



Mrs. Ann Cleypool

April 25, 1957 - April 13, 2012

Mrs. Karen Ann Cleypool (Kelbel) age 54 of Grand Rapids went to be with the Lord on April 13, 2012 after a courageous journey with cancer. Her fighting spirit and strong will gave her more years than were expected. She lived her life as a passionate role model for her family. She will be missed dearly by her husband of 26 years Kenneth Cleypool, who cherished every moment with her, her children who were the light of her life Amber (Aaron) Ashley, Kelly Cleypool and Chad Cleypool, her parents William and Margaret Kelbel, her sisters and brother Debbie (David) Worst, Lucy (Ed) Esch, Bill (Lorri) Kelbel, the ultimate caregiver her mother-in-law Mary Cleypool, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Jill (Bill) Slaght, Marty Cleypool, Dan (Robin) Cleypool, Karen Sue Wosje, many nieces and nephews and dear friends. During several difficult summers, she found true joy spending time with family and friends in Ludington. She was a life-long member of Blessed Sacrament Church and enjoyed her time in the Folk Choir. A Mass of Christian Burial and Committal Service will be celebrated Tuesday 10:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 2275 Diamond Ave. NE, where she will repose one hour prior to Mass. Internment at Fairplains Cemetery. The family will receive visitors Monday 2-4 and 7-9 pm at the Arsulowicz Brothers Remembrance Mortuary, 3525 Remembrance NW where a Vigil service will be Monday at 7:30pm. The family would like to thank Dr. Kevin Brader and the team of caregivers at Lacks Cancer Center for giving us more time with Karen than anyone thought possible. Memorial contributions to Lacks Cancer Center will be appreciated. If you wish to leave a memory of Karen you are encouraged to post your memories at: www.arsulowiczbrothers.com

Events

APR **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Blessed Sacrament

2275 Diamond Av NE, Grand Rapids, MI, US, 49505

Comments



“ Karen, When we first met it was at a basketball game and when you asked if we were Aaron's folks, I knew right away that you were Amber's mom. You were so friendly and made us feel so comfortable when we didn't really know very many people there. Your parents and mom in law were all so friendly and your entire family of sisters and brother are such wonderful people, I am sorry that I didn't get to know you better. I could tell that you were a great supportive mom to the kids, I am sure that they will miss you so much. I think Ken was a great husband and wanted the best for you. I pray that each day gets better for them, as they know that you are in good hands now, in the arms of Jesus and that they go to him when they are having a hard time and ask him to help them get thru this difficult time. Happy 1st birthday in heaven tomorrow, my friend. For the family-I share my favorite verse-"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil.4:13 Love you all and we will be praying for you all, You are continually on our hearts.

Marcia Ashley - rockford, MI - friend - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken and family -

Please know that Karen is in god's arms now. She is comfortable. We believe that. Words can not help at this time. You will always have the time that you were together. Remember, Cherish and love that. Those memories will never go away.

Rich Pakenas - Grand Rapids, MI - Friend - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ken and family, I was so sorry when I returned home to hear of Karens passing. I will always remember her smile and laugh. When ever you saw her she had that beautiful smile. She was a very strong and courageous woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Barb Warwick - Grand Rapids, MI - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I will never forget Karen's wonderful smile, sense of humor, and energy. Many good memories of our days together at Knapp's. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary Crosby-Davies - Wayland, MI - friend - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You were Mrs. Cleypool to me, the mother of my friend, but your perpetual smile and loving hugs made me feel like you were much more than just that. You cheered Amber and I on in basketball, hosted me many times in your home and always made me feel special. You were loved by all and you will be dearly missed by everyone who was blessed enough to know you. I truly felt that you were family when I was growing up, and I send your family and friends love and strength from the Sukup kids.

Love,
Alicia, Travis and Joey

Alicia Sukup - Milwaukee, WI - friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ GETting to know Karen while working at Applebees, I was inspired by her courage, her positive attitude and that she was never a complainer. She persevered thru so much with a smile on her face and set a great example for not only her kids, but all the lives she touched.. What a great legacy to her kids and the community. I will miss her.

Bill Hogan - grand rapids, MI - friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Cleypool family-- you are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.
Karen will be missed by all that knew her. She always had a smile on her face and always wanted to know how you were doing even if you were checking in on her. She was a loving a caring and giving person. Karen your smile will live on forever when ever anyone thinks of you. We will see you again in heaven!! You will be missed!!!

McCready Family (Doug, Lynda, Matt, Jon and David) - Grand Rapids, MI - Friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret, Bill, Kenny & kids....my heart breaks for you all...I am so sorry about Karen's passing...Karen is safe with Jesus now...We are all blessed to have known her and to have shared a bit of her life here....Karen truly did light up the space around her with that special smile but I will always remember her laugh and I can hear it in my head as I write to you...Karen could always make you laugh!.....Thank you Margaret and Bill for raising such a wonderful daughter who touched the hearts of so many people, she was a gift to all who knew her....And may God bless you Kenny for the tremendous amount of love and support you gave to Karen during her life here.....May the Grace and Mercy of God strengthen you all in the days ahead....Tammy Makarewicz

Tammy Makarewicz - grand rapids, MI - friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My great condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. My prayers are with you and may the Lord provide comfort and peace to you always.

Kathy Scott - Chicago, IL - Friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken - Sorry to hear about your loss. Our condolences go out to you and your office-
From David Brooks and Staff

David Brooks / Brooks Real Estate Group - Grandville, MI - Business Acquaintances - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.

Our condolences to all of the people Karen cherished!

Cathy Williams - Grand Rapids, MI - Friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. The last time I saw Karen was in Meijer. She looked fabulous! We are shocked!
Karen was blessed to have a warm loving family , and many friends.. Our hearts go out to you. Your in thoughts and prayers.

Sue Gietzen and family - grand rapids, MI - friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken & family and Debbie & family: So sorry to hear about Karen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. I know Karen will be greatly missed. You have great memories which you will have forever.

Carol & Chip Krieger

Carol Krieger - Grand Rapids, MI - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken, Amber, Kelly and Chad. It was a honor to know Karen. She was an inspiration to all of us. Prayers for all of you.
Wayne/Cathy Harrall and Family

Wayne/Cathy Harrall - Friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It was so great to reconnect with Karen at a few of the bowling tournaments of our boys. I felt like we were old friends. She shared her journey with cancer and her enjoyment of being alive. My heart is heavy but also extremely grateful for those last few conversations we shared. Rest in Peace Karen and may your positive light continue to shine in the lives of those you have touched.

Raeni Conner - Ada, MI - friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to school with Karen and she was always a nice person to talk too. I own a tailor shop on Plainfield and she would come in now and then to have things altered or mended. We talked about what was going on with her and I have to say she was very positive about everything and always was smiling. We lost a great Gal, God Bless her and her family, our thoughts and prayers. Are with you.

Susan Smith Baxter - Grand Rapids, MI - School Friend - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember our basketball days Amber with your family. Your mom was an amazing person full of love and beauty. She had a smile that would light up the room. So pretty and fun to be around! She will always be remembered as a fun loving person. God bless you and your family!

Brooke - walker, MI - friend of family - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ WE HAD SO MANY WONDERFUL YEARS WITH THE GIRLS IN BASKETBALL, TRAVELING TO GAMES AND MACKERS WITH ALL THE FAMILIES. YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND SPARKLING EYES KAREN WAS ALWAYS A GREAT JOY. YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYERS LOVE THE MACKIES

DANA AND CARLA MACKIE - GRAND RAPIDS, MI - FRIENDS - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Cleypool was the epitome of genuine faith, passion, courage, and love. Everytime she looked at you with those caring eyes and broad smile, she was giving her complete attention and whole heart. Her colorful personality was always full of life. She welcomed everyone into her home with open arms and became a second mother to most of our friends. God's light certainly shone through her and she was a special gift to all those who knew her. May her memory be eternal and may she rest in the Palm of His Hand always. I will keep you all in my prayers and may God give you strength during these difficult times.

Love always, Allison

Allison Assaly - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen u were the light in everyones life. I will miss u more than u will ever know. I know you are in a better place but will be missed beyond compare. I pray for your family to get through this, and know you will be watching over us all. Our family all loved you so very much- through everything you always had a smile on your face and the best advice. Be at peace and we can be thankful someone like you will be watching over us all with the lord.

Julie - grand rapids, MI - friend and mentor - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Karen,
I will forever miss your big, contagious smile. Your strength and courage during your battle is an inspiration to me and will impact my life until the day I get to give you a big hug again. You have shown my brothers and I an unwavering love, with open arms and an open home, treating us like your own children. I will never forget summers playing in the pool, you urging Amber, Travis, and I to push Uncle Ken in the water and you laughing from the window when we finally got him in! The world is not the same without you in it, but I know you are at peace and in a beautiful place. God has a new angel with a beautiful voice. You are in our hearts always.
Love your nephew,
Tyler

Tyler Worst - Nephew - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen was such a positive upbeat person her smile would light up wherever she was at. Our families prayers go out to you Ken and your family. The Lord is with Karen now pain and tears are gone- God- heal your grieving hearts and fill the void she has left behind.



“ Aunt Karen your shining smile will live on forever. Thank you for all the support growing up as well as the memories of time spent at your pool in the summer. The world is without a doubt a better place for having had you here. We will see you again soon. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Cleypool family...

Nate

Nate Hockstra - San Diego, CA - Friend of the family - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen was the ultimate source of unconditional love. She spent all of her moments in grace, integrity, and loyalty. The depth of her love provides the power to bear the enormity of our loss. All Love Power to those who were blessed to know Karen.

Karen Wosje - Marshall, MI - sister-in-law - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry Dan and Robin for your loss. Thinking of your family.

Lou and Diane Cizauskas - Caledonia, MI - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Heaven rejoices with the entrance of your sweet soul dearest Karen Ann! After the Lord and those who have gone before you greet you with hugs and kisses, I'm pretty sure they will want a fresh batch our your chocolate chip cookies and "Aunt Karen" smoothies. I love you!

Marty Cleypool - Alpharetta, GA - Brother-In-Law - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, may you be at peace in the Lords arms. Although you will be missed dearly by family and friends, you are no longer in any pain. I love you and thank you for always being there with open arms!

Jackie Adams - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We had a lot of wonderful memories with Karen and Kenny and the kids at the trailer in Ludington. She always could find the good in any situation. Her smile and positive spirit will always be in our hearts. She is going to start a new journey with the lord and I'm sure the light is shining bright up there. Karen you will be greatly missed.

With all our love,
The Troegers

Chris Troeger - Sparta, MI - Friend - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I will never forget Karen's wonderful smile. She will be greatly missed by many. Heaven will be a greater place with Karen there & watching over us here on Earth. My thoughts & Prayers go out the the family during this difficult time.

Anna Parker - Grand Rapids , MI - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Kenny and Family, Our love and prayers to you. As you are missing Karen's beautiful smile and tender heart be reminded of the promises of the Lord and His promise of eternal life with Him. As Karen is now rejoicing with the Lord, we can only imagine the glorious homecoming she is receiving as she awaits her time with you again.

With love,

Patti Johnson and family

Patti Johnson - Rockford, OH - Friend - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Amber we are so sorry for your loss. You have our deepest sympathy. Hold tight to the precious memories and know that one day you will see her again.

Take care,
Jerry, Kris, Kyler, Chase, and Chandler

"I cast all my cares on him for he careth for you."
I Peter 5:7

Jerry Marble - CedarSprings, MI - Uncle - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Kenny and family,
Every time we saw Karen she was smiling, positive, loving and fun to be with. We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers and thoughts. We will always remember her great spirit. May she rest in God's love and peace.
Love, Doug & Bethann Talsma

Doug & Bethann Talsma - Grand Rapids, MI - Friends of family - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM