



Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler

October 8, 1986 - August 12, 2023

Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler, 36, of Bloomington passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born on October 8, 1986 in Lafayette, Indiana the daughter of Nathaniel A. and Pamela J. (Ensweiler) Rumba. Karen was a 2005 graduate of Harrison High School in West Lafayette and a 2008 graduate of St Elizabeth School of Nursing where she received her bachelor's degree in nursing. She went on to receive her MSN from Southern Indiana University. She married the love of her life Brant Jackson Bahler on August 16, 2008 in Lafayette, Indiana. They moved to Bloomington directly after were they were happily married for fifteen years.

Karen worked as a RN for the IU Health Bloomington Hospital and the Patient Care Director for the last 16 years.

She was an amazing wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She loved her family. They were her life. Karen enjoyed reading, working puzzles, playing board and card games, helping and taking care of people in need, visiting with her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Karen is survived by her husband, Brant Jackson Bahler; her children, Hailey Dunlap-Bahler; Jackson Bahler and Leo Bahler all of Bloomington; her parents, Nat and Pamela Rumba of West Lafayette; her brothers, Nathanael (Tonya) Rumba of Valparaiso; Grant (Angel) Rumba of Brookston; her sisters, Amanda Rumba of Lafayette; Kellie Rumba of Santa Teresa, NM; her in-laws,

Barry and Jackie Bahler of West Lafayette; brother-in-law's, Brandon Bahler Davenport; Brock (Amber) Bahler of Pittsburg, PA; Bryce Bahler of Seattle, WA; and Brogan (Coty) Bahler of Peoria, IL; a grandmother Olivia McCool; and an entire army of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends whom she dearly loved and laughed alongside. She was the glue of her family and the best of all of us.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Robert and Patricia (Murphy) Ensweiler; Frederick and Hannah (Ferguson) Rumba; Ed and Lois Bahler; and Jack McCool; an uncle Eric Ensweiler and a cousin, Megan Simko.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00pm Saturday, August 19, 2023 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. With Rev John Winders Officiating. Burial Will Follow at the Clear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, and from 10:00am to service time on Saturday, August 19, 2023 also at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to her family for the care of her children, or to the "Karen Bahler Nursing Scholarship," thru the Allen Funeral Home.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1503 West That Road
Bloomington, IN 47403

Visitation

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1503 West That Road
Bloomington, IN 47403

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1503 West That Road
Bloomington, IN 47403

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending love and comfort to Karen’s family, friends, and community. Her light and her kindness will live on in all of us. ❤️



Kristy Todd - August 18, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



August 18, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.

August 18, 2023 at 02:13 PM

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“ Amanda and all Rhumba Family, so sorry for your loss. Carolyn Kuespert and Family.

Carolyn L. Kuespert - August 18, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.*



August 18, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.*



August 18, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.

August 18, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Though we knew Karen only in a second-hand way, we know she was so loved by all her family. We thank Pam and Nat for allowing us to know of her and the great light she shared with everyone. You all are in our prayers. Lucy & Sandra*

Lucy Sinkular - August 18, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.

August 18, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



August 18, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



August 17, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ I remember having a 4th of July party at my house and was looking for something in my pantry when all of a sudden I was pushed into the pantry and the door was closed behind me. I could hear Amanda laughing until she realized she had just closed her Aunt Emma in the pantry when she thought it was her sister, Karen. We all thought it was hilarious but Amanda was devastated. Karen and I looked very much alike from behind at the time so it was easy to make the mistake.

Aunt Emma - August 17, 2023 at 02:23 PM

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☐ 😄 I remember that now. It was hilarious!!

Pamela J Rumba - August 17, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



August 17, 2023 at 01:12 PM

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“ Love, Felina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



Love, Felina - August 17, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



August 16, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.*



August 16, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to Amanda from Mike and Holly Hanley*

Holly Ann Hanley - August 16, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Nicholas R. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.*



Nicholas R. - August 16, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Nicholas R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.*

Nicholas R. - August 16, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Julie L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.*

Julie L. - August 15, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



August 15, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ Oh Karen. When we worked together and during training, you soothed me. Your voice and calmness made me feel calm. Since I liked to bounce off the walls. So intelligent, kind and compassionate. Your bright light will shine forever

pam breeden - August 15, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Karen Elissa (Rumba) Bahler.



August 15, 2023 at 05:11 PM