



Karen D. Smith

April 13, 1945 - September 6, 2021

Cohoes, NY

Karen D. Smith, 76, of Cohoes, NY passed peacefully in her sleep on Monday, September 6th. She was born with a rare medical condition that left her a paraplegic for the entirety of her life. Despite such hardship, she was undeterred from living her life fully. Karen earned an Associates Degree from HVCC and volunteered at the Albany Medical Hospital to help families dealing with spinal disorders, of which she was familiar. In Cohoes, she could be found enjoying the culinary scene, evening events such as Rock the Block, and shows at the Cohoes Music Hall. Karen resided in Ogden Mills, where she served as the president of the Ogden Mills Association.

Karen is predeceased by her mother, Beatrice M. Robbins Smith, Uncle and Aunt Armand and Ruth Beauchamp, siblings Earnest Smith Jr., Roland Smith, and Nancy Smith, and brother-in-law John J. Gillie Sr. She is survived by her sister Sandra B. Gillie, her nephews and nieces John J. Jr. and Pam Gillie, Judy Kessler, Stacie and William J. Sorel III, Ernest Smith, Mark Smith, Amy Gill, and James Smith. She is also survived by several great nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The services will be reserved for only family. If you wish to remember Karen, donations can be made to the Cohoes Senior Center located at 10 Cayuga

Plaza, Cohoes, NY 12047, or simply pour a glass of Cabernet on her behalf.