



## Karen Deborah Heath

September 10, 1956 - October 1, 2020

Annapolis, MD - Karen Deborah Heath, 64, passed away October 1, 2020 in her home after a long battle with cancer. She was born September 10, 1956 in Kittery Maine. She was a sweet and innocent soul who accomplished much in her life in spite of her challenges. She learned life and job related skills at Great Bay Training Center in Newington, NH and Sheltered Workshop of Annapolis, MD. She held down several jobs during her life but her favorite was working at Papa John's Pizza in Annapolis. Karen loved animals, especially cats, crocheting, swimming, going for walks, puzzles, video games, and watching her favorite TV shows. Karen's gentle and caring spirit inspired those she came to know.

Karen is survived by her two brothers, Kevin Heath and wife Leigh Jackson, and nephews Matthew and Benjamin Heath, older brother Dana Heath and wife Cathy Heath and nieces Shannon Durda and Allison Smith, and her dearest friend and roommate of 30 years Joyce Domer, Annapolis.

An Outdoor Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, October 24th at the Heritage Baptist Church, 1740 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD, 21401. Masks will be required and social distancing will be in place.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful and caring healthcare providers from

Hospice of the Chesapeake, especially her nurses Beth and Katie, who gave Karen a high quality of life in her final months. Final arrangements are being developed. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to:

Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD, 21122

or

SPCA of Anne Arundel County, 1815 Bay Ridge Rd, Annapolis, MD, 21403.

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ In the memories of the Family on October 8, something that stood out to me was the part about Karen's love of animals. During her visits with Kevin and Leigh and the boys, it really was remarkable how the dogs took to Karen immediately. Sister-in-law Leigh had a running joke with Karen near the end of Karen's visits, where Leigh would needle Karen about checking her luggage on the day she left, to make sure that she wasn't smuggling one of the dogs to take home with her, as they were all small dogs--two mini Schnauzers and a Shih Tzu, which could easily have fit inside a good-sized carry bag. This friendly needling was inspired by the close bond Karen formed with the dogs during her visits, so you could believe that had it been possible Karen would have loved to take one of the animals home with her. I used to feel that it was Karen's gentle way that led animals to bond with her so closely. What always stood out to me over the years I knew Karen was her soft-hearted and giving nature. Karen's passing is a deep loss to all who knew her, but we are all richer for having known and loved this gentle soul over the years.

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**Bud Jackson** - October 23, 2020 at 08:11 PM

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“ Karen, my dear friend and neighbor, got her wings on my birthday! I am so happy for her as I know she was waiting for Jesus to come and get her. I am sad tho, for Joyce and Karen's family... she will be greatly missed. I will think of her every time I ride her bike. My sincere condolences to all who loved her. We were truly blessed to have Karen in our lives 💜

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**Nona** - October 19, 2020 at 06:34 PM

WF

“ With loving memories of our Aunt Karen. She will forever be remembered in light and love.

With love from The Smith and Durda Families - October 18, 2020 at 07:19 PM

EC

“ Karen always was magical in her spirit. A delight to be around .Sharing her joy of playmates and friends. That smile will never be forgotten , sparkle in her eyes,who couldn't feel the LOVE behind it. Such a BLESSING to our family 🙏🙏. You are missed sweet Lady. 🌸🐱💔💔💔🥺

Evelyn Craig - October 10, 2020 at 04:00 PM

DH

“ Karen Deborah Heath

Dana Heath - October 10, 2020 at 09:26 AM

FA

“ Our family was able to have a visit with Karen recently when she and Joyce made a trip up to our house in Maine. Despite her illness, all of Karen’s usual personality was going strong. One thing about Karen was that she loved participating in everything with great enthusiasm whether it was playing games or wanting to help out with dinner prep or cleaning the kitchen after dinner. While in Maine, she eagerly joined in to the family’s most recent favorite game of Bananagrams. She loved going out on the boat and was always leading the way down the long boat dock walking faster than anyone. Of course, we will never forget her love for her cats and she was a natural with all animals. Our dogs immediately gravitated towards Karen and loved her. Karen was kind, generous and thoughtful always thinking about others. Kevin sits in an old, broken recliner and Karen kept telling him that she would buy him a new chair. The Christmas presents she would get for family members were always special for each person. Bottom line, she made everything better by just being her. Kind Avid participator Radiant Energetic and enthusiastic Never to be forgotten Karen, we miss you already but will always hold on to our wonderful memories!

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**Family** - October 08, 2020 at 03:09 PM

CW

“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy to the Heath family on the loss of their beloved sister, Karen.

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**Cathy Ward** - October 08, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BW

“ May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.

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**Bill & Laura Ward** - October 04, 2020 at 08:19 PM

JR

“ *Just saw this while searching for another obit. I met Karen years ago and she attended my wedding. She didn't remember me in recent years but she was a great gal. RIP.*

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**Joanne Richter** - October 04, 2020 at 04:18 PM