



## KAREN RABAS LUTZ

*Karen (Rabas) Lutz was raised on a dairy farm in Spruce, Wisconsin. As the daughter of Fred and Lillian Rabas, she learned early in life the value of hard work, commitment, and family—traits that she continues to champion today.*

*Karen attended Kelly Brook Graded School (grades 1-3) and Spruce Graded School (grades 4-8) before entering Oconto Falls High School in 1957.*

*While at Oconto Falls High School, Karen was active in many school activities and continued to share her enthusiasm, energy, and spirit with her classmates. She participated in Glee Club, Band, Student Council, Annual Staff, and the Library Club. She was elected Junior Class Secretary and was selected as Homecoming Queen and as a member of the Prom Court.*

*Upon graduation in 1961, Karen stepped into the position of Oconto Falls School District secretary and began a very long and successful journey as an administrative secretary at Oconto Falls High School. Karen's commitment to the students of Oconto Falls High School was unsurpassed. She cared for each like "her very own" and continues to stay in touch with many former students and their families. During her forty-year career with the Oconto Falls School District, Karen had the pleasure of working with six superintendents and nine principals prior to her retirement in 2001.*

*Since retirement, Karen has been a strong advocate for the Oconto Falls School District, volunteering her time and expertise on various projects, including the Schoolhouse News and the Class of 50 Past Reunion Committee.*

*She has continued to serve the community through her extensive work with the Oconto Falls Friends of the Arts. As a member of the Executive Board, Karen has worked to coordinate advertising, seat sponsorship, and volunteer work. Karen has been instrumental in the success of the Oconto Falls Friends of the Arts Fine Arts Series, helping to bring over fifty productions to the Falls Area Performing Arts Center since 2002. In addition, Karen serves as a community greeter and goodwill ambassador at concerts throughout the district. Her dedication to the school and community make her an outstanding advocate for Oconto Falls.*

*In 1963, Karen married Tom Lutz of Oconto Falls. Some of their best times are spent on the shores of Kelly Lake where they enjoy fishing and hosting family and friends. They have one daughter, Michelle (Wade) Grenke and two grandsons, Gabe and David. Their extended family includes three foreign exchange students, Patricia (Brazil), Misa, (Japan) and Jorn (Germany).*