



Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga

May 27, 1945 - March 16, 2026

Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026 at the age of 80. She was born in New Orleans, LA and a resident of Metairie, LA.

Beloved mother of Kelly Kennedy Wiegand (Carey), Sybil Kennedy Helms (Keith), Darren Bertrand Kennedy (Debbie) and Heather Matranga Lissarrague (Jeff). Grandmother of Chelsea Elizabeth Pound, James Lamar Pound (Kendall), Dara Frances Kennedy, Emily Kaye Lissarrague, Alex Armando Lissarrague, Ashley Kaye Wiegand, Seth Thomas Wiegand, Kelsey Jo Wiegand, and Caitlynn Marie Wiegand and great-grandmother of Elizabeth Lanier Pound. Daughter of the late Josephine Frances Kiern and Bertrand Albert Kiern. Sister of Janis Kiern Villar (Jimmy), Aunt to Jamie Elizabeth Villar and Stacey Villar Pizzuto.

Bay was adored by her kids, her grandkids, her great grandchild and her friends. Her home was the gathering site for the family and she hosted all of the family sleepovers. Bay loved to dance, loved worship music, always denied eating all of the Easter bunny chocolate bunny ears, and loved Jesus with all her heart. She will be missed on earth and cherished in heaven. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation and Celebration of Life and Memorial Service at One Hope Church, 5134 Paris Ave., New Orleans, LA 70122 on Monday, March 23, 2026. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 11:30

a.m.

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muheisen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

One Hope Church
5124 Paris Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70122

Memorial Service

MAR 23. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HD

“ I was sadden to learn about the loss of Karen. Please accept my condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and Karen. Sorry, I was unable to attend her services.
Henry Duplantier
(Muriel's husband)

Henry Duplantier - March 23 at 01:06 PM

KW

Thank you!

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 23 at 11:19 PM

SC

“ Karen/Bay will be missed. She always greeted you with a smile. She was kind and surely patient — as her kids, while very loved, probably gave her fits growing up on Argonne 🤔...when I was in college with Darren, he'd always supply us with Loreal shampoo and other fabulous products as she worked for Loreal in the late 80's and 90's. I never knew exactly what she did, but I knew she had to be good to be able to supply college kids with fancy salon and beauty products. Praying for the entire family during this difficult time. The Cali's.

Stephen Cali - March 22 at 07:17 PM

KW

THank you Stephen! 💕💕

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 23 at 11:21 PM

LT

“ Love, Jennfer, Rob, Kenny and Tara purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.



Love, Jennfer, Rob, Kenny and Tara - March 22 at 12:05 PM

RD

“ Bay always had a smile, big hug and the warmest welcome anyone could ask for. Always up for a chat about anything. We will miss you. Love Billy, Rocky and the kids.

Roxann Davis - March 21 at 03:20 PM

KW

Thank you Roxann! 💕

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 21 at 04:58 PM

LF

“ Love, Staci & the Hofius Family purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.



Love, Staci & the Hofius Family - March 21 at 08:54 AM

TF

“ The Stumpf Family purchased the *Fiery Lily and Rose* for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.



The Stumpf Family - March 20 at 08:12 PM

TW

“ Tracy and Wayne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.

Tracy and Wayne - March 20 at 02:34 PM

TW

“ Tracy and Wayne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.



Tracy and Wayne - March 20 at 02:34 PM

TC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Tom and Stephanie Couste

Tom Couste - March 19 at 08:54 AM

KW

Thank you Tom and Stephanie! 💕💕

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 21 at 04:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.



March 19 at 06:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.*



March 19 at 06:37 AM



“ *I love you nanny and will dearly miss my times that I visited with you for hours talking about our faith, Gods Word, we were on the same page when it came to our Lord Jesus, oh also politics 😊. I could always hear Fox News from your drive way when I got out my car! 😊. You were my confidant, I could talk to you about anything personal going on in my life. I will always remember our good times and I know I will see you again!*

Love you,

Stacey

Stacey Pizzuto - March 18 at 10:14 PM



Thank you Stacey! ❤️

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 21 at 04:48 PM



“ *A Sweet Tribute of Comfort was purchased for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.*



March 18 at 04:57 PM

JV

“ Bay, you were more than a sister-in-law, you were a sister in my heart. I loved all the moments we shared and will miss you dearly.

Love, Jimmy.

jimmy villar - March 18 at 04:10 PM

KW

Thank you Uncle Jimmy! 💕💕

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 23 at 11:22 PM

JV

“ To my Sister, Bay! You were not just my sister you were my best friend and I will miss you dearly and love you always.

'Love you Always, Janis.

janis villar - March 18 at 04:07 PM

KW

Thank you Nanny! 💕💕

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 23 at 11:23 PM

FW

“ Fran and Jeanette Wiegand purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.



Fran and Jeanette Wiegand - March 18 at 02:58 PM

CW

“ *RIP Mom. You have always been a wonderful sweet lady to me. You will always have a special place in my heart. Love you.
Your Son In Law.
Carey*



carey Wiegand - March 18 at 02:45 PM

KW



Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 23 at 11:25 PM

JO

“ *My nanny loved to dace ! She was a second mom to me. She was such a loving and giving person. Loved Jesus so much! You will be missed nanny we love you!*



Jamie Olivier - March 18 at 02:39 PM

KW

THank you Jamie! 💕💕

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 23 at 11:24 PM

AY

“ *Alma Young lit a candle in memory of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga*



Alma Young - March 18 at 02:28 PM



Thank you Alma! 💕💕

Kelly Kennedy Wiegand - March 23 at 11:25 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.



March 18 at 02:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen (Bay) Kiern Matranga.

March 18 at 02:21 PM