



## Karen Wehmann Seldomridge

November 11, 2008

Karen W. Seldomridge, 51, of Camillus, died unexpectedly at home on Tuesday. Born in Rockville Centre, NY, Karen graduated from West Genesee Senior High School in 1974. She received a B.A. from Bucknell University and an M.B.A. in Hospital and Health Administration from Cornell University. Karen worked in various positions in healthcare marketing and management in Orlando, Jacksonville, and Lancaster, PA.

While living in Lancaster, Karen worked at the former St. Joseph's Hospital and attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Karen received the American Heart Association's Volunteer of the Year award for 1994-1995 in Lancaster for her efforts in organizing events such as the Heart Ball and Heart Walk.

Karen returned to the Syracuse area in 1999 after suffering a brain injury. Karen's hobbies included painting and drawing, crafts and cooking.

Surviving are two sons, Tyler G. and Benjamin P. Seldomridge of Lancaster, PA; a father G. Donald Wehmann of Sarasota, FL; a mother Dorothy Connelly Wehmann of Syracuse; a sister Alison (Richard) Conley of Marcellus; an aunt Lois Schermerhorn of Manlius; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Camillus. Burial will be in Dewitt Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Anorexia and Bulimia Support group at the Mental Health Association, Suite 112, 6493 Ridings Road, Syracuse, NY 13206.

Arrangements by the B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St. Camillus., NY 13031.

Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Wehmann Seldomridge*



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**B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments** - December 02, 2014 at 11:46 AM

KM

“ *Gary, I was so sad to learn of Karen's passing. I will always count her as one of the five closest friends I've ever had, and I felt that you and she were my extended family when we lived in Orlando. She was generous, spontaneous, talented and a good friend. I remember my dad telling me once that if you had a few good friends over the course of your life, you were lucky. I guess I've been lucky. I wish I could have done more as her friend, and as yours. I'm glad that she has found peace, and I hope that you and the boys have, too. God bless. Katie Huntley McConnel*

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**Katie McConnel** - January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *All of my thoughts and prayers go out to Karen's family. Karen was a wonderful person and I am so grateful to have known her when she came to Enable for therapy. Dorothy you were a wonderful, dedicated and caring mom to Karen along with all her other family & friends. God bless you all.*

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**Amy Morris-at Enable** - January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ To Gary, Tyler and Ben, I've thought of Karen so often over the past years. Although we started as co-workers in Jacksonville, Fl., we became fast friends. Karen was such a genuine person. She had an amazing capacity for caring for others. We shared so many good times and Tyler, when she learned that she was expecting you, she was "over the moon" with joy!! I had the privilege of hosting a baby shower and she was thrilled with anticipation at the thought of your arrival!! Several moves (for both of us) later I was so happy to have Karen, Gary, Tyler and baby Ben visit my family in Augusta, GA on their way to Disney World! What a beautiful family. She is a treasured friend that I will always love and remember. Heaven just became a bit brighter! My heart is with you all.

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**Laurie Edenfield** - January 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dot, Alison, Don, Tyler and Ben, What a shock it was to learn of Karen's death. I will always remember her quick intelligence, her beautiful big eyes, her giggle, her love of the farm, and of course, the time she stayed with us in Fayetteville. Karen took complete care of baby Adam for hours as Dick and I struggled to get water and wet boxes out of our flooded basement. My condolences and love to you all on these sad, sad days. Rest in peace Karen. Love, Terry

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**Terry Sullivan** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I wish I knew Karen... She produced two wonderful boys that I have had the privilege of raising. And though a bit awkward at times, over the past 10 years I have grown to appreciate Karen and the person she must have been. She is with our family in so many ways... the way she decorated the house, her recipe collection, the way the boys glowed after visiting with her... Karen must have been a talented and gracious woman. No wonder everyone speaks well of her. Unfortunately her loss was my gain. I hope she knows of my gratitude. I want to thank Alison, Dot and Don for accepting me as a sister/daughter-in-law. You are truly wonderful and I am glad to be part of your family. -Christina Seldomridge

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**Christina Seldomridge** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Ben and Tyler, I am a friend of your Aunt Alison and knew your Mom through her and when we were all at Cornell. I always admired your Mom for the beautiful, kind, intelligent and successful woman she was. I know you were robbed of many good years with her. I also know she loved you very much and all her good qualities live on in you. God bless your Dad, the Wehmann Family and you two especially.

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**Sheila Steffel** - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To the Wehmann Family, Tyler, Ben, and Gary, May your memories of Karen as a vibrant, loving and beautiful woman be as endless as God's grace. With loving memory, Daryl & Carol Seldomridge

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**Carol Seldomridge** - December 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Don, Bernie and I were so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. I know you and Dot, her husband and children must all be devastated. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. She obviously had many people who admired and loved her. The remembrance video was beautiful - not having ever known her personally, it was nice to see how beautiful she was and what a loving family she had. Berry

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**Betsy Curtis** - November 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Dear Alison and Family, I was saddened to learn of your sister's death. I can only imagine how difficult this holiday has been for you and your family. Please know that are prayers are with all of you. You do so much to help others: if you need a shoulder, cup of tea, some cheering up....whatever, I am a phone call away. May God hold each of you in the palm of his loving hand, Peggy

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**Peggy Pesci** - November 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I had the honor of knowing Karen as a close friend when she lived next to me in Mt. Gretna, Pa. She was one of the most talented and loving women I have ever known. And if she invited you for dinner, you dined on a gourmet feast as if in one of the finest restaurants. Her boys were everything to her and, no doubt, she'll be watching them from above. Her brain injury stole her ability to be with them the way she wanted in life; now with her passing, she can watch Ben and Tyler with a full heart from heaven. I know the boys, Alison, Dot, and other friends and family, spent the years since Karen's injury dedicated to visiting and supporting her, and never stopped showing their unwavering love. My prayers are with you all, especially Ben and Tyler. Though her unending battle with this life is over and she is blissfully happy and healthy in heaven, all of us, no matter when or for how long she was in our lives, will miss this beautiful and amazing woman.

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**Kathy Cannon** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Don, We were so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Although we did not know her personally you always spoke so lovingly about her. We know it is a terrible loss to you and to the rest of her family. Our thoughts are with you. Dodi and Jim Palumbo

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**Dodi Palumbo** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I was so saddened to hear of Karen's passing. My deepest sympathies go out to all her family for your loss. Karen and I were roommates at Bucknell and many of my fondest memories of those years were times spent in her company. I know first-hand what a vibrant, loving and caring person she was, and I can only imagine how much she will be missed by the many lives she has touched.

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**Andrea Stephanides Craig** - November 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To all of Karen's family, My heart goes out to you all. I know it's been a tough road these last several years, and her untimely passing is very sad. I will always remember Karen as the vibrant, smart, life loving, fun, talented, hard working, girl that was such a great friend to me and so many others. A few cherished memories of Karen include the time in middle school when we made matching culotte skirts to wear to the dance, and danced the night away. We used to have sleepovers and do "levitations." In high school, Karen had a great group of friends, that hung out together. There were ski trips, parties, tennis, baking, sledding, and hours practicing dives at the King's Gate pool. I could never forget her Valentine birthday- she was an authentic sweetheart, and looked forward to receiving the family Christmas photos when the boys were young. How handsome Tyler and Ben have grown up to be. God bless you all, and know how much love Karen had for all of you, and how much love she brought to the world. Sandy

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**Sandy Sopchak** - November 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Karen's smile and laughter could light up a room, and she lit up my life for a glorious year long ago. I will always love and cherish the time I was fortunate enough to spend with Karen, and remember those (college) days of youth, innocence, peace, and joy. The world has lost a beautiful and kind human being, for whom there will always remain love in my heart. My sincere condolences to Dot, Don, and Alison; to Gary, Tyler, and Ben.

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**Lee Schwartz** - November 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ To all of Karen's family, Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I went to high school with Karen and got together with her when she lived in Lancaster. I will always remember Karen's amazing smile and beautiful heart. Elaine McCall Waldron

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**Elaine McCall Waldron** - November 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To Dot, Alison, Don, Ben and Tyler and the rest of Karen's family. The video was beautiful and we know that you will remember all the good times you shared with Karen. But we only knew Karen the last years of her life, and we will remember a dear, sweet angel who struggled everyday. We will remember the times she laughed, the times she cried, the times she struggled to speak and the times she said nothing at all. She is finally at peace but she will be deeply missed by all of us as she was such a large part of our every day lives. May God bless each and every one of you. Fondly, Anne, Glenda, Jan and Helen.

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**Anne Hopkins** - November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To the family of Karen; She was a wonderful girl when I knew her. And I see she was no different as a young woman. I will always remember her Bob and Liz and I going to Jr. Prom together. Peace be with her and her loved ones.

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**Jim Payne** - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To Ben, Tyler & family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. The Fisher's

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**Deb Fisher** - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My deepest sympathies to all of you on the loss of Karen- a woman with a breathtaking smile. I will always hold in fond memory our days of leisure at King's Gate. What great fun we had! The video tribute is beautiful. So good to view some of her happy moments. God bless you all. With love and sympathy, Debbie

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**Debbie (LaCroix) Geiss** - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Gary, Tyler, and Ben, We were so saddened to hear of Karen's passing just a few days ago. We have so many fond memories of our "navy days" with Gary and Karen when we were all in Orlando and the guys were in the dental corp together. We spent a lot of time together, even holidays, since we were all so far away from family. Karen was such a great friend and talented in so many ways--cooking decorating, sewing--and always happy to help other people in using her talents. May God bless you all and fill you with His peace during this difficult time. With love, Mike & Beth Hards

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**Mike & Beth Hards** - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We wre so saddened to hear of Karen's passing. I got to know Karen at Bucknell and then later when she and Gary and Tyler and Ben made their home in the Lancaster area we rekindled our friendship and enjoyed many wonderful times together as families. We will always remember her for the loving, caring, vivacious and talented person she was before her life took such a tragic turn. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. Meg (Honart), Tony, Allision and David West

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**Meg West** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Shirley & Al

Shirley Seldomridge - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Leatrice and Elvin of Elizabethtown, PA

Leatrice Warner - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ To Karen's extended family go my heartfelt condolences. I went to school with Karen and remember her fondly. We had a lot of fun times together growing up. I'm sure she was deeply loved and will be missed greatly. Peggy Sandner-Francher

Peggy Sandner Francher - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ This was such sad news to learn. I had not seen Karen in many years, but remember her well and fondly from junior and senior high school days. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you all.

Jan Regan - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ This is Karen's youngest son, Ben. I appreciate all of your uplifting and heartfelt remarks to my mom, and her family and friends. I hadn't known my mom too well while she lived in Pennsylvania, since I was so young, but throughout these past weeks, and after all the years visiting her in New York, I thank all of you who loved my mom for what a caring and loving person she was. She cared very much for my dad, my brother and me. I love you mom, my prayers are with you. May God bless all of you.

Ben Seldomridge - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ It saddens Sharon and I to hear of Karen's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with Ben, Tyler, Gary and Karen's family.

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**Kim Seldomridge** - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ To Karen's Family - I was saddened to hear of Karen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I went to high school with Karen and have fond memories. Sincerely, Patty Ralston

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**Pat Alter** - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ My thoughts are with mother Dorothy, sister Alison, and Karen's sons at this time of sadness. I had the privilege of knowing both girls as children, as well as Dorothy, all of whom were patients of mine, when I practiced dentistry. God bless you all.

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**R. Louis DePaull, DDS** - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ To all Karen's family, please accept my deepest sympathy. I remember Karen so well from her freshman year at Bucknell-- a lovely, sweet, vibrant young woman with so much to look forward to. I was proud to have her as a sister in KKG. I am so sorry to hear of her suffering and untimely passing. With heartfelt condolences to all of you, Pamela Wolf Reilly

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**Pamela Reilly** - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ We wanted to take the time to express our sympathy to Karen's entire extended family. We know that the last ten years have been extremely rough and pray that Karen is at peace. Love from Laura Nitcher and Family

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**Laura Nitcher** - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ what's good is, now Karen is at peace in God's loving arms. what's tough is, remembering all of the past 29 years, with highs and lows, and friends and family. what i always found to be ironic, is that Karen wanted "Wonderful World" sung by Louis Armstrong, to be played at her funeral. She had a tough life but knew this is a wonderful world and she enjoyed people and helping many people. So, when you hear "Wonderful World" remember, Karen is singing along, too! She always did.

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**gary seldomridge** - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To Karen's loved ones, I was very shocked and sorry to see that Karen had passed. I went to high school with her and remember her always as a happy, friendly person. She will be greatly missed.

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**Larry Harsma** - November 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Alison, We were shocked and saddened to learn of your sister Karen's passing. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Tom & Mary Hughes

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**Tom & Mary Hughes** - November 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Alison, Rich & Family, I believe Karen knew how much she was loved. She was fortunate to have such a wonderful sister, brother-in-law, Mom and family to take care of her, and ensure she had caring, competent care givers. She was a huge part of your time, energy and love. May your happy memories bring you peace. With Love & Sympathy, Mary & T Donahue

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**Mary Donahue** - November 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM