
FLEA CALLER

IN MEMORIAM

It is very difficult for me to write this; I miss my dear friend more than I can put into words.

Karen (Ascenzia) Marini, 73, of Proctorsville, Vermont, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2022, from progressive bulbar palsy.

Karen is the wife of the Snow Fleas Club President & Trail Master - Joe Marini.

Karen played such a key role in the club's success and community involvement.

She was a club officer for MANY years, holding the position of Secretary.

As Membership Chair, Karen greeted countless Snow Flea members at her home while selling TMA's every year until sales moved to an online only option.

She cared for the club's fundraising events from selling raffle tickets for the opportunity to win a snowmobile to her most famous fundraiser - the Pig Roast. What an event that was from the wonderful food - raffles - silent auction - live music - all while making sure landowner recognition also played a key role in that event.

Community involvement was important to her - she introduced the club's "Touch a Tucker" event at the annual Cavendish Town Wide Tag Sale. She had Joe trailer the Tucker down to the green so all the kids could check it out. The kids would climb in to the Tucker and many photos were taken and memories made.

Karen also took care of all the club publicity. She was behind the scenes for all email communications, the club's Facebook page and the club's VAST news submissions.

She also reinstated the club's newsletter; The Flea Caller. It was important to her that everyone felt like family and knew what was happening with the club on a regular basis.

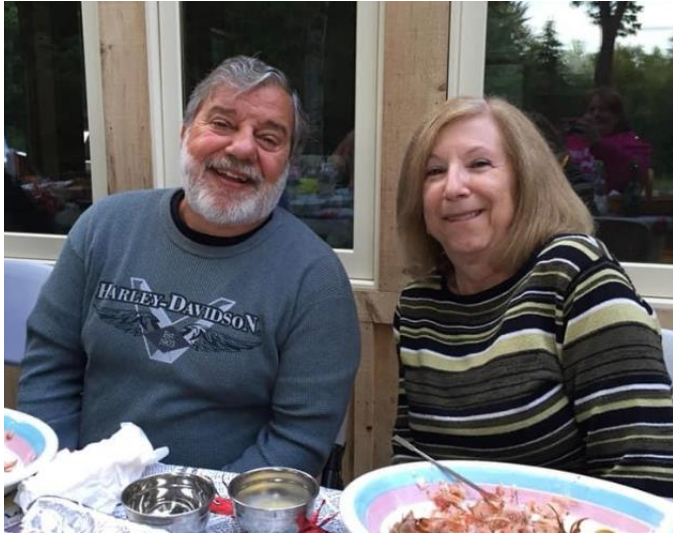
Karen received several awards from VAST over the years. Her and Joe received the Horizon Award and last year Karen received the VAST Executive Directors Award of Excellence. What was more important to her though - was the recognition of others. She submitted countless award nominations for those who she saw who gave so much of their volunteer time for the betterment of the club.

Over the past year or so - while being sick, Karen trained and transitioned her responsibilities to several people. All the work SHE did by herself is now being done by FOUR people. She made sure everything related to the club would be cared for once she was unable to do things herself; it was a mission for her that this club remain successful.

All this involvement and responsibilities and Karen was NOT a snowmobiler. She loved the people and community involvement but didn't like to ride. She found a way to contribute and provide her version of love of the sport to benefit many.

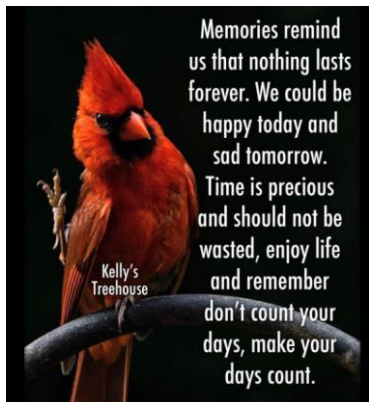
Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Joe and their family.

A friend of mine recently posted this and I truly believe it applies here. *“The Bible talks about “the two shall become one”. No one ever calls them by their individual names. It’s always “Joe-n-Karen” as if they were one person. That’s what it’s like when you marry the love of your life and maintain best friends.”*



Per Karen’s wishes: In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Proctorsville Fire Department, Rescue Snowmobile Fund, PO Box 81, Proctorsville, VT 05153.

Karen posted this on her personal Facebook page a month before she passed - Make your Days Count!



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SAVE the Date!

Big East Powersports Show..... Sept 30, Oct 1 and 2
NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse NY

New Hampshire Grass Drags..... Oct 7, 8 and 9

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FUNDRAISER - 28 Daily Raffle!

We are running the 28 Daily Raffle again this season. We have added a new twist to the winning opportunities - “T-shirt Tuesday”. If your ticket is pulled on one of the 4 Tuesday’s during the Raffle, you will be contacted for your shirt size for a Snow Fleas T-shirt.

October 2022

Sunday Oct 2 \$30.00	Monday Oct 3 \$25.00	Tuesday Oct 4 T-Shirt Tuesday	Wednesday Oct 5 \$10.00	Thursday Oct 6 \$15.00	Friday Oct 7 \$75.00	Saturday Oct 8 \$10.00
Sunday Oct 9 \$10.00	Monday Oct 10 \$15.00	Tuesday Oct 11 T-Shirt Tuesday	Wednesday Oct 12 \$20.00	Thursday Oct 13 \$30.00	Friday Oct 14 \$15.00	Saturday Oct 15 \$75.00
Sunday Oct 16 \$10.00	Monday Oct 17 \$25.00	Tuesday Oct 18 T-Shirt Tuesday	Wednesday Oct 19 \$20.00	Thursday Oct 20 \$15.00	Friday Oct 21 \$25.00	Saturday Oct 22 \$70.00
Sunday Oct 23 \$30.00	Monday Oct 24 \$10.00	Tuesday Oct 25 T-Shirt Tuesday	Wednesday Oct 26 \$15.00	Thursday Oct 27 \$10.00	Friday Oct 28 \$25.00	Saturday Oct 29 \$75.00

Tickets are for sale NOW!

\$10 ticket gets you 28 chances to win prizes between \$10 and \$75 in the daily drawings. Daily drawings are done via Facebook live during the month of October. You can watch the live session or replay on the club’s Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/snowfleas>

We also post daily winners on the club’s website. www.Cavendishsnowfleas.com
For tickets, please email the Club or Frank Companik (patricia.companik@sbcglobal.com or 203-710-7358).

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VAST ANNUAL MEETING

55th VAST Annual Meeting.
September 10 in Island Pond.
Details and Annual Report coming soon at <https://xtvast.org/annual-report.html>

AGENDA

- 10am Delegate registration until 12pm.
- 10am lunch tickets until 1pm
- 10am - 1pm Vendor Display
- 10:30am Pre-Meeting Open Session
- 11:30am - 1pm Lunch
- 1pm Awards Ceremony followed by Annual Meeting