

Karen MacKay - Obituary

May 17, 1955 – January 11, 2021



Karen Mabel MacKay (Hovey), resident of Stouffville Ontario, formerly of Ottawa Ontario, passed away on Monday, January 11, 2021 at Hill House Hospice at the age of 65 years.

As anyone who knew her well knows, Karen was always a larger than life kind of personality who would light up the room with her smile & stimulating conversation. She had a confidence and determination that was unmatched and a drive for life that was truly inspiring. She lived every day to the fullest.

She was extremely proud of her career; climbing the ranks of Goodman & Carr LLP, from Director of HR, to COO to CEO. In 2009 she was elected as a Fellow in the College of Law Practice Management in recognition of her contribution to the field. Always working to grow her knowledge & experience, she earned her MBA from Rotman School of Management. Inevitably she left to build her own business, Phoenix Legal, where she was able to help countless professionals by becoming one of the leading consultants to the legal profession, not only in Canada but throughout North America. She did all of this with grace and a sense of humor that was infectious. She influenced so many professionals and her presence will be deeply missed within the whole legal community. She also had the opportunity with her consulting to travel the world and took full advantage of new experiences. As her career was winding down in 2020, she turned her focus close to home. She proved to be a visionary of interior design and

spent her last years joyfully designing & renovating her beautiful home in Stouffville. Her vision was completed just weeks before her passing and is truly a work of artistic and creative splendor.

She will be sadly missed by; her devoted husband of 28 years, Ken MacKay, her son Adam (Mindy) Lefor, her step sons; Matthew (Theresa) MacKay & Timothy (Katherine) MacKay, her beautiful grandchildren; Zoe Lefor, Fiana Lefor, Liara Lefor, Kelsey MacKay, Iain MacKay & Isla MacKay, Her brothers; Richard (Angela) Hovey, Ron (Dawn) Hovey, her life-long friends; Mary-Jean McKeever, Kathy Prozak, Terri Drover, and countless other Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and friends.

She was pre-deceased by her parents; Viola Hovey (Long) & Harold Hovey, and her grandson, Deegan Lefor.

As these unprecedented times of Covid-19 restrict any appropriate funeral service, a memorial internment service will be held in the spring (to be announced on a later date) at her family cemetery, Merivale United Church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Donations can be made to; Hill House Hospice, 36 Wright St, Richmond Hill, ON. L4C 4A1 or the charity of your choosing.

Karen has lived such an enormous life, the void left from her absence will be felt by any and everyone who she has touched. She was truly an incredibly special person whose life will be celebrated by everyone she has left behind.

Rest in peace, Karen Mabel MacKay (Hovey). May 17, 1955 – January 11, 2021