



Karen Shafer Kennedy

April 1, 1952 - February 26, 2017

Karen Lynn Shafer Kennedy of Ballwin, MO. passed away February 26th, 2017 peacefully in her home, while in the presence of her Husband and Son, on Sunday, Feb. 26th, 2017, after courageously fighting a ten year battle with cancer. Karen was born on April 1, 1952 in Camillus, NY to Melvin and Winifred (Hadfield) Shafer. She graduated from WG in 1970 and received her BA from Buffalo State in 1974 and her L.D.T.C./MA from Montclair State in 1981. Karen worked as a Special Education Teacher & Advocate for 32 years for West Parkway High School in Ballwin, MO. Her family was a long time member of Fairmount Community Church in Camillus, NY.

She is survived by her husband of 19 years, Daniel Keith Kennedy, a son, Brendan P. Moore of Carmel, IN; a brother Robert M. (France) Shafer and nephews Derek and Colin of Canada; cousins Barb (Sam) Parsons of Camillus and Cindy Hadfield of W. Palm Beach, FL.

Karen's favorite place was Skaneateles, where as a child she spent much time with her family. She was a majorette in HS and involved in many activities. Family was THE most important thing to her in life and returned often to Camillus to rekindle her spirit and wonderful memories of where she grew up.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, March 7, from 4-8 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons

Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., in village of Camillus. Services will be Wed., at 10:30 a.m., at funeral home. Burial will be in Greelawn Cemetery, Warners

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services of MO. 1220 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO. 63132. 1-800-383-8147 www.missouri.pchas.orgd 501©3 charitable organization Fed ID: 43-1699263

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TRANSITION

Heaven and earth are not so far apart...
they are but separated by a thin veil, a shadow of life,
between what we are and what we are meant to become.

Destined, beyond knowledge,
we are all called back to God, our Father,
He, who removes us from our earthen form.

We each depart, prepared or not,
at our appointed time,
without apology, reason or perhaps even a final goodbye ...
and those of us left stranded
grope to make sense
of confusion...doubt...loneliness...fear...grief.

But those who have left are not gone at all ...
they have but crossed over into a new and brighter light,
brilliant and eternal,
one which our mortal eyes cannot see,
our earthen shell cannot feel,
but, one by which we can be comforted.

It is the transition from life to light ... to Love;
pure, holy and unspotted.
A love where there is absence of pain,
where affections will never again be tested or marred,
where tears, ills, sorrow and death
exist no more.

It is the celestial celebration
to which each spirit longs to journey,
to witness God's glory,
and to bathe in His everlasting joy and strength,
surrounded by the clear and peaceful knowledge
they are truly home at last.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
info@bushfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAR 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ I will remember most Karen's genuine, bright smile. She was easy to be with and had a great sense of humor. She was a thoughtful, caring person. As a devoted teacher, she cared about and was very committed to her students. I was always in awe of Karen's positive attitude and fortitude during her long illness. My deepest, heartfelt sympathies to Keith and Brendan.

Peggy Carson, Ballwin, MO

Peggy Carson - March 13, 2017 at 07:51 PM

MP

“ Karen's beautiful smile will always be remembered by us! We send our sympathy and prayers to you, Keith and Brendan.

Ron & Marie Peters

Marie Peters - March 08, 2017 at 11:19 AM

GF

“ Grant, Michele, Heather, Shannon and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Karen Shafer Kennedy.



Grant, Michele, Heather, Shannon and Family - March 06, 2017 at 04:47 PM

BP

“ Dear Rob and France, Derek and Colin: We remember sharing Thanksgiving dinner with Karen at the Mill. She was a special person and we know that your loving memories of happier times with her will live on in your hearts and minds forever. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. With our most sincere condolences, Barb, Henry, Mark, Ellen and Carl Pokorski and families.

Barb and Henry Pokorski - March 06, 2017 at 04:18 PM

JS

“ Brendan, so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Joyce Spindel

Joyce and Bob Spindel - March 06, 2017 at 08:09 AM

BP

“ My deepest sympathy to Keith and Brendan. As all of us, they have lost an angel from their lives. Karen was one of the most devoted teachers with whom I ever had the privilege to work. Her compassion for her students was matched only by her abilities to motivate and to teach. No child was unreachable to Karen. As a colleague, she was a trusted, loyal and much loved friend.

*With respect and sorrow,
Beth Plunkett*

Beth Plunkett - March 05, 2017 at 12:01 PM

RR

“ Rick and Deb Rogers purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Karen Shafer Kennedy.



Rick and Deb Rogers - March 04, 2017 at 09:13 AM

MR

“ I have so many wonderful memories of growing up with Karen as a friend from church, youth fellowship, school, marching band etc. She always had a smile on her face and her beauty was so much more than skin deep. I'll always remember when we were freshmen at WG high school there was a talent show and some of the older boys that were seniors had a band and asked us to be Go-Go girls. "Wait for the Midnight Hour" We thought that was so cool and laughed so much practicing with the band. I last saw her at a high school reunion in 2009 and even though she had already been fighting the disease we were right out there on the dance floor as the band played the "oldies". She was so full of life and I am truly sad to hear of her passing.

Marcia

Marcia StLouis Radder - March 03, 2017 at 07:29 AM

 Julie Stoechner Fabian

“ Karen was such a special person so full of life and love. I always looked forward to her visits at SSD. She was total class! I hope you all find peace knowing she is free from pain. HUGS Julie Stoechner Fabian Special School District

Julie Stoechner Fabian - March 02, 2017 at 12:35 PM

KK

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Keith Kennedy - March 01, 2017 at 06:03 PM

KK

“ *To My Wife, My Partner, My Best Friend & Love;*

No words can express my love, admiration and dedication I have had for you throughout our days and Marriage. I loved you from our beginning and will to our end. Your grace, style, beauty and spirit touched all those you knew, worked with, taught and loved throughout your life. Though I will miss you, you will be with me throughout my days and will always only be a heartbeat away. May Our Lord welcome you to Our Father's Kingdom and may you hear His words, "Well done, good and faithful servant", as you enter into His Joy, Peace and Love, forever shared with those you've known and have loved who have gone before you. I Love You with All my Heart. Keith

Keith Kennedy - February 27, 2017 at 11:24 PM

SF

Keith I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you. I remember when you first started dating Karen and she soon became the love of your life. I've always admired you and Karen for the love and respect you shared. My thoughts and prayers are with you. ~ Suzanne Frisella

Suzanne Frisella - March 16, 2017 at 03:48 AM