



Karyn R. Tunnicliff

January 14, 1951 - May 18, 2019

Karyn R. Tunnicliff of Chester, MD, died Saturday, May 18, 2019, at her home. She was 68.

Born in Annapolis, MD, on January 14, 1951, Karyn was the daughter of the late John and Helen Holden Riley.

Karyn worked for the Natural Resources Police as an Administrative Officer from July 1989 until she retired in October 2018. Her responsibilities included coordinating the purchase of all supplies, uniforms, and equipment needed for the Natural Resources Police. She was also responsible for the fitting of body armor. She considered each police officer as family (one of her children) and did her job with the care and dedication to ensure officer safety.

Karyn was a gardener, loved antiques, and had a special place in her heart for animals. Her truck was her pride and joy along with sweets. She loved dark chocolate the best and made the best pumpkin pie. Karyn loved to go places with her family when she was able and took care of her mother in the last years of her mom's life.

In January 2018, Karyn suffered a stroke and survived due to a caring fellow employee that realized she would never miss a day of work. Life had put many hardships in front of Karyn, but she had a large area of love in her heart.

She will be missed by her friends and family.

Karyn is survived by her brother, Thomas "Joe" Riley (Sondra) of Edgewater, MD. She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial gathering will be held Wednesday, June 5, from 4-6 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD, where a memorial service will begin at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Animal Welfare League, 201 Clay Drive, Queenstown, MD 21658.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Service

JUN 5. 6:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karyn R. Tunnicliff*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 28, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *Karyn R. Tunnicliff*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Karyn R. Tunnicliff*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Karyn R. Tunnicliff*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DP

“ Karyn was one of the most special customers of ours.. we make custom Police/Fire/City/Corporate Embroidered Patches and she was/has been a loyal customer for over 15 years and will be MISSED more than you know. She became a friend and we always chatted about health, life, our dogs and more! Prayers for her family and I will see you and our doggies up in Heaven Karyn!



Dr. Patch - June 05, 2019 at 02:03 PM

DP

One of the many patches Karyn purchased from us and we truly will miss her! (PacificEmblem.com)

Dr. Patch - June 05, 2019 at 02:06 PM

TP

“ To the Family and Friends of Karyn I extend my sympathy.
Her work ethic was an example, Her dedication to the NRP was sincere and she will be missed by those that knew her.



May Karyn R Tunnicliff Rest In Peace.

Thomas A Porter - June 05, 2019 at 11:11 AM

TS

“ Terry Schneberger lit a candle in memory of Karyn R. Tunnicliff



Terry Schneberger - June 03, 2019 at 07:58 PM

TS

In honor and celebration of Karyn. Thoughts and prayers to family and friends.

Terry Schneberger - June 03, 2019 at 08:00 PM

BB

“ Karyn was a great woman. She deeply cared for the men and women of NRP. Sometimes she could be a challenge, but at the end of the day she was still Karyn. Karyn will be missed and now she is in the comfort of our Lord.



Bob Bakeoven - May 27, 2019 at 03:40 PM

TP

“ Tiffany Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Karyn R. Tunnicliff



Tiffany Palmatary - May 24, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ *My sympathies to the family. I have wonderful memories of many talks with her from when I worked 'up the hill' from her at Matapeake. I know life had not always been easy for her but she had a sweet heart and she was always fun to talk to. My favorite memory of her is how she really loved a scarf I had knitted for myself. I mean really loved it. So Christmas was coming up and I made one for her. I wrapped it all up and took it down the hill to her and she wouldn't open it. She said she was putting it under her tree to open on Christmas morning. I'll never forget how much it meant to her and how much she loved it. Godspeed Karyn.*



Libby Walls - May 24, 2019 at 09:10 AM

JE

“ *My sincere condolences to Karyn's family. A nicer person has never existed. She will forever be in my memory and prayers.*
Jim Eisenhauer

Jim Eisenhauer - May 21, 2019 at 11:52 AM

KL

“ *My sincere sympathy to Karyn's family and close friends. Karyn was one of the most dedicated staff members of the NRP and may she be remembered fondly by all those who knew her.*

Kathy T Lantz - May 21, 2019 at 10:29 AM

GB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karyn's family and friends. She was truly a great person and friend to those of us from NRP who were fortunate enough to know and work with her. Karyn, you will be missed by all.

George Ball

George Ball - May 21, 2019 at 05:02 AM

TW

“ Sending prayers to all Karyn's Family, Police Family and Friends. Karyn was a great Human Being with a big heart. May God Bless All. Thanks for your service Tommy Williams and Family

Tom Williams - May 20, 2019 at 04:40 PM

MT

“ Prayers to Karyn's family. I retired from NRP in 2005 - loved working with Karyn - she was always so happy and great to talk to - always made sure we had what we needed! I know she will be missed by many.



Michelle Taylor - May 20, 2019 at 12:09 PM