



## Karen Poindexter

October 2, 1946 - November 18, 2010

KAREN STOWERS POINDEXTER, age 64, of Manassas, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2010, at Prince William Hospital.

Karen was born October 2, 1946, in Williamson, West Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Claude and Gladys Stowers. Karen was a lifetime educator. She retired from Prince William County Schools after 36 years of service. Her dedication as coach, teacher and principal, was evident through all of the lives she touched. Karen was awarded Principal of the Year by The Washington Post in 2004 for her strong leadership abilities. After her Prince William County retirement, Karen continued her involvement in education as Executive Director of the Virginia Middle School Association and administrative mentor. Karen was an active gymnastics judge and member of the Virginia High School League for 40 years. Karen was known for her kind and generous heart.

She is survived by a lifetime of friends and family. Karen is preceded in death by her loving husband Theodore Poindexter of 32 years.

Survivors include her son Bradley, daughter -in-law Katie, grandson Tyler; two sisters, Judy Downs and husband Ron and Jeanne Hall and husband Don; two brothers-in-law, Ira Poindexter and Thomas Poindexter and wife Hannelore; two sisters-in-law Glenna Henson and Nancy Boone and husband Jay, as well as extended family members to include several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, November 21, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. Funeral services will be held 11:30 a.m. Monday, November 22, at Manassas Baptist Church where Karen is a member, 8800 Sudley Road, Manassas, with Dr. William T. Higgins officiating. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Manassas team "Just Us". [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)

g in honor of Ted and Karen Poindexter.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

TE

“ Mrs. Poindexter was a generational educator for our family. She taught me in PE Highschool in the 80's and then became my Daughter's Principal in Middle School in the 90's and then she opened up the Marsteller in Bristow and was my son's principal. She was a great educator and she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this time.

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**Terri Pruett Ellis** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

DH

“ Brad,

We are sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful person who really cared about her students. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Katie & Tyler.

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**Donna Hyatt** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

JP

“ Bradley, I'm deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your Mom. She was a wonderful woman who touched so many lives! She was my PE teacher at SJHS in the 80's. You and your family will be in my prayers during this very difficult time. It must give you some peace to know that she's with your Dad again. Many blessings and may God be with you!

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**Jeannie Proud Powell** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ Dear Brad, Katie and Tyler,

I am so sorry for your loss. She was a very special woman and influenced many lives. I will always think of her fondly and I feel honored to have known her.

With much sympathy,

Sharon Woodsmall

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**Sharon Woodsmall** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

JA

“ Thank you Mrs. P for always being a wonderful friend to my family. My children cherished you and you will always hold a special place in all of our hearts. We will miss you each and every day.

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**Jacqueline** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

JM

“ My sympathies to you, Brad, and all her family. I worked with Karen when I was PTO president at Godwin MS when my son attended then many years ago. She was a wonderful administrator but she always wanted to be there for your school events. We were sorry to see her go to Marsteller; she wanted to be closer to home for you. She was a very special lady.

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**Jean McCleerey** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MI

“ My heart goes out to your family during this difficult time. Mrs. Poindexter was my principal at Marsteller. She was always very kind to me and my family and was an incredible educator. God bless you all.

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**Megan Ibbotson** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

RP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family, Brad, at this sorrowful time. Your mother always had a smile and was always present to greet parents when they walked through the front doors of Marsteller Middle School. She will be missed.

*The Palmer Family: Ruth Ann, Chuck, Stephanie & Danielle Palmer.*

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**Ruth Ann Palmer** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MD

“ I am at a loss for words. I was a student at Godwin Middle School from 1991-1994. Mrs. Poindexter was an amazing principal. Great with students but also amazing with the student's families. I can remember one instance in particular. it was September 1992, my mom had taken me to the doctor and what happened at the doctor's office was anything but ordinary. The doctor came in and told my mom and I that I had a tumor and it required immediate surgery. I left the office and met with the scheduler about when to have the surgery, but the doctor continued to talk with my mom. he prepared her for the worse, "cancer". We went to Godwin on the way home and my mom went in to the office to speak with Mrs. Poindexter and she completely broke down. Thank you Mrs. Poindexter for being there for her and me also. You helped me get through that year, you were so understanding about what I could and could not do and I greatly appreciate it. You will be missed by all, especially the students. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. God now has an amazing angel in Mrs. Poindexter. God bless your family. THANK YOU for all that you did.

*-Mark Joseph Daly*

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**Mark Day** - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM



“ Rhonda Jessica and I are deeply sadden with the passing of Mrs. Poindexter. She has been part of our lives for many years. Jessica went to Marsteller. And Mr. Poindexter at Stonewall HS.

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November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM