



Karen "Krogh" Blaise

February 18, 1933 - November 25, 2025

Karen "Krogh" Blaise passed away November 25, 2025. She was 92 years old.

Karen is the widow of Francis Joseph Blaise to whom she was married for 69 years. She is survived by her six children Christopher Scott Blaise, Wendy Blaise Perrine, Cynthia Blaise, Kevin Francis Blaise, Kathy Blaise Young, and Elizabeth Blaise Dubuisson; her brother Erik Edward Krogh, and her sister Sigrid Krogh Kenny. Karen has 14 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and two great great granddaughters. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Fran, her father Kaare Krogh, and her mother Helen Malmborg.

Karen was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 18, 1933. As a teenager Karen worked part time at The Marshall Fields on State Street, studied at Kemper Hall Women's Episcopal High School in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and later Ripon College in Racine, Wisconsin. Having met Francis (Fran) on a blind date two years earlier, the two eloped on October 14, 1953. Karen told the story that Fran proposed while intoxicated on their second date. She said yes to teach him a lesson.

The two had six children in nine years and lived in several communities in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and upstate New York before settling in Kalamazoo, Michigan where they lived for 36 years.

Along with her family, Karen's faith was the center of her life. She loved Jesus, attending Episcopal services, participating in Cursillo, Kids' Hope, EFM and daily Scripture reading. Karen shared her love of God with every person she met; exuding warmth, joy and peace in the Lord. All who knew her loved her.

Karen was an avid foodie and accomplished chef. Soon after becoming an empty nester in 1980, Karen decided to finally start getting paid for her culinary talent. She graduated as a professional chef from SUNY Cobleskill in 1982. She ran a catering business and was Executive Chef at Wyndham Luxury Apartments in Kalamazoo before retiring. She lovingly cooked for her loved ones and church functions well into her 90s..

Karen spent the last years of her life in Pueblo West, Colorado where she enjoyed the Ascension Episcopal family.

Karen was a gentle giant, matriarch to a large, loving family. While her earthly presence will be sorely missed by all who loved her, her legacy of love lives on in the lives of her family and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Ascension Episcopal Church
420 W. 18th St
Pueblo, CO 81003

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Karen was my go to for so many aspects of my life. Spiritual mentor, many cooking lessons, advice that I often needed and she always knew when I needed it. Tried to teach me how to make her Kringle, I haven't given up but never turns out like hers. After my Mom passed, I always knew that Karen would be there for me. I loved her so much and I know she is still with me

Judy Forster - December 01, 2025 at 04:29 PM

EM

“ Eda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen "Krogh" Blaise.

Eda M. - November 30, 2025 at 07:46 PM

CS

“ Carol S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen "Krogh" Blaise.

Carol S. - November 29, 2025 at 06:44 PM

SK

“ A beautiful lady with a beautiful soul. Proud to call Aunt Karen. Raised a beautiful family Much love and many hugs. Sigrid and Marley

sigrid krogh - November 28, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen "Krogh" Blaise.



November 28, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Bruce and Luanne Pawelka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen "Krogh" Blaise.

Bruce and Luanne Pawelka - November 28, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ I can recall(a little vaguely) helping Cynthia's brother with his algebra homework at the kitchen/dining room table with mama Blaise nearby supervising.

Bruce Pawelka - November 28, 2025 at 02:56 PM