



Karen Battle

February 13, 1956 - August 28, 2014

Battle, Karen August 28, 2014, age 58 of Plymouth. Beloved daughter of Katherine and the late Dr. John Battle. Loving sister of Susan(Tim) Boyko, Tom(Michele) Battle and Peter(Mary) Battle. Cherished friend of the late Russ Modlin. Favorite aunt of Jonathan, Kaitlyn, Katie, Alex, Daniel and Sarah. Karen spent her life advocating and helping those less fortunate. She was a graduate of the U of M School of Nursing and the Wayne State Graduate School of Business. Karen worked as a Psychiatric Nurse and later as an administrator in a number of organizations including most recently The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. She was also an avid volunteer in numerous animal welfare organizations. Karen will be deeply missed by her “fur-babies”, Velvet, Duke, Haggerty, Annie and Banzai. The Memorial Gathering will be held Saturday, October 4th, 2014 from 10 AM until the Memorial Service at 11:30 AM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth(Between Sheldon and Beck). In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions to Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab Ut. 84741. To share a memory, please use the View and Send condolences tab on this web page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Battle*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *would someone who knows Karen's cause of death please call me at (941) 922-5681 or email at stevemica@verizon.net thank you*

Steve MacArthur - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ *Karen was a very special person. She always had a quiet smile and a sense of peace. I am glad to have known Karen. She is missed.*
Colleen

Colleen Conklin - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MM

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you, all of Karen's family, colleagues, & friends. I 1st met Karen in the early 1990's when as DON she hired me to join Linda Burke to manage 4 adult psychiatric units at Westland Hospital Psychiatric Hospital . Karen's unwavering optimism, warm smile, easy laughter & ready support served to help me become a better Professional as well as person. She was the most AWESOME active, skilled listener i have ever known. She made whoever was with her feel Valued, appreciated, & respected. Karen also was the most non-judge mental , objective leader, friend, & colleague I have ever known. She never took anything personally & was ALWAYS the one to see The BIG Picture. Karen chose a dog form my family & me from where she volunteered at an abused animal shelter. She took great care to determine which dog would be the best "match" for us & followed up to assure we all bonded. She was my friend for several years after we no longer worked together, & I cherish my memories of her, both as a professional & as a friend. I thank God for having been blessed to know Karen, & I join you in grieving the loss of so DEAR a person.

Margee McCracken - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JK

“ I miss our deep conversations and our often hilarious ones. You made an impact on those in your life and it was all good. We had so much fun at the barn and I will never forget those times. Rest in peace and know that all of your beautiful animals are in good hands.

Joey Kallis - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JM

“ I miss kidding around with you whenever I ran into you at the Authority. Enjoy your journey and I will see you some time in the future but hopefully not too soon. Goodbye karen.

JESUS MURILLO - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MK

“ It is with deep regrets that I was unable to tell Karen how much she was appreciated and how great of a loss she will be to the consumers she served, also to the members and friends of Government Administratorss Association (GAA). Margaret Keyes-Howard, President, GAA

Margaret Keyes - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JB

“ Karen was a very kind person who loved her family as well as her dogs and horses. I really appreciated her for giving me info. on my god mother's dog which was very valuable to me . She will be missed but her loving memory of such a phenomenal life will live forever! Blessings always, Jackie

Jacqueline Barber - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MW

“ My sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with all the Battle family, along with all of Karen's friends and coworkers. I worked with Karen long ago back at the Adolescent Mental Health unit at Wyandotte General Hospital. She was a great teacher, nurse, and leader, as well as a good friend-compassionate, strong, and always standing up for what was right. Though we lost touch years ago, I am deeply saddened to learn of her death. Peace to you, now in God's loving arms but taken way too soon.

Marjie Warner - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

DK

“ Karen has been my dear friend for over 23 yrs. She was a treasured soul in my life and I will miss her everyday. My sympathy to her family. My hugs to Velvet and the puppies from their 'Aunt Dottie'. My gratitude for having Karen in my life. Karen, I love you and will carry you in my heart always.

Dottie Kuttesch-Corbell - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

DP

“ Sue, Tom, Peter:
My condolences to you all. I have not seen Karen in years but always knew her as a joyful person with a great laugh and wonderful smile. Her energy extended to her work and love of animals.
I hope you find peace in the person she was and the obvious influence she had on others.
Take care

David Pydlek - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

CS

“ I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com or visit our web site at jw.org were you will find answers to many bible questions such as What hope for are dead love ones? Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy

Carlos and sandy - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

RL

“ *Battle family,*

I'm terribly sorry for your loss. Losing a loved one is something no one should ever have to experience. When I lose someone I've found that the bible verses Rev 21:4 as well as John 5:28,29 help me to cope. I hope that these scriptures can bring you a measure of comfort during this trying time as they have proven to do for me.

R. Lattimore - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

TM

“ *I worked with Karen for a short time and in the time that I knew her I found her to be a wonderful and pleasant person. She will be missed.*

Tracy McCall - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

TW

“ Karen was a big part of getting and keeping the MCPN system running in Wayne County for the last decade. Without her helping to sort through the birthing and growing pains of this unique concept, the non-profit, consumer-centered system we have in the County would have likely been replaced by for-profit managed care from a national vendor. Karen, you are missed, and your friendly attitude towards dealing with big challenges helped shaped the Agency. R.I.P.

T.R. Winter - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

CN

“ I am deeply sadden by the Karen's passing. She was a kind and gentle woman who did her best to supppor those around her. She made my time at the DWMHA easier. God bless you all.

Carlynn Nichols - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

TR

“ I only knew Karen for a short time, during the time I knew her she was nothing but pleasant and kind. I will miss her smile and all her knowledge about caring for what seemed to be one of her favorite plants (Ferns). I will always cherish my fern. May God grant you eternal peace.

TRACI - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

FS

“ American Indians lost a true friend and advocate with the passing of Karen Battle. Our hearts are heavy because we will not see her again but her spirit will live on in all of the good things she did for us. She took the time to know and understand us and we loved her. She will have a special place in the spirit world reserved for those who live by the principles of truth and equity. Yokoke Karen. Fay Givens and Staff American Indian services Lincoln Park, Michigan

Fay Givens and American Indian Services - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

.S

“ I was so sorry to hear about Karen's passing. She was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed. Please accept my sincere condolences and know that your grief is shared by many. My God Bless your family.. sincerely, .April Siebert, co worker

.April Siebert - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

SO

“ Hey Karen, May the Almighty God grant your soul eternal peace. You will be missed.

Stephen Ogundipe - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

AS

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of our dear friend Karen. She was a truly good person and we will miss her very much. The Staff of American Indian Services

American Indian Services - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JI

“ Karen was a member of the Community Living Services Board of Directors prior to her joining the staff of the Detroit-Wayne Community Mental Health Agency. She voluntarily gave her time and her devotion to people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. She also was very strongly devoted to people with Mental Illness in her several years there at the Agency and recently with the new Mental Health Authority. She will be greatly missed.

Jim Dehem, CEO Community Living Services, Inc. - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

EA

“ Please accept my condolences. Karen was ALWAYS over the top generous and KIND . We worked for the same agency but were connected through horses. She will be missed. With caring thoughts & prayers, Edie Abramczyk

Edith Abramczyk - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MS

“ So sad to hear of Karens passing. She was a good friend and colleague, my former boss from our work at Oakwood Merriman Center. She was so sweet and kind, fun to hang out with and lover of all animals. Mostly her dogs. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. May she rest in peace and smile down on all.

Marci Scalera - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

SK

“ I am so very saddened to hear of Karen's passing. Words can not express how disheartened and heart broken I am. I have known karen for 25 years. Although we saw each other infrequently, we shared so many good times. Karen helped me so much with the loss of my daughter 2 years ago.
What a loss for all creatures on this planet. I know she will be deeply missed. My prayers to Karens mom and family.

Susan kozak - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

KG

“ Karen and I worked in the same dept. at WC. We often discussed our love of animals and exchanged many stories about our furry companions. She always had a smile for everyone. She will be missed.

Kathleen Gosselin - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

CT

“ Karen has been a friend of mine for 13 yrs. She always had a bright smile when i would pass her in the hall at work. i loved talking to her about plant's, horse's, garden's and the picture of her dog, Duke Of Earl hanging on the office wall was the BOMB! A lot of day's when i was feeling low, she would always tell me it would get better soon and after time it did. when i fell on hard times, she was always their, everytime! and when i go to pay her back.. she would always say hey! i forgot, and i would always say i didn't forget, i would never forget you karen then she would light the room with that smile and sweet laugh. i will never forget you karen... Thanks for everything.
Love Bro Courtney

Courtney Taylor - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JW

“ To the Battle Family, I am so sorry for your lost. Karen, was a great person and she will be missed.

Judy Williams - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

NM

“ This world has lost a beautiful and gentle soul. Karen's kindness towards her pets and animals will be in my heart forever. She was a true and loyal friend and was always there to lend a helping hand. My condolences to Karens family. And to my Dear Karen, Meet me at rainbow bridge, Im sure thats where you and Jan are hanging out. Love You!!

Nancy Mcneil - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JM

“ Karen was a such beautiful person! I will miss her immensely! My condolences and love to her family and friends!
Jenny

Jenny Martz - December 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM