



Karl Weldon Berg

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Karl W. Berg Karl Weldon Berg was born on January 9, 1916, in Aledo, Illinois. He passed away on December 22, 2002, in Lakewood. Karl married Joan Johnson in 1943 before serving on Iwo Jima as a Marine in World War II. He attended Augsburg College and Augustana Lutheran Seminary in the midwest, and was a missionary to Japan in 1952-56. He started a parish in San Bruno, CA. and served as Protestant Chaplain at the VA Medical Center at American Lake until his retirement in 1978. Karl was a member of the Oakbrook Golf & Country Club, the Air Force Association, the Military Chaplains Association and Christ Lutheran Church. A memorial service will be held at Christ Lutheran in Lakewood at 1pm on Saturday, December 28. Karl was preceded in death by his son David. He is survived by his wife Joan, sons Cameron and Brian, brother David, granddaughters Ingrid, Elizabeth and Natalie, and daughters-in-law Gay and Joyce. See <http://www.bergsoftware.com/karl.htm> for more information



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

We were associates and close friends of Karl and Joan as Augustana missionaries in Japan, and were assisted by them at Seattle/Tacoma airport on a return trip from Japan in 1988. In 196 we had a joyful reunion with them at the home of the Hoaglunds, along with the Lundeens. Our tardiness in this present contact is due to misplacing the internet address, finding it just yesterday.##imported-begin##eleanor & BobCunningham##imported-end##

August 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Not having seen either of you since about '52 and being so happy to reconnect with you in the last year, I wish I could visit you, Joan, and get re-acquainted! Your encouragement while in Japan got me into a pen-pal program that was wonderful for a girl from northern Minnesota! How my Mother, (your cousin), would have enjoyed visits with you! I hope we can meet one day. Thanks for the obituary you sent and your kind note. I hope we can meet before long. Love to you and my sympathy in the loss of your best friend. Corrine Slaughter##imported-begin##Corrine Slaughter##imported-end##

February 9 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian - We were sorry to hear of the death of your father. Losing a parent is so hard -words just fail with this loss. Our thoughts are with you and all your family in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Madeline Morrow & Jim Rumbaugh##imported-end##

January 15 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan, Brian and Cam:Although it is a time of great sorrow, it is also a time to celebrate a great life. A life that was dedicated to love and service, especially for his family, his country and most importantly, his Lord, our God.I knew Uncle Karl all my life and benefited from his wise counsel on several occasions, once in time of need and again in time of joy... at our wedding at which he officiated. It is people like Karl who Tom Brokaw wrote about in his book "The Greatest Generation"!!! Go in peace!##imported-begin##Bruce and Murene Larson##imported-end##

January 12 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We were terribly shocked to hear of Karl's death, and didn't know until the day after services were held. We will share your loss and pray for your strength in dealing with losing such a wonderful person. We love him and Joan very dearly.##imported-begin##Fain and Christine Pool##imported-end##

January 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Brian and family, Our hearts are with you in this difficult time... I did not know your father well, but know he was a good one from his family. Love, Rick, Diane, and Christopher##imported-begin##Rick, Diane, and Christo Voreck##imported-end##

January 9 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian, My deepest sympathies go out to you. I know what deep grief it is to lose a father you love, and the only consolation is to know he lived a life of great purpose and integrity. If heaven exists, and I believe it does, he is surely there.##imported-begin##Anthony & Jane Hoffman##imported-end##

January 8 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian, I am sorry for your loss. Your Dad had a remarkable life.##imported-begin##Bill and Gail Tudor##imported-end##

January 5 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian, Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and our prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##Jeff and Jenny Maenaga##imported-end##

January 5 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Brian, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of mourning. Love, Ralph, Patricia and Nathan

January 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan and family I am grateful for the privilege of having known you and Karl. When we were new to Tacoma and American Lake VA, your friendship and hospitality made us feel very welcome and was greatly appreciated. We along with the veteran family will miss Karl. Our prayer is that the Lord, who promised to be with us always, will give you the comfort and strength needed for the days ahead. Jim and Marian Schonberg

December 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Brian, Our hearts go out to you and your family for the passing of your father. It's clear from reading the guestbook that his special light will continue to shine on the planet through the many lives he touched. God has blessed you richly by giving you such a man for a father. Our prayers for comforting peace,

December 29 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy. Love, Esther

December 29 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brian and Family We are very saddened to hear of the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your mom and your family. Love, Tom, Kathy, Christy and Holly

December 29 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

BrianSorry to hear of your loss. Parke##imported-begin##Parke Blundon##imported-end##

December 29 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan, I first met Karl at a golf tournament at McChord AFB. He won a trip with a "KP" and was sooo excited. He later told me the airline went under and you folks never got to go! Bummer!! Karl ALWAYS brightened a room (or a life) when he appeared. He was always positive, supportive and happy. You had one of God's true jewels. He even thought of me when the chaplains association had a meeting at McChord this summer. The reason I was invited was because the 13th Coast Guard Commander was the guest speaker and he remembered I was in the USCG. What a guy! Judy and I sent our prayers and know that Karl is now running around heaven keeping everyone smiling.##imported-begin##Don & Judy Philpott##imported-end##

December 28 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan and family:Karl's death leaves a great void on this earth. I feel that our family was a better family because of the love and care from the two of you. I know he touched thousands of lives with his faith and courage in his lifetime. Matt and Meghan were so sad to hear of his death. Meghan is getting married soon and was planning to ask Karl to marry her as he did Matt and Missy. Don was overwhelmed. He felt Karl was a great friend and positive influence on him. My fondest and most fun memory of Karl was doing the Polka with him at the Credit Union Dances. No one could cut a rug like he could! Don and I want you to know that if you need anything, we are a phone call away. Don can fix anything, and I make a "mean" meatloaf. Call us anytime. I will be in touch in the near future.Love to you all, The Melena's-Don and Marcia, Meghan, Matthew, Missy,and Maddison. 581-2610##imported-begin##Marcia Melena##imported-end##

December 28 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We were shocked and saddened to hear that karl had passed away... he was a dear friend and great golfing companion. His service to our country and our community set an example for us all. He will be missed, but he will always be remembered.##imported-begin##cal and kai kushen##imported-end##

December 28 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan: Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss of Karl. I know it's a shock. You and Karl have been so kind to us and always will be a part of our family at Christ Lutheran. Leo, Kathy, Chris & PJ Wainhouse.##imported-begin##Leo Wainhouse##imported-end##

December 28 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan and Family,Our heartfelt sympathies at your great lossof Karl. We pray that the hope of the resurrection will be your strength and peace in the future. In Christian love,##imported-begin##Rev. Al and Gladys Gerstmann##imported-end##

December 28 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We, as neighbors, enjoyed knowing Karl and Joan for only a short time, 2 years or so, but always enjoyed Karl and will miss him. I helped him with his computer only a short time ago.Our condolences. Ivan & Ellie##imported-begin##Ivan & Ellie Larson##imported-end##

December 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan and Family,Please accept our sincerest condolences. Karl was a good friend, colleague, and chaplain to us at the V.A. He will be missed and well-remembered.Sincerely,Sam & Joanne Mires##imported-begin##Sam & Joanne Mires##imported-end##

December 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Joan and Family,We are thinking of you and praying for comfort and peace for you in your loss. It was good to see the beautiful picture of Karl on the website. His kindness shines in his face. May you find solace in your memories and know that his love for you goes on. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow. For I will be with thee thy trials to bless. And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."God bless you,Nancy and Andrew##imported-begin##Nancy & Andrew Noto##imported-end##

December 27 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our deep sympathies and love to Karl's family. We remember you all with fond memories from the days when you attended St. John's Lutheran Church. God's peace and comfort be with you.##imported-begin##Jay and Anna Woods##imported-end##

December 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Karl Berg and familyI was saddened to hear of the passing of Karl. He was a role model of a true Christian who lived life. He was an inspiration to many at Oakbrook Golf and Country Club as he played the game he truly loved.My condolences to you and your family on your loss.##imported-begin##Roger Cory##imported-end##

December 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Karl Berg and family:Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. I had the honor and pleasure of meeting and getting to know Karl after becoming a member of Oakbrook G. & C.C. I found him to be forthright and one who lived a truly Christian life. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Tom & Pat Habersetzer##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan,I have greatly enjoyed our fun times with you and Karl, and am sad to hear of his passing. My sympathy and prayers are with you. I'll call you soon to arrange some little events as you are able. Love, Verniece Lambert##imported-begin##Verniece Lambert##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I enjoyed when Karl would visit Saratoga and speak with me in Japanese. I was always impressed with his Japanese! He will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Aya Nakamura##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Karl is someone I always looked forward to seeing because of his broad smile, the twinkle in his eyes and his kind words. He has been a true family friend for many years and we will miss him very much. We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Pat and Les Rutledge##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

It was with surprise and sadness to learn of Karl's passing. We worked together on the Oakbrook Golf Committee for two years and I looked forward to his participation and support for the senior golfers. For those of us with aches and pains, it was an inspiration to have Karl out on the course playing with the aid of a cane. And he did it with a smile. What a guy. I already miss him.##imported-begin##Richard Musser##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers are with you during this time of loss. We know that God will bring you comfort in the days to come. Karl was a good man.##imported-begin##Steve & Sherri Thomas##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan: You and your family are in our prayers as we celebrate Karl's remarkable life. We are so thankful for having known Karl and will always remember him for his counsel and for officiating at our wedding. I will particularly miss him at our AFA meetings and on the golf course. I'm sure he already has a tee time on Heaven's 18.##imported-begin##Joe and Sandy Tucker##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

It is a joy to celebrate Karl's Victory Entrance into eternal salvation. We rejoice in the comfort that Christ gives to the Berg family.##imported-begin##Pastor Jeff & Lin Jeffery##imported-end##

December 26 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan, We send heartfelt condolences to you and the family in the loss of Karl. He was a delightful man to have known - Andy in business and Suzanne in arranging tours for the wives of the retired military chaplains' convention. He was cheerful, optimistic, and had a great love of life. We just talked to both of you just about a month ago at TAG, so this comes as such a shock. May the memories bring you much comfort. Love, Suzanne and Andy###imported-begin###Suzanne & Andy Jordan###imported-end###

December 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I knew Karl when we were both in the Washington National Guard.I admired him very much and am sadend by his departure. Karl was a good man.###imported-begin###Jack Wetherholt###imported-end###

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Cathie and I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Karl on too few occasions. It was obvious that he had a grand spirit, a generous heart, and a deep love for life and those with which he shared it.We are saddened to hear of his death and offer our heartfelt condolences to Brian and his entire family.###imported-begin###Mark and Catherine Hall###imported-end###

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan, Brian, Joyce and family, Pastor Berg will forever be in my memory as one of the kindest men I ever met. He must have been a great counselor, as his demeanor suggested not only this kindness, but honesty and trust. One thing is certain, and that is that Karl Berg left this world a much better place for the rest of us. My sympathies to you in your loss.###imported-begin###Greg Rediske###imported-end###

December 25 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Brian: I am sorry to hear that your father has passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Dan Pyne##imported-end##

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan & Family, We send our sincerest sympathies on the death of Karl. He was a wonderful man and role model! It was always a pleasure to see him at the Oakbrood Golf and C.C. and Air Force Association meetings.##imported-begin##Col (Ret) and Mrs. Gary L. Thompson##imported-end##

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our condolences to Joan and the family upon the homegoing of Karl. He was a colleague in ministry to our veterans and stopped in often in retirement as he came for services here at American Lake. We were together just a couple of weeks ago at the M.C.A. December meeting. We will miss his smile and friendship. May you, Joan and the family, feel the comfort and support of God's Spirit in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Chaplain Weldon Plett##imported-end##

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan and family, Michelle and I share your grief. I met Karl in 1976 at the Vets hospital while he was active with TAFEA (Tacoma Area Federal Executives Assoc.) We worked together many years on local fund-raising projects for the CFC-Combined Federal Campaign- His work, attitude, affable manner and ability to seek and attain consensus was unmatched..God Bless..##imported-begin##John & Michelle Perry##imported-end##

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan and family, My heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you in the loss of Karl. Joan, we have shared so many thoughts regarding our similar losses - you know I am with you in spirit. May God bless and sustain you all in your time of grief and loss. Clarene Johnson##imported-begin##Clarene Johnson##imported-end##

December 25 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan and Family, On behalf of all his friends and golfing partners, we at Oakbrook Golf & C.C. wish to convey our deepest and heartfelt sympathies on your loss. Karl was not only a special person in his ministries, but with all the members that he played golf with or visited with at the Club. Knowing Karl was knowing peace, comfort and serenity. He lead by example and always had time for people in need. We share your loss but celebrate his reward. He has truly gone home to await his loved ones. Grahame J. Fenton, President Elect Oakbrook Golf & Country Club

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We felt truly honored to have known Karl for so many years. We spent time with him on the Golf committee and on the Golf Course at Oakbrook. He performed the wedding ceremony for my granddaughter and it was so special. We will miss him and want you the family to know how much he met to us. Alice & Bob

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Karl Weldon Berg was my grandfather. I'd appreciate it if he were still alive. I like the way this guestbook was organized. Thank you for honoring my grandfather.

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan, our deepest Sympathy for your great loss. May you be strong and faithful in these trying times. God Bless you. Eva and Max

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Anonymous posted:

Joan: I so enjoyed meeting you and Karl in 2000 to write the article about his service at Iwo Jima. I'm sure many of those who knew him for his chaplaincy had no idea that he was also a war hero because he was so humble about that aspect of his life. Remember how you had to prod him to get him to talk to me about it? Anyone who didn't get a chance to read the story about Karl at Iwo Jima can e-mail me and I would be happy to forward an electronic version. My condolences to you and your family on your loss.##imported-begin##Cheryl Tucker##imported-end##

December 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Kim and Dale##imported-begin##Kim and Dale Avery##imported-end##

December 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Berg Family We feel sadness in our hearts on the passing of such a kind man. I was introduced to Karl in the late 70's when Brian invited me to stay with his family in Tacoma during the holiday season. I was taken in like family and have felt a lingering connection through all these years. Over the past years I was able to meet with Karl & Joan during some of their trips to California. It always felt like visiting with close family. Karl was so easy to converse with and such an interesting individual. Karl will be greatly missed by the people whom were fortunate to have known him during his long and interesting journey through life. Ron Naminski##imported-begin##Ron Naminski##imported-end##

December 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan, Cam, Brian, We had the pleasure of meeting Karl on several occasions, the first more than 20 years ago. May you find peace in celebrating the life of such a fine, gracious gentleman.##imported-begin##Ron & Ingrid Voss##imported-end##

December 24 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hi Brian: I sorry to hear about your Dad. He sounds like he lived a full life. Please send my condolences to your family. Your friend and fellow YIP Dad.- Ted -##imported-begin##Ted Batha##imported-end##

December 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thank you for having this guestbook available on your website for my father!##imported-begin##Brian Berg##imported-end##

December 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Brian and Family: God's peace to all of you as we celebrate the home going of Pastor Berg. There is an unbreakable link between Christmas and Easter; Christ is Born, Christ has Risen, Christ will come again. I regret that I will be out of town and will be unable to attend the funeral. Again, blessings and peace to you all. Tom Heavey##imported-begin##Tom Heavey##imported-end##

December 23 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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