



## Karen Jane Lange

July 19, 1944 - June 8, 2025

Karen Jane Lange, a cherished member of the Saline community, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the age of 80. Born on July 19, 1944, in Saline, Michigan, Karen spent her final days at Linden Square Memory Care Center, surrounded by the love of her family and friends.

Karen's journey was marked by a steadfast dedication to her career and community. After graduating from Saline High School in 1962, she embarked on a 35-year career as a medical transcriptionist at the University of Michigan and Saline Community Hospital. Her contributions to the medical field were invaluable, and she was respected for her professionalism and commitment. A moderately religious person, Karen found strength and solace in her Christian faith, which guided her throughout her life. Her involvement in the community was extensive, notably through her work with Prayer Square Ministries, Prayer Shawl Ministries, and Quilts for Kids. Her passion for helping others extended to her hobbies, where she found joy in gardening, sewing, knitting, and quilting. Karen was an active member of several knitting and quilting clubs in the Saline area, generously donating her handmade quilts to children in need.

Karen was a 24-year breast cancer survivor, a testament to her resilience and determination. Her battle with cancer only strengthened her resolve to give back and support others facing similar challenges.

Known affectionately as "Hana" by her grandchildren, Karen was a quiet and giving person, always thinking of others before herself. Her legacy lives on

through her beloved family: her husband, Larry Lange; her daughter, Debra Espino, and her husband, Carlos; her son, Michael Lange, and his wife, Shannon; her grandchildren, Jonathan Espino, Allison Lange, and Nicolas Lange; her brothers, Danny Murray and his wife Nancy, Duane Murray; her sisters, Sue Lentz and her husband, Curtis, and Donna Welter and her husband, John. Karen was predeceased by her parents, Donald and Neva (Sanders) Murray.

Karen's life was a testament to the power of kindness, resilience, and community. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her spirit will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to share in her journey. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, June 13th, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline, MI. Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 P.M. with Pastor Jim Coran officiating. Following the service burial will take place in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. A luncheon will also be held at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Karen's name may be made to St. Paul Church, and envelopes will be available at the Church. To leave a memory you have of Karen, to sign her guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ Saline  
122 W. Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI

## Funeral Service

JUN 13. 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ Saline  
122 W. Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI

## Luncheon

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ Saline  
122 W. Michigan Ave.  
Saline, MI

## Graveside Service

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JUN 13. 1:15 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
227 W Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ Rosa A Espino & Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Jane Lange.

Rosa A Espino & Family - June 12, 2025 at 05:59 PM

FF

“ I worked with Karen at the U of M for many years. Kept in touch afterwards also. My name is Fay Freshcorn and she was a great person. I have fond memories of her and I at the U of M Hospital. God Bless her family.

Fay Freshcorn - June 11, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JE

“ Jaime and Thelma Espino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Jane Lange.

Jaime and Thelma Espino - June 10, 2025 at 06:35 PM

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“ Jaime and Thelma Espino purchased the Pink and Cream Roses and Baby's Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Karen Jane Lange.



Jaime and Thelma Espino - June 10, 2025 at 06:35 PM

RL

“ Our condolences to Karen's family and friends.  
Roger and Ruth Lockwood

Ruth Lockwood - June 10, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JC

“ *Our condolences to the Lange family. Karen was a lovely lady. The Corona family.*

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**janet Corona** - June 10, 2025 at 08:49 AM

DK

“ *All my love and care to the Lange and Espino family during this final goodbye Mrs. Lange. She was a devoted mother, wife and grandma and to the ones she loved. These last many years of her life the love and care showed her was a testament of honor and respect for her and what her life meant to you all. Peace Be With You.*

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**Donna Kramer** - June 09, 2025 at 10:15 PM

KM

“ *Condolences to Karen's family. May she rest in peace.*

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**Karen Mills** - June 09, 2025 at 05:32 PM