

Karl H. Leach

December 8, 1947 - August 15, 2025

In memory of Karl H. Leach, who's passing was August 15, 2025 at his residence. He was 77 years old.

He was born December 8, 1947 in Germany. He was the son of the late Therses (Goffman) and Jimmy Leach.

Karl was of Catholic faith and an Airforce veteran following 20 years of service. He also retired from Kennedy Space Center. But most of all a wonderful husband, father and friend.

He had a dry sense of humor, he enjoyed watching the Red Sox and wrestling. He also enjoyed golf, woodworking and sometimes gardening.

His love for his family, grandchildren went beyond measure. He felt most proud of his children and grandchildren's achievements in life.

To cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Colleen Leach, to whom he married June 18th, 1985. Sons Scott Farrell (Danielle) of Charlotte NC, Jarrod Farrell (Jamie) of Temple NH, David Leach of Grandforks, ND and daughter Tammy Leach of Grandforks, ND.

Grandchildren Mallory Hawkes, Collin Farrell, Dylan Farrell and Kyle Farrell.

A celebration of his life will be held August 20, 2025 at 1pm at Summersett Memorial Chapel, to be continued at the family home in Salisbury NC.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Assoc. or the American Diabetes Assoc. or the Wounded Warriors Program.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“Karl & Colleen, I remember the first time I met you, you guys were visiting SD with one of your sons. You all were so nice and you even worked on my computer for awhile. It was a fun, beautiful day. It was nice to meet extended family. You both are wonderful friends and family. I am sorry God called you so soon. Our prayers go to you and your family. You will be missed Karl. Colleen keep the faith, that's all you can do. Love, you both. Always John and Diane Demers

Diane Demers - August 19, 2025 at 03:05 PM

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“Diane Demers lit a candle in memory of Karl Leach



Diane Demers - August 19, 2025 at 02:55 PM

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“ I was most impressed with Karl and how eager he (and Colleen) were to customize their new home and yard here in Salisbury. His German heritage was obvious because he had every tool known to man, organized and well maintained. My new neighbor was never hesitant to smile when he heard my car horn blow in passing. He and Colleen made our routine yard sales come to life.


One day after sharing a lunch of grilled cheese sandwiches, Karl again impressed me with another one of his talents. As if I wasn't jealous enough of Colleen's quilting magic, Karl showed me his "softer side" of manhood. His handiwork with a needle & canvas would put Roosevelt Grier to shame.

I will miss my kind, gentle, interesting, talented neighbor. We still have so much to learn about each other. RIP Karl.

Love,
Patricia Alexander

Patricia Alexander - August 19, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ During this most difficult time in my life the one thing I can carry with me is the response I've had from family , friends . The comments being ... he was such a good guy for this or that and he really was . If he told you he'd do something you could count on it . But most of all he loved his family , children grandchildren and me . I was his number one ... he made sure I knew this every day of our 40 years of marriage . To say he was one of the Good Guys oh yes he was ! I will miss you every day until we say hello again , my GOOD GUY


Colleen Leach - August 19, 2025 at 11:59 AM

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“ It is with sadden hearts that we have to say goodbye to our beloved neighbor and friend. From the day he and Collein moved in next door, we knew we were going to love them! We pray that God will give Collein and his family peace that they will be together again one day. Karl will always live on in our hearts!!!

Donna and Rick Brown - August 19, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karl H. Leach.



August 18, 2025 at 11:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karl H. Leach.

August 18, 2025 at 11:32 PM