnie** - November 28, 2018 at 10:43 AM

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“ Mom,

You will be missed forever! It wasn't fair that you had to endure so many diseases. You amazed me at how brave & strong you were towards the end. It was very difficult being so far away from you, mostly during the many times you were so scared and needed us by your side the most! There were too many times that I cried wishing I could just crawl through the phone and be there for you and fight those demons with you! I will be forever saddened to not be able to pick up the phone and talk to you. You were so lucky to have Brent taking care of you, he was an amazing care taker with such a BIG heart with many sleepless nights. I will never forget my time taking care of you in North Carolina before your big move to Maryland. Laying beside you in your bed chatting and staying up late while Brent, LuAnn & Billy were sound asleep. You may have not laughed the way we used to, but it was a night I will never forget! I was honored to have you walk down the aisle with me and dad on my wedding day! That meant the world to me and I hope it did you as well! We had so many fun & memorable times together in North Carolina, times I will never forget! We would laugh so hard until we cried! We have always had to deal with being so far away from each other, but not being able to be with you until your last breathe was very hard for me. I am thankful that I was able to be with you via the phone. I hope and pray that you heard my words to you before you went peacefully. I know that you have been here with me! You will forever be in my heart! I love you to the moon and back, until we meet again!

#### Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone;  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you Home.

You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide;  
and though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same;  
but as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.

I LOVE YOU MOM!!!

## Roshele

**Roshele Lunnie** - November 28, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ I am so devastated to hear of the passing of your mom. I have fond memories of her as well as all of you. To you and your family and Brent and family know that you are in my thoughts. Much love to you all    Dee

**Deana Musso** - November 28, 2018 at 03:16 PM

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“ Mom,

I will miss you. Your battle with Lewy Body Dementia, Parkinson's, COPD, diseases has been very difficult to see progressively get worse. I have had many sleepless nights worrying about your safety.

As much as we will miss you, we are equally as happy that your suffering will not get any worse and that you went without any pain. Your last moments where spent with LuAnn, Annie, Becki, Anthony and I.

I Love you Mom.  
Your son, Brent.

**Brent Lessman** - November 27, 2018 at 07:44 PM



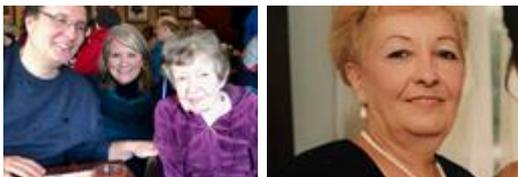
“ So sorry Brent and family. We have so many fond memories of Karen. She was a lovely lady and always fun to be with. May she Rest In Peace. Miss the old days my friend

**Scott** - November 28, 2018 at 12:45 PM

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“ Big personality in a tiny little lady! We will miss her.



**LuAnn Lessman** - November 27, 2018 at 07:23 PM

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**Roshele Lunnie** - November 27, 2018 at 05:18 PM

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“ Roshele Lunnie is following this tribute.

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