



## Karin Elisabeth von Zychlin Gaines

October 26, 2012

Karin Elisabeth von Zychlin Gaines passed on October 26, 2012 at her home, surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her children, Peter Karl Gaines of Chicago and Sarah Luise Gaines of Rockford. She is also survived by her mother, Magdalene von Zychlin of Sister Bay, WI; brother Claus von Zychlin (Susan) of Dublin, OH; sister Rev. Christa von Zychlin (Rev. Dr. Wayne Nieminen) of Hong Kong; nieces Kara von Zychlin and Kirsten von Zychlin; and nephews Kurt von Zychlin, Soren Nieminen, Torsten Nieminen, and Eric Nieminen. She is also survived by her most special friends Janyce Fadden, Mike Helstrom, Dan Marsh, Jennifer Hall, Rick Johnson, and Kathy McNeely-Johnson. She is preceded in death by her father, Paul von Zychlin. Private services will be held, contact Grace Funeral and Cremation Services at 815-395-0559 for information. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the family memorial fund or directly in her memory to Planned Parenthood, Klehm Arboretum, and/or Rosecrance Mental Health Services. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements, to share a memory or condolence online, please visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

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“ I just found out about Karin's passing. She was a wonderful lady. She is highly responsible for the creation of the Churchill's Grove Community Garden, helping us find a site and getting influential people involved in its flourishing. I admired how she kept on going, despite the cancer. I will always think of her when I pass her darling little house on Harlem.

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**Carolyn Cadigan** - May 11, 2013 at 03:26 PM

BH

“ Karin and I raised our daughters at the same time, Sarah and Bristol, first at Christ Methodist Day Care and later at Lutheran High School. Karin was always a supportive parent, and we often shared our parenting dilemmas over a glass of wine.

*Barbara Huffman*

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**Barbara Huffman** - October 29, 2012 at 04:29 PM

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“ I worked summers at the North Suburban Library with Karin in the early 1970s. I was going to college & Karin was in high school. She was always fun to be around & a good worker too. Kathy (Aitken) Rasch

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**Kathryn M. Rasch** - October 28, 2012 at 05:47 PM

CF

“ Rest in peace Karin and God bless your family.

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**Cathy Feehan** - October 27, 2012 at 08:35 PM

JL

“ Ruhe in Frieden, lieber Karin. Kathy and John.

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**John H. Iindstrom** - October 27, 2012 at 02:38 PM

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“ John Reese When I was in grade school Karen and her brother were brought to our class. Apparently their family had just immigrated to the US. When the teacher we had stood up, or came into the room, both Karin and her brother stood up at attention. Apparently that was custom from where she was from. The kids in the class burst out laughing and if I remember right poor Karin and her brother turned red. For whatever reason that memory stuck with me. She was a nice person and I remember her throughout the years. I don't know what became of her brother.

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Bea Lincoln - October 27, 2012 at 06:35 AM

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Bea Lincoln - October 29, 2012 at 06:37 PM

ES

“ Eric & I are so thankful that we were blessed with such a wonderful neighbor and friend. We will always remember the nights we spent sitting on the front porch with a bottle of wine and laughing till our stomachs hurt. She brought beauty to everything around her and will be greatly missed.

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Eric & Linda Schroeder - October 26, 2012 at 04:13 PM