



Karen Anne Phillips

August 11, 1986 - April 11, 2024

Karen Anne Phillips was born Aug. 11, 1986, in New York, N.Y. The middle child of three girls, she was raised in Scarsdale, N.Y., with her sisters and their many pets.

Karen graduated from Scarsdale High School in 2004 before attending SUNY/Purchase.

Karen was first and foremost an animal lover, especially, but not limited to, dogs, horses and cats. Karen owned, at various times, a cockatiel named Chirpy, a snake, rats named Snowball and Tippy Tappy, hamsters and a snail named Little Customer.

Karen was a devoted friend and enjoyed making people laugh. Her friends remember her magnetic personality and her ability to bring even the shyest person out of their shell.

A contrarian by nature, Karen often rebelled against rules and authority figures. She was skeptical of anyone who took themselves too seriously and enjoyed poking fun at social norms and conventions.

Aside from her pets, Karen's interests included heavy metal music, horror films and horseback riding.

For the past 11 years Karen worked at Bluegreen Vacations in Orlando, Fla., where she was adored by her colleagues. She was a member of the Bluegreen Zenith Society in recognition of her top-in-class customer service and performance.

Karen is survived by her mother, Robin Phillips, and stepfather, Salem Katsh, of Orient, N.Y.; her father, William Phillips of Jamaica; sisters Laura Phillips of Astoria, N.Y., and Katie Herring and her husband, Wade Herring, of Atlanta, Ga., along with their son, Isaac; stepsister Halley Brown and her husband, Nick Brown, of Greenport, N.Y.; as well as Loki the basset hound and Puma the cat.

Karen struggled with addiction for much of her adult life. Despite periods of sobriety, Karen ultimately succumbed to her addiction and died by overdose on April 7, 2024.

She will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. This information is shared in the hope that it may help destigmatize substance abuse and prevent additional unnecessary loss. In lieu of flowers, Karen's parents respectfully suggest donations to the following organization: To Write Love on Her Arms, [twloha.com/donate](https://www.twloha.com/donate).

Tribute Wall

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“ This woman should have more dedications posted here. Her, sister, father and mother are all in my thoughts. In particular her sister Laura, whom she was very close with. Such an unnecessary loss. But I'm all too familiar with the insidious nature of addiction, and it's always the good ones that get taken from us by it. I'll struggle for the rest of my life with addiction.

Todd Morrissey - February 06, 2025 at 11:24 AM

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Edit:sisterS, both Laura and Katie(?) .

Todd Morrissey - February 06, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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“ Though we only shared a year or so of time together, and lost touch, I always looked back fondly at your wit, humor and how you possessed even greater potential for success that you even knew. I hope you've found peace Karen.

T. Morrissey - November 19, 2024 at 12:02 PM

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“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Karen was a beautiful woman, and sounded like someone with a great personality, loving, and fun to be around. I wanted to thank the family for sharing Karen’s struggles with addiction. Addiction has affected my family too, as well as so many others. I hope that sharing Karen’s struggle with addiction will help others to not stigmatize and be more empathetic. Your family and Karen will be in my prayers. Rest In Peace, dear Karen. Godspeed 🙏💕🦋

~ A Northfork Long Island Mother



A Northfork Long Island Mother - April 20, 2024 at 04:37 AM

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“ I'll never forget the day after spending some time with her family, we broke away to have a glass of wine petting goats in the mountains of northern Georgia. A great trip with a wonderful woman that was taken to soon.



Vegas - April 16, 2024 at 02:37 PM