



## Karen Lisa Feldman

June 8, 1953 - January 9, 2020

On January 9th, 2020, Karen Feldman passed away due to complications from cancer, in the comfort of her home surrounded by family. Born and raised in Baltimore County and a first-generation college student, she received her certifications in both regular and special education, a new field at the time, from the University of Maryland College Park and an M.S. as a reading specialist from Johns Hopkins University. She married in 1975 and after moving to Chicago for one very cold year, Karen and her husband moved back to Maryland and settled in Annapolis, which has been their home ever since.

After returning to Maryland, she began teaching Special Education at Central Special. Following the births of her son and twin daughters, she taught first grade at The Key School for 13 years. She considered it most rewarding to see the students begin the year as non-readers and end the year sitting at their desks reading chapter books. After her teaching career, she volunteered with the Anne Arundel County Literacy Council.

Along with her friend and neighbor Helena Hunter, Karen co-founded Seeds 4 Success (S4S) in 2008, a grass-roots effort that has grown into an award-winning nonprofit organization that provides children from low-income communities in Annapolis with the skills and support to achieve success in school and life. Karen shared, "I am proud of what we have accomplished.

When I look around at our S4S Family Dinners with the room full of family, volunteers, and community members, I know we have made a difference.”

Karen’s life was dedicated to serving others. Never one to seek acknowledgement for her hard work and achievements, she was admired by anyone who was lucky enough to know her. Karen was recognized by the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County as Volunteer of the Year in 2017.

While she never sought accolades, those who knew her have recently expressed the following:

Her dedication to S4S kids and getting the details down pat made her our rock.

She taught me that humor goes a very long way.

She was a spectacular human being who had a positive impact on many, many people. Her spirit will live on through all she touched.

Your good deeds will live forever in the generations of children whose lives were made better because you helped their families along the way.

I know her spirit and love will continue to be felt by the many people she touched.

I cannot find the words to express how deeply I feel your goodness and kindness.

One of the nicest, most giving and accomplished people I know.

If a heart is not judged by how much it loves, but by how much it is loved by others, you therefore have an enormous heart, Karen. Thank you for making the world a brighter place.

Karen is survived by her husband of 44 years, Charles (Babe) Feldman; three children and their spouses, Jason & Jeein Feldman, Sara Feldman and Javier Segura, Rachel and Sean Curran; mother, Elenore Oppenheimer; sister and spouse, Cindy and John Crim; sister-in-law, Bridget Oppenheimer; and

nieces, Kelsey, Madison and Caroline Oppenheimer. She was preceded in death by her father, Gilbert Oppenheimer and brother, Erich Oppenheimer.

True to her character, Karen planned carefully to help sustain S4S after her death. In lieu of flowers, please continue her impact with a contribution to the Karen Feldman Endowment Fund for Seeds 4 Success at the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County. Donations in memory of Karen can be made online or by mail:

Karen Feldman Endowment Fund for Seeds 4 Success  
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# Tribute Wall

ET

“ My heart goes out to Karen's family. I am so sad to hear of her passing. May memories of good times get you through these difficult times.

Elvia Thompson - January 15, 2020 at 12:12 AM

LR

“ The good things Karen did and the kindness she showed in her life were never for self validation but because she genuinely cared. The beautiful loving family she leaves behind stand as an example of her love. I was blessed to know her and will miss her. Her quiet caring nature was an inspiration to me. May her love and peace be close to her family now and forever and bring them comfort.

Lida Rodgers - January 14, 2020 at 11:04 AM

AW

“ Karen was such a wonderful person and a 100% good soul. She left a lasting imprint on my life that I will carry with me always. She showed so much love towards me and the rest of the Wolf family between the countless holiday celebrations and major life events. I'm so sad she's gone and my thoughts are with the whole Feldman/Oppenheimer family during this time. Love, Alex

Alex Wolf - January 13, 2020 at 09:45 PM

DF

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Karen's passing. She was a delightful woman and it was a pleasure working with her. My sincere condolences to her family.

Donna Furbish - January 13, 2020 at 08:07 AM

KL

“Karen’s daughter, Sara, has been one of my best friends for a decade. I got to know Karen early on in our friendship and she quickly felt like a friend too. She is warm and easy to be around. She is easy to talk to and always smiling. I have nothing but the fondest memories of the time we spent together over the last 10 years in San Diego when her and Babe would come to visit and of the amazing week we spent together in Belize. My memories of her will always be filled with warmth, smiles, easy conversations, a kindness that is infectious, and overwhelming generosity. She always went out of her way to make me feel special and included. My heart is aching today knowing that one of the most wonderful women and mothers is no longer with us, and that her time came far too soon. This photo is exactly as I remember her with a lovely smile on her face while we enjoyed a San Diego sunset together. ❤️ With much love and sadness and only the fondest of memories,  
Kelly Lambo

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**Kelly Lambo** - January 12, 2020 at 06:57 PM

AW

“Karen was an amazing person in every way, and we were very fortunate to have been able to share so many wonderful times with her across the decades of Feldman / Oppenheimer / Wolf gettogethers. We will miss Karen more than words can express, and we send all our sympathy and love to the whole family. - Adam, Carol, Michelle and Rachel Wolf.

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**Adam Wolf** - January 12, 2020 at 05:15 PM

JD

“ Tim and I are so saddened by the passing of such a wonderful woman. She always had a smile and a friendly word and I was always so inspired by her passion for Seeds for Success. The world is better off for her life and could use more Karen Feldmans. Love and comfort to her family.

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**Jane Dunham** - January 11, 2020 at 10:12 PM

KC

“ We are so sorry to hear. Karen was such a lovely, caring person. We need more like her in our world. Peace and love to the family.

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**Kim Carpenter** - January 11, 2020 at 05:39 PM

KN

“ We keep in our hearts the times spent and the memories shared with Karen. She left a legacy of love with the time she spent sharing her special gifts with the Seeds' girls and organization. Her greatest love of course was that of her family and children, to which she always exuded boundless energy and enthusiasm. I will admire her always for her courage and grace during her illness which was extraordinary. We will continue to offer up our prayers for the Feldman family in that they may be comforted during this momentous loss.

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**Karen Newman** - January 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JA

“ I am honored and grateful to have spent the 10 beautiful years with Karen. I loved her like my own mom, and I will always cherish our memories.

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**Jeein Ahn** - January 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM

MW

“Michael and I are heartbroken to learn of Karen’s passing. Her compassion commitment to the “Seeds” mission was an example of a life lived with love, purpose and vision—a guiding star for us all. We pray that her cherished family will find some peace in this fact and know that she lives on through what she has left behind.

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**Marguerite Welch** - January 11, 2020 at 10:46 AM

MB

“We are so very shocked and saddened to hear of Karen’s passing. She was dedicated to leaving the world a better place, and she succeeded. She left us too soon. Our sincerest condolences to Babe, the family, and the S4S family. Mary and Hal Bloom

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**Mary Bloom** - January 10, 2020 at 11:15 PM

CD

“The world lost a very great Woman . Prayers for the family.

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**Craig and Deana** - January 10, 2020 at 08:59 PM

CD

“Karen Lisa Feldman

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**Craig and Deana** - January 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM

JM

“ Karen always made me feel so welcome at your home. You could just feel her presence and light when you walked in. Her poise, intelligence, and humbleness were in such a perfect balance it was hard to not be in awe around her. I really did idealize not only her, but the amazingly strong independent children that she raised. The way your family has handled this situation with love, grace, and presence has been truly remarkable. It’s definitely true ‘only the good die young’, and I’m thankful to have known her for the time that I did. Love you all.

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**Jeanne Marie** - January 10, 2020 at 08:05 PM

EW

“ Karen has been a wonderful and cherished friend to the Wolfs. She is one of the kindest people we have ever met. Whether it be as a daughter, wife, mother, aunt, friend, or teacher, Karen leaves an imprint on our hearts. \nAll our love, Everett and Tsili

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**Everett Wolf** - January 10, 2020 at 06:18 PM

SF

“ Fun family trip to Cabo for Mom's 60th bday

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**Sara Feldman** - January 10, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JK

“ I remember meeting Karen when I started as a tutor for the, original Eastport Girls Club. She gave so much of her heart to the girls and helping everyone. She is an amazing woman that cared deeply about her community. She will be forever missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this very difficult time.

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**Jessica Kirchner** - January 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM

AG

“ So very sad to lose such a beautiful human being. We will miss her immensely but her influence on “Seeds” & all the lives she touched will be remembered fondly. - Anne & Larry Grabenstein

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**Anne & Larry Grabenstein** - January 10, 2020 at 05:28 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry to hear Karen has passed. She was surrounded by so much love and support. Your family is an amazing, wonderful example for the rest of us. Sending love your way, Babe.

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**Patsy Helmetag** - January 10, 2020 at 05:13 PM

RC

“ The most amazing mom

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**Rachel Feldman Curran** - January 10, 2020 at 05:07 PM

RF

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**Rachel Feldman** - January 10, 2020 at 03:41 PM