



Karen Sue Waters

January 3, 1943 - December 16, 2013

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Karen Sue (Mann) Waters Age 70 of Beaver Lake, NE passed away on Monday, December 16, 2013 at Bellevue Medical Center in Bellevue, NE.

Karen Sue (Mann) Waters was born on January 3, 1943 to Marion Lee Sr. and Matilda Jane (Heidinger) Mann in Fairfield, IL. She was raised in Rochelle and DeKalb, IL.

Karen graduated from DeKalb High School with the class of 1961. After high school, she attended Northern Illinois University, graduating in 1965 with a degree in Elementary Education. While at Northern she met the love of her life, Paul Allen Waters. They were married on August 14, 1965 in Rock Falls, IL.

In 1966, Karen and Paul moved to NE. They lived in Lincoln, Omaha, and in 1975 moved to Beaver Lake. Over the years, Karen taught for several school districts. She finished her career at Conestoga Elementary School, retiring in 2002, after 25 years with the district.

Karen loved being outside and could often be found biking, hiking, playing tennis, bird watching, gardening, at the beach, star gazing, or taking beautiful pictures of her surroundings. Karen also loved to travel. She was fortunate to take many wonderful trips with Paul to amazing places around the world. One of her favorites was Dartmoor National Park, England. She passed along her love for the outside to her family, friends, and many of her elementary school

students.

It gave Karen great pleasure to spend time with her family and friends. She loved her visits with her grandchildren and created many special memories with them. Many miles were put on the car driving back and forth to North Platte, NE and Illinois to see family. She looked forward to her weekly tennis matches with friends and the lunches and shopping that followed. Karen also enjoyed getting together with all of her teacher friends and the "Gossip Girls". Karen was a loyal Husker fan, and loved watching and attending the games. Karen was active in the community. She was a member of the Murray-Beaver Lake Lions Club, Cass County Retired Teachers Association, and the Murray Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband: Paul Waters of Beaver Lake, NE, two daughters: Michelle Waters of Omaha, NE, Angela Miller and husband Eric of North Platte, NE, two grandchildren: Alexander Miller and Emily Miller, two brothers: Marion Mann Jr. and wife Patricia of Rochelle, IL, Frank "Sonny" Mann and wife Kathy of Safety Harbor, FL, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. [SEP] She was preceded in death by her parents: Marion Sr. and Matilda Mann and sister: Mary Joan Rosenberg.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 A.M., Monday, December 23, 2013 at Murray Presbyterian Church in Murray, NE with Pastor Jeff McDonald officiating.

Visitations will be from 1-9 P.M. with family receiving relatives and friends from 6-8 P.M., Sunday, December 22, 2013 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth, NE.

Interment will be at a later date at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plattsmouth, NE.

The family suggests memorials to Cass County Historical Society, Fontenelle Forest, and/or Murray Fire and Rescue.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Sue Waters*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Karen was a wonderful teacher and a great friend. She loved her girls, grandchildren, and husband with her whole heart. She was a lover of birds and nature. Our world has lost a beautiful lady, but Heaven has gained a shining star! Love you, Karen.*

Sharon Heneger - June 12, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ *My condolences to the Waters family. Karen was such a wonderful teacher. It was an honor to work with her. As a parent of one of her students, she kept even the active children focused and learning. She will be greatly missed. She has left a legacy to the world of Conestoga and each child she touched.*

Rosanne Burg - June 12, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ *Dear Paul and family, Kay called me yesterday morning to tell me about Karen. I am so sorry and I have been praying for you all. Love,*

Dody Williams - June 12, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ *What a wonderful & amazing lady!! Was a joy to get to know & work with. My god bless & comfort you all!!sincerely, Leonard, Lisa & family*

lisa kaffenberger - June 12, 2018 at 11:36 AM

LO

“ Family and friends please accept my sincere sympathy. I'm still in denial on how a high-spirited, athletic woman be taken so soon. I used to always tease her cause her BD was a couple days after mine, but she was older! I so wish God had let her enjoy her life for more years. So sad!!

Lola - June 12, 2018 at 11:36 AM

MF

“ I am sorry for your loss. Karen was a great classmate, an excellent student and a great teacher. She is missed by all who knew her.

Michael Furman - April 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

JM

“ Karen was my 3rd grade teacher and my mothers co-worker and very good friend. I remember going into 3rd grade, I was sad I wouldn't be getting my mother as a teacher. After a few days of having her as my teacher, I couldn't wait to go to school! Mrs. Waters ended up being one of my favorite teachers, and I am so glad I was able to be in her class. She taught me the love of nature and birds, and exploring our beautiful earth.

Growing up she was considered an honorary "Aunt" and I loved being able to water her plants, feed the wild birds, and take care of her kitties when her and Paul would go on vacations. Her teacher Christmas Party was something I looked forward to every year.

I miss her so much, and was glad to have known her beautiful soul.

My condolences..

Jill Myrtue-Case - April 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

DN

“Michelle and family, I am so very sorry. I only wish there were words to lighten your sadness. Know that you are in our prayers.

Donna Naber - April 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

KL

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MW

“Karen was my mentor and teaching partner when I first started teaching over 20 years ago. I learned many things from Karen, and her friendship was a gift I will always treasure.

Mark Welch - April 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

CC

“Waters family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember "Mrs. Waters" fondly, as a substitute teacher, and later, as a nice person with whom to visit, as an adult. Peace be with all of you at this difficult time.

Cynthia Cole - April 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

MB

“ I noticed the passing of in the OWH. Unless I am mistaken, Mrs. Waters was my 6th grade teacher at Westgate school in Omaha in the early 70's. We had a very smart, but very lively class. She ran a good classroom while still letting us have some fun. I specifically remember her taking us out to look at the engine of her old (late 50's?) car when we were studying a unit on power/engines (?). She couldn't figure out how to open the hood of the car and so a janitor assisted. We had a good laugh. I have good memories of Mrs. Waters. Condolences to the family.

Mark Berner - April 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

KB

“ i am so sad for all who knew karen. she was always one of my favorite people. at our 50th high school reunion she asked me my favorite question ever. "have you had a good life?" i answered the same way karen did. "i certainly have." bless your family at this tough time. i do sit here stunned and sad. when they were leaving the reunion karen was excited to visit the site (if you call it that) of The Pickers. she emailed later that it was disappointing. she always made me smile.

kathi kensicki balaban - April 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

DA

“ *This is such sad news. I am so sorry. Karen and I were friends since high school days. She always was one of my favorite people. Every time we saw each other at our frequent high school reunions, we just picked up like we had seen each other yesterday.*

I know she and Paul were big outdoor people. I learned at our last (50th) reunion that one time she and Paul were in Red Lodge, MT, and I was just over one mountain range in Paradise Valley.

My sincere sympathies to Paul and her family.

Dan Anderson

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