



## Karen (Derby) Reif

June 12, 1948 - August 22, 2021

GROTON- Karen (Derby) Reif, 73, of Groton, died Sunday, August 22, 2021 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton.

She was born on Camp Lejeune, NC on June 12, 1948, a daughter of the late William McKinley and Erin (Johnson) Derby.

She graduated from Acton-Boxborough High School in 1966 and attended Texas Women's University before earning her associates degree from Framingham State College.

Karen worked as a transportation manager at Murray Printing in Westford and held the same capacity at New England Business Service in Groton prior to that.

She was an avid reader, photographer and enjoyed traveling both at home and abroad. She did extensive genealogy research on her family and was active in the "Train the Trainer" program of the Boy Scouts of America. An amateur radio operator, she was a member of the Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club and devoted much of her efforts to Emergency Radio Communications. In her younger years she enjoyed riding and training horses. She loved animals of all kinds.

Karen leaves her husband of 54 years, Robert H. Reif, Sr., of Groton, two sons, Robert H. Reif, Jr. of Anchorage, AK, and Stephen F. Reif and his wife Nicole of Buckley, WA and a sister Peggy Derby of Burlington, VT.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 4 to 7 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer. A graveside service will take place on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 11 AM in the Sycamore Cemetery in Sycamore, Gasden County, FL. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to any animal rescue association.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

## Graveside Service

SEP 4.

Sycamore Cemetery  
Sycamore, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Karen (Derby) Reif.*



August 30, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Robert and the rest of the family. I only knew Karen from when I worked in the pharmacy at CVS. I always remembered them because our last names are so similar. She was always very pleasant. I'm very sorry for your loss.*  
*Kathy Reiff*

**Kathy Reiff** - August 30, 2021 at 11:25 AM



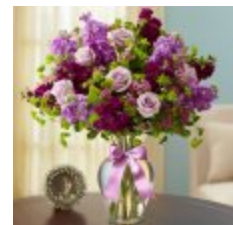
“ *Stow Dental Care purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Karen (Derby) Reif.*



**Stow Dental Care** - August 30, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Karen (Derby) Reif.*



August 30, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Karen (Derby) Reif.



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August 28, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of Karen (Derby) Reif.



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August 27, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Every moment we shared with Karen she made happier and more rewarding with her many stories and enormous wealth of knowledge. Our condolences to all. We already dearly miss her. Ralph (KD1SM) and Jeanine (N1QIT) Swick.*

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**Ralph Swick** - August 24, 2021 at 05:36 PM