



## Karen Layne Emerson

March 1, 1943 - December 12, 2021

Karen Layne Emerson, age 78, of Murphysboro, passed away peacefully at 1:30 AM on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at Manor Court in Carbondale.

She was born on March 1, 1943 in Murphysboro, Illinois to Fred and Jenny (Baker) Layne. Fifth born of seven children.

Karen graduated from Murphysboro High school in 1961. She held jobs early in her life at University Bank of Carbondale and SIU Credit Union – but found her greatest joy, being a mother, spending time with friends, and being a housewife. Karen enjoyed entertaining and traveling. She did volunteer work in both Murphy and Carbondale. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and The Illinois Academy of Illinois. One of her proudest projects was her involvement with the Murphysboro BBQ contest. She just adored the people she was able to spend time with. She was a proud Kansas City BBQ Society member and Certified Judge of the Memphis in May International Festival Inc.

In the mid 2000's Karen moved to St Louis MO to be closer to her three Granddaughters. She was able to support the girls from adolescence through adulthood at sporting events, swim meets and tennis matches, during life milestone, such as, learning to drive, first dates, dances, high school graduations and then see them off to college. The time with her grandchildren brought her great joy. She also joined a church family at Geyer Road Baptist

church. She was comforted by her faith. She made some new friends and enjoyed frequent visits back to Southern Illinois, the place she always called home.

She is survived by Brother Richard Layne; Sisters Kay Lirely, Pam (Steve) Baskin and Debi (Ken) Robinson; son Shad Sellers; granddaughters Memphis, Cassidy, and Sydney Sellers; step daughter, Karla Emerson Scott.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jane Crombar; and brother, Fred B. Layne.

Family and friends whose lives Karen touched, are invited to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Dr, Murphysboro, IL 62966 on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for a brief service officiated by Rick Layne, to reminisce and to honor her life. Visitation will take place from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Private inurnment will take place at a later date in Murdale Gardens of Memory.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to The Alzheimer's Association <https://www.alz.org/> or envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Layne Emerson*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I worked with Karen at SIIU Credit Union. She taught me a lot about business. We kept in touch for a few years but when I started college again at Murray State, we drifted apart. She was very much a lady.*

*Sorry for your loss.*

*Marsha Hartline Yates*

**Marsha Yates** - December 21, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Emerson family. I remember her in the communities in IL in which she participated in. By reading her history she has enjoyed her legacy of living on earth as full as her health could manage. Keep her memories and teachings in your hearts, minds, and souls. Prayers. She is with Jesus this holiday season and has joined the heavenly angels still taking care. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL*



**Karen McNeely McMinn** - December 20, 2021 at 04:30 PM