



Karen E. Harty

May 15, 1970 - October 13, 2018

Traverse City - Karen Elizabeth Harty, 48 of Traverse City passed away unexpectedly on October 13, 2018.

Karen was born May 15, 1970 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Thomas and Linda (Baker) Evans.

Karen's passion was in teaching early childhood education where she spent many years with the children she adored, in Iowa, Texas, and lastly at the Suttons Bay Preschool, here in Northern Michigan.

As a newly hired member of Macy's Department Store, Karen had been looking forward to working at the fine jewelry counter.

Karen graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Nursing and The University of Northern Iowa with a Masters Degree in Teaching.

Karen was a vivacious, fun-loving person who had a contagious laugh and could make anyone smile. Karen also used to dance ballet and tap and became a Coach to those younger and just starting off. She also enjoyed singing, often performing in show choirs.

Karen grew up in Iowa, but her Minister father, mother, and sisters spent most of their summers enjoying the beauty of the Frankfort area with other members of the Congregational Summer Assembly.

From her time growing up in Frankfort, Karen had a tremendous love for the out-of-doors, and held a special place in her heart for owls and raccoons.

Her favorite place was the Pointe Betsie Lighthouse, and it was there that she married her best friend and husband of three years, David. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and her two beloved cats Mishe and Lilac.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Evans, her Mother, Linda (Baker) Evans

Karen is survived by her husband David, sisters Jenny Evans and Martha (Troy) Errthum, her step-son Brandon Ellis, and numerous extended family members.

The memorial service celebrating Karen's life will be held on Thursday October 18, 2018 at 11:00 am at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with visitation beginning one hour prior. Memorial contributions in Karen's honor may be directed to Benzie County Animal Shelter. 543 S. Michigan Ave. Beulah, Michigan 49617

Please visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your memories and condolences with the family. The family is being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Events

OCT **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

OCT **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I didn't know that Karen E.Hartly had passed away. O met Karen in a shelter in Traverse City and we became friends she is very much missed such a sweet lady who had a big bright smile you are sadly missed every day

Donna Valko - May 12, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Karen is a very special part of my memories from the CSA. A wonderful friend with a beautiful smile and infectious laugh.

Kathy Calabro - October 17, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ I knew her (and her husband Dave) from dating my boyfriend Bill since June, as a room mate (in Traverse City, MI.). She had a good sense of humor, kind hearted, and fun loving, etc. I would help pick her up from her Hospital visits sometimes. I'll miss her, since she was a friend, too. Take care, and God bless love.

Carley Jankowski - October 16, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ I taught at St Piux X Preschool. She had amazing energy and loved children. Her spirit was strong and even through many health issues and otherhard times, she shared that contagious smile and one of a kind laugh. I learned a lot working with her. May you be reunited with your mom and dad. You will be missed

eileen besser - October 16, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ I was lucky enough to be Karen's cousin. She was such a cute baby and toddler! I often babysat her when she was very young and loved to play with her and Marty on the beach at the CSA. Karen was a fun and carefree kid and grew into a pretty teenager with a great sense of humor. We lost touch for awhile, then, as adults, we reconnected again in Traverse City. Through all of her hard times, she always tried to look on the bright side and bring others up. I will greatly miss her easy smile and her unique laugh. My love to all my cousins, family and her husband as we grieve this tremendous loss.

Susan Schneider - October 16, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ Once in a while I would walk home with Karen as her house was on the way to where I got on the bus. Always great conversations. She was such a wonderful person. Will miss you my friend.

Lonnie Davison - October 16, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ David, Karen was a high school friend. It has been awhile but we always found each other on Facebook. I am so sorry for your loss. Many prayers for you and your family.

Renee Murphy - October 16, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Back when I was a kid and we vacationed at the Halstead/ Evans cabin in Michigan was the first time I met Karen and she was the sweetest person I could have ever met she was part of the reason why I got into art she would do crafts with me take me to the CSA beach and just hang out we really bonded. I can't believe your gone Karen! Rest In Peace.

Tiffany Owen - October 16, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ David, I am so sorry to here about Karen. Thank you so much for letting me know today. I only knew her for a short time but I was lucky enough to get to know her. You take care of yourself. I am thinking of you at the time of sorrow.
Leesa Curtis

Leesa Curtis - October 15, 2018 at 10:34 PM



“ Leesa Curtis lit a candle in memory of Karen E. Harty



Leesa Curtis - October 15, 2018 at 09:35 PM