

Jerry Lee Karlen

A funeral service: 7pm on Friday, March 31, 2023
Plombon Funeral Home-Stanley
Visitation: 5pm until time of service



Jerry Lee Karlen, 86, of Colfax, passed away on Monday, March 27, 2023 at Colfax Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born May 3rd, 1936 to the late Herman and Lylia (Flora) Karlen. He then married Judith Ann Nerdrum, and worked in the local cheese factory. He also worked as an upholsterer in his own business, Karlen's Upholstery. After his first wife's death, he married Kay Marie Slininger.

Jerry enjoyed his coffee, cheeseburgers, chocolate shakes, and chocolate chip cookies. He also enjoyed upholstery, associating with others, and raising many foster kids with his second wife, Kay. Jerry is survived by his children, Richard Karlen of Withee, Jeffery Karlen of Cornell, Jill (Floyd Jr.) Buttke of Menomonie, step-children Donna Barkley, Denise Graves, Kat Wilson, Tom Carothers, John Muszynski, and David Muszynski, 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Judith Nerdrum, second wife Kay Slininger, three children in infancy, a grandson, Tristan Karlen and his brothers Dorval and Marvin Karlen.

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