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Ms. Kareus grew up on a ranch in Western Colorado and graduated from Colorado State University in 1968 with a BA in journalism and political science. She began working for the United States Congress in 1973 and has held numerous positions in the Senate and the House since then. These include serving over the years as the Western Colorado Director for three Colorado Senators and one Colorado Congressman as well as serving as an agriculture legislative assistant in Washington D.C. for both Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Congressman Mark Udall. In 1996, Ms. Kareus was appointed Southwest Area Director of the Farm Service Agency during the Clinton Administration and served with the Administration until 2001. In addition to her tenure with Congress and Farm Service Agency, Ms. Kareus served as the Federal Relations Specialist for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

Ms. Kareus lives in the Rocky Mountains and commutes every day over the Continental Divide to her office in the Denver Federal Center, rain or shine. But mostly snow. Her sons and their families, including two grand-daughters, reside in Boulder County, Colorado and her 90 year old father still lives close to the family homestead in Mesa County, Colorado.