



Karen Kay Godlewski

December 10, 1955 - April 25, 2026

Karen Kay Godlewski, age 70, of Park Falls, passed away peacefully at her home on April 25, 2026.

Karen was born on December 10, 1955, in Park Falls, Wisconsin, to Ervin and Edna () Thoms

On April 11, 1981, she married John Godlewski. Together they built a life rooted in family and hard work. Karen worked over the years at Phillips Plastics, the Pal Café, and also contributed her time and talents in many ways—creating artwork for the school, serving as a nurse's aid at Park Manor, helping with the Boy Scouts, and sewing for Micro's. She was known as a talented crafter, a creative and resourceful woman who could make something meaningful out of almost anything. She had a heart for giving and cared for all those entrusted to her, including her pets.

Above all, Karen was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend. She had a steady, caring presence and a practical wisdom that grounded those around her.

She is survived by her three children: Jessica (Wayne) Schuett, Matthew Godlewski, and Jacqueline Godlewski; and five grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Gary (Debbie) Thoms, Ervin Jr. Thoms, and her sister Carol Walker, and by numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Godlewski; brother Lowell Thoms, sister Nancy Koch, sisters-in-law Marilyn

Thoms, and Jan Thoms, and brother-in-law, Bill Walker.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday May 9, 2026 at Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel in Park Falls. Deacon Chet Ball will officiate.

A visitation will be held on Saturday May 9, 2026 from 10:00am until the hour of the service, at the funeral home.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many to capture but the ones I remember today are:

1. I wanted to go to homecoming or prom but I couldn't find a dress in town and when I got home from ball practice night she showed me a dress she sewed together by cutting apart her wedding gown! I felt so blessed. The back was open but it looked just like one I saw at the mall.
2. She was contracted to redesign a whole conference of mascots in our area. I think Packerland is there now but at the time it was a screen print shop. Anyone in the area would know but I loved them. Wish I had kept the hoodie.
3. Mom always helped be creative since I would get bored at school. We did crafts. Painting. Singing and drawing at home. I also used this to help write stories and poems.



Jessica Schuett - May 19 at 12:27 PM

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“ Karen Kilger lit a candle in memory of Karen Kay Godlewski



Karen Kilger - May 05 at 01:48 PM

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“ Bonnie Zoesch lit a candle in memory of Karen Kay Godlewski



Bonnie Zoesch - April 29 at 12:05 PM