



## Karen J. Choate

April 29, 1954 - January 7, 2020

Karen J. Choate, age 65, of Marysville, formerly of Saginaw, passed away unexpectedly on January 7, 2020. She was born April 29, 1954 to the late Howard and Natalie Choate. Karen was a graduate of Saginaw Valley State in April of 1976. She received her law degree, and a Master's in Urban Planning in 1979 from St. Louis University in Missouri. Following Law School, Karen practiced civil rights law for over 30 years. While in Saginaw, Karen was an active member of St. Mary's Cathedral, and a Commissioned Lay Minister for the Diocese of Saginaw. Under Bishop Untener she sat on the Bishops Advisory Council. When Karen moved to the Blue Water Area, Karen became a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair. In her free time Karen loved writing poetry. She was a proud member of River Junction Poets and won multiple awards from the Michigan Poetry Society. She was published in *Imagine a World* - an anthology of poetry for peacemakers. Karen was an advocate for Life--in all its forms. She felt St. Peter would welcome her to heaven for her work on behalf of children, the disabled, the elderly, and homeless. Even from confinement in her room for almost 8 years, Karen's Prayer Warrior status was strong, and she influenced all who met and cared for her! Karen- "May you rest in peace, and rise in glory!" She is survived by her sister, Sharon Choate; (second mother), Kay Williams; goddaughter, Katherine Howard; Martin Choate, and many loving family members and friends. A funeral mass will be Monday, January 13 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair with Fr. Greg Deters to officiate. Visiting hours will be Sunday, January 12 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral home, China Twp. as well as from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. at church prior to mass on Monday. Deacon Tim Maxwell will lead a rosary on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Cemetery, Saginaw. Memorials are suggested to the wishes of the family/ or a charity of your choice. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)

# Cemetery

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## St. Andrews Cemetery

Saginaw, MI,

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China, MI, US

**JAN** **Rosary** 07:00PM

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**JAN** **Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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St. Mary's Catholic Church  
415 N Sixth, St.Clair, MI, US

**JAN** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Mary's Catholic Church  
415 N Sixth, St.Clair, MI, US

# Comments

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“ Just learned of Karen's passing. She was my catechist at Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw when I was coming into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2006. What a beautiful soul.

" Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Karen's soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

**John Gunther** - March 31 at 08:29 AM

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“ Karen was extremely patient and supportive when I began at Legal Services as a new attorney, always taking time to answer and questions and provide guidance. We lost touch when we moved on but I will always remember her as a kind and giving soul!

**Christine Dine** - February 23 at 06:09 PM

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“ Something that brings me comfort in times of loss that I thought I'd share.

'Death is nothing at all...I have only slipped away into the next room...I am I and you are you...whatever we were to each other that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name; speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone; wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effect, without the ghosts of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near just around the corner...All is well.'

Death is Nothing at All ~ Henry Scott-Holland, Canon of St. Paul's - 1847-1913

**Jason Schlatter** - January 16 at 01:29 AM

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“ Deepest condolences to all of Karen's family and friends. Karen was extremely helpful to me during my early years in the legal profession, and she will be greatly missed.



**Michael A. York** - January 15 at 02:42 PM

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“ Denise Wilburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen J. Choate



**Denise wilburn** - January 13 at 10:19 PM

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“ So saddened to hear of Karen's passing. She was such a sweet and talented lady. She will be missed.

**Sharon Withers** - January 13 at 08:25 AM

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“ Sharon, So sadden to hear of the passing of your twin sister Karen. May Our Lord give you strength and Blessings. Hugs Marvel



**Marvel** - January 12 at 02:33 PM

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“ My deepest condolences, I'm going to miss my friend.



**Denise Jones** - January 11 at 05:28 PM

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“ You are in my prayers, Sharon. I'm glad that Tricia, Sharon and I were able to visit with you and Sharon in 2016. Your loving cousin, Ellen Roehl

**Ellen Roehl** - January 11 at 04:16 PM

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“ Sharon, I'm so sorry. I hope your memories will help you get through this difficult time. We need more people like Karen in this world to look out for children, disabled, elderly and animals.  
Lynn Peterson (Westendorf)

**Lynn Westendorf Peterson** - January 11 at 12:13 PM

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“ Victoria Muzik lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Choate



**Victoria Muzik** - January 10 at 09:59 PM

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“ Dear Sharon , My deepest sympathy , thoughts and prayers on the loss of your dear sister Mary Jo Malcolm

**mary jo malcolm** - January 10 at 11:52 AM

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“ Carla G. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Karen J. Choate.



Carla G. - January 10 at 11:17 AM

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“ Peggy Klann lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Choate



Peggy Klann - January 09 at 06:36 PM

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“ Sharon, I just learned of Karen's passing. I am so very sorry. You and a Karen were my very first friends. Karen was truly a sweet, caring, wonderful lady. She will be missed. Although, we hadn't been in touch for a while, I have many great memories of your family. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers . Love, Peggy (Gehrls) Klann

Peggy Klann - January 09 at 06:34 PM

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“ Sharon, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your sister Karen. I'm praying for your family.

Audrey Stafford - January 09 at 09:59 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Sharon. May God hold you in the palm of his hand during this time of sorrow.

Joyce Friederichs - January 08 at 12:59 PM