



Karen Elaine Kaufmann

June 18, 1964 - November 11, 2016

Karen E. Kaufmann

Karen Elaine Kaufmann, 52, died Friday, November 11, 2016, at her Manassas home.

Born in Duarte, California to the late Bertram J. Kaufmann Jr. and Dorothy Jenkins Kaufmann, where she participated in sports and marching band. She received her Bachelor of Science from Kutztown University, followed by her Masters of Science from Catholic University of America, both in the field of Library Science. She was a Reference Librarian for the Executive Office of the President Library, for the last 28 years.

Karen enjoyed swimming (she was a member of the Virginia Master's Swim Club and founder of the Kutztown University Women's Swim Team), baseball, the Olympic Games, trips to the beach (particularly Ocracoke), Flash her dog, travel, watching horse racing, musical theater, Christmas baking, and cherished time with her family (especially at her nieces' and nephews' sporting events).

Among her survivors are her sister, Jeanne Hericks and her husband, David, and her nieces and nephews, Kylie, Austin, Tyler and Shawna.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. Burial at North Sewickley Township Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to: the Kutztown University Women's Swim Team, or

the Kutztown University Library Science Department, Kutztown University,
Kutztown, PA 19530.

Previous Events

Family to receive friends

NOV **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Manassas, VA 20110
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Tribute Wall

PM

“ *A wonderful person who treated everyone with respect and exuded goodness and kindness to all who visited her in the EEOB Library. Gone too soon but certainly not forgotten. Paul Monteiro*

paul monteiro - May 20, 2019 at 07:53 PM

BN

“ *I was very shocked and saddened to learn of Karen's passing. I worked at the White House from 2008 until 2015 and saw Karen regularly, she was wonderful, always cheerful and helpful; it was always fun to go up for the annual Christmas cookie open house! It was fun that she asked that I participate in what was basically an infomercial for the library which I gladly did. I left the White House in late 2015 and have not been back to the library, very sorry for her passing. All best wishes to her family and friends.*

Brian Nilsson

Formerly with the National Security Council

Brian Nilsson - March 07, 2018 at 06:55 PM

CP

“ *My heart is broken to hear of Karen's passing. She was like a sister at Kutztown University and always joined my family for dinner when they visited. I loved her handwritten letters at Christmas ; sharing the news of all her nieces and nephews and of course Flash. May God bless her and those she now watches from afar.*

Carol Ann (loele) Pennacchio

Carol Ann Pennacchio - February 01, 2017 at 08:32 PM

SB

“ I knew Karen as the librarian for the Executive Office of the President for 21 years. She always had a smile and a pleasant word for those who visited the library, and she was extraordinarily helpful with searches for books and documents. I remember her talking about her exploits as a long-distance swimmer, and I thought she radiated good health.
I will miss her as a friend and colleague.

Steven Braun, Council of Economic Advisers.

Steven Braun - December 06, 2016 at 05:43 PM

JW

“ I am a complete loss - I just learned of Karen's death today. Karen and Amelia were the very first two people in Washington DC who helped me get acclimated to DC when I moved here from so far away. Karen sent me loads of information and we have had more conversations than I can count in the past five years on life, journey, purpose, and what's happening in the city. When I left the White House, I stayed in touch and never completed a visit to the EEOB without stopping in to say hello and catch up. It won't be the same anymore. Thank you Lord for gracing me with Karen for five years. Praying for your family and that God grants them understanding, comfort and peace. In Love, Julie Wenah

Julie Wenah - December 01, 2016 at 02:48 PM

PS

“ I have just learned of Karen's death today. I worked next door to her in the Stenographers Office for years. She was such a kind person who would do anything for you. My coldolences to her family. She will be missed.

Peggy Suntum

Peggy Suntum - November 30, 2016 at 11:33 AM

MB

“ Karen was a beloved colleague during my time in the EEOB. Her observation that I could borrow audio books both improved my commutes and made sure that I made regular visits to the library and talked regularly with Karen. Her enthusiasm for the Galapagos-- what amazing albums she created so quickly, her pride in her acclaimed holiday decorations, and her cheery disposition are among the things that made her special. I am shocked and saddened by her loss, and I hope her family finds comfort in their memories of her.
- Marjory S. Blumenthal

Marjory S. Blumenthal - November 23, 2016 at 07:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Elaine Kaufmann.



November 22, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Karen Elaine Kaufmann.



November 21, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Elaine Kaufmann.*



November 21, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ *JeanneAnn, Dave, Kylie, Austin, Tyler and Shawna...We have wonderful memories of our time with you all and Karen. We're so saddened by your loss. Our memories of Karen's kindness, humor and generosity will be cherished always. Much love, Gene and Jeanette*

Jeanette - November 21, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Elaine Kaufmann.*



November 21, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mary Jane Wilson lit a candle in memory of Karen Elaine Kaufmann*



Mary Jane Wilson - November 21, 2016 at 11:34 AM

MW

We've known Karen for over 20 yrs. I originally met her through her mom (who was my nursing supervisor) and a friendship was formed. Even though we didn't always get to see each other very often due to distance, when she was out here in Ca we always got together for a great visit and we talked frequently on the phone. Karen was such a warm and caring person. I will miss her. My thoughts, prayers and love are with Karen's sister Jeanne and her family. Keith and Mary Jane Wilson

Mary Jane Wilson - November 21, 2016 at 12:56 PM

TE

Karen was a great neighbor, hosting an annual Dessert Christmas party. I will miss our chats and her waves as she was walking Flash. Karen loved the Christmas Holiday and had the most elaborate and beautiful Christmas Decorations on the street She lit up our street and hearts every year with her Holiday Cheer. This year and forever more our street and hearts are darkened with the passing of Karen.

Terry Erlacher - November 22, 2016 at 04:33 PM

KP

*“ We met Karen over 14 years ago at the baseball fields. It started out when the kids were in preschool thru to high school ball together. She was a joy to get to know and watch the games with. I will miss seeing her smile. Prayers to the Hericks family, may God give you strength to get thru this difficukt time.
Love The Payne's*

Kimberly Payne - November 20, 2016 at 03:55 PM

DK

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Denise Kane - November 20, 2016 at 11:40 AM

DK

“ I met Karen when I interned at the EOP for two summers. Karen was so welcoming and thoughtful. She shared her love of the Olympics and Ocracoke with me. We shared stories of our dogs and families. It meant so much to me since I was so far from home. The next year, Karen and I got together at Knott's Berry Farm - enjoyed some rides, shopping, and Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner. Karen was so open and willing to have deep conversations. She was incredibly kind with such a beautiful soul. She was also very generous - she brought Potbelly cookies all the way from DC because she knew how much I loved them and there weren't any stores in CA. In return, I mailed out Sees candy to her for a couple Christmases. She would share details about what was going on in and around in DC - I thought it was hilarious when I was able to share that it actually snowed in CA (albeit 6 inches). We shared many laughs. I will miss Karen so much. My condolences to Karen's family.



Denise Kane - November 20, 2016 at 11:39 AM

Jan
Pinol

“ Jan Pinol lit a candle in memory of Karen Elaine Kaufmann



Jan Pinol - November 19, 2016 at 07:16 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Elaine Kaufmann.



November 18, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ So saddened by the news of Karen's passing. I know how much she loved the upcoming Christmas season with decorations, neighborhood parties, and TONS of cookies. She will be missed!

Bonnie Bjorkman - November 18, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. We always enjoyed Karen's letters which were full of family news, photos and stories of Flash, as well as interesting info on her travels and trips to Ocracoke. We had a lovely couple of days there with Karen & Flash when we visited a few years ago. Karen had a big heart and a big personality. She surely will be missed. Peaceful White Lily Basket was sent to the Hericks family from Grace, Gar, Dani, Erich, Aidan, Heather, and Darrick. May God bless the family with peace of mind during this difficult time.

Grace Meyer - November 18, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ Love, Nancy Kiefer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Elaine Kaufmann.

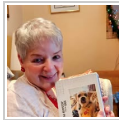


Love, Nancy Kiefer - November 18, 2016 at 01:48 PM

Jan
Pinol

“ I was a neighbor of Karen's for several years until i moved away. We kept in touch over the years around Christmas time. Got to know her and her Mom. She had some really nice Christmas parties for the neighborhood. What a wonderful person she was, inside and out. She will be missed greatly! RIP Karen, God has a true angel now.

Jan Pinol - November 18, 2016 at 01:38 PM



We enjoyed Karen's letters and photos of her beloved dog Flash, stories of her travels with her mom, and hearing about her sister Jeanne's family. Far spent time helping her with repairs ion the house and swimming in the Master's a few years ago. Karen had a big heart and a big personality. She will be greatly missed. A White Peace Lily Basket was sent to the family at home by: Grace and Gar Meyer; Erich, Dani, and Aidan; as well as Heather a d Darrick Allen.

Grace Meyer - November 18, 2016 at 03:12 PM

DF

“ DONNA SAULINO & FAMILY purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Karen Elaine Kaufmann.



DONNA SAULINO & FAMILY - November 18, 2016 at 12:28 PM

TM

“Karen, or "Ding", as many of us at Kutztown University called her, was so so special. A hard worker, a reliable friend, she made friends and influenced people positively, wherever she went. The pranks we played, the times we shared, the friendship that developed with so many of us are all bellwether events. I can't believe she is gone. "And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Todd D Miller

Todd D Miller - November 17, 2016 at 07:17 PM

SJ

“Shelby Jones lit a candle in memory of Karen Elaine Kaufmann



Shelby Jones - November 17, 2016 at 09:39 AM

RG

“Karen was like a sister to me. She loved life and loved her second home on Ocroake Island NC. She had a kind heart and always had a wonderful time smile. She will be greatly missed. Heaven gang is our lost. Rest in peace my dear friend, till we meet again.

Roger Garrish - November 16, 2016 at 08:15 PM

LM

“ Karen, You were a friend to all you met. Our immediate and extended families all enjoy memories of your kindness. You invited us into your home and your annual Cookie Party became one of our family's most treasured traditions. Nina and Anna loved those window star cookies and mine were the chocolate crinkles. And no matter how I tried, Fernando still said your pineapple upside down cake was the best! I'll never again look at a holiday village display without thinking of you! You were the epitome of all that the Christmas Season represents. A light in the darkness, a selfless soul, spreading joy and goodwill to all! You will be greatly missed!

Larissa Miller - November 16, 2016 at 03:35 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album Karen at work



M Harwood - November 16, 2016 at 03:10 PM

DK

“ To the family -

I had the please of working with Karen for her entire career at the White House. I can't adequately express the shock and sadness those of us who know her are feeling after hearing of her passing. She was a JOY - kind to all, loved life, and everything about it. We will all miss the stories of her trips to the beach, the Galapagos, and her many pictures from her trips. Her Christmas cookie parties were a legend in the building - and her joy in sharing them with her friends and colleagues was contagious.

Please know that she was loved in this building and we are heartbroken at her loss.

*Dave Kalbaugh
Executive Clerk
The White House*

dave kalbaugh - November 16, 2016 at 02:52 PM