



## Karen Peters Marcum

June 23, 1942 - November 20, 2017

Karen Marcum, 75, of New Castle, passed away peacefully at her home on November 20, 2017.

She was born on June 23, 1942 in Worcester, MA, a daughter of the late Ronald Peters Sr. and Helene (Laughlin) Peters.

Karen graduated from Burriss High School in Muncie. She attended DePauw University and received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Ball State University. She received her Law degree from The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, in Indianapolis. Karen was the founding director of the North Campus Alternative School, and served as a private counselor for Comprehensive Mental Health at the Henry County Hospital. She was for many years the Director of Special Education for Henry County School Corporation.

Tall and beautiful, Karen loved a lot. She loved and supported her family, and spent many enjoyable times with them. She loved her dogs, Lint and Puff. She loved to travel. She loved to garden. She loved the beach. She loved to read. She loved language and words. She gave constantly to her community, to charity, and to her many friends.

Those left to cherish her memory include her two loving children, Brad (wife: Danielle) Sry of Stamford, CT and Kelly (husband: James) Day of New Castle, IN; grandchildren, Ann Dee (husband: Jason) Sutton of Pacific Palisades, CA, Dalton Sry of New York, NY, David Esses of Yonkers, NY, and Jayda Day of New Castle, IN (to whom she was always Gam); her brother, Ron (wife: Glenda) Peters Jr. of Norman, OK; nephew, John Peters (partner: Jonathan Rucks) of Washington, D.C.; niece, Julie (husband: Taron) McKowen of Tulsa, OK; great-nephew, Wilson McKowen and a great-niece, Margaret McKowen.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her youngest son, Curtis Marcum in 2007.

Friends may call at Karen's home, 513 Elliot Acres Dr. Muncie, IN 47302, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 25, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to the Henry County Community Foundation for the Curtis Marcum Memorial Endowment Fund. [www.henrycountycf.org](http://www.henrycountycf.org). You may leave the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Karen Marcum.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Karen's Home  
513 Elliot Acres Drive  
Muncie, IN 47302

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Hello I was one of Karens North Campus students back in the late 70's to the the early 80's when she and the teachers showed us how much they really cared. Me and my two sisters were known as the Alford girls and our bestfriend was Dorothy Solomon .Where ever you saw one you can bet the other three were close too. Karen always had that beautiful smile whenever I saw her back then and even when I saw her as A grown woman. Because of her I am have been happily married for the past 26 years to A minister and A mother and A grandmother who has been volunteering in the community and living well. I saw Karen the day before she passed and was able to hear her voice and see her beautiful smile one last time and I am so thankful. She was an angel for me back then when I was A confused lonely kid and she will always be in my eyes now for showing me that I was worth something in this life. I am so sorry for your family's loss. Thank you. Mary Ann ( Alford ) Heyward

Mary Ann (Alford) Heyward - December 01, 2017 at 06:06 PM

SW

“ I am sad to hear of Karen's passing. We first met when I student taught and Karen was a school psychologist. We made some fun memories in those days! Much later I returned to New Castle to care for my father and Karen hired me as an Itinerant Teacher for the Co-Op. I recall Karen as almost always smiling and a pleasure to work for and with! I will remember you all in prayer in the days ahead. I am truly sorry for your loss of a wonderful woman, mother, grandmother, and a friend to so many!

Susan L Wimmer - November 25, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ I have known Karen for many years. First as a student, later as an employee. She was a good principle and a better boss. I am sure New Castle will miss her a great deal.

Dorothy Solomon - November 24, 2017 at 08:27 PM

KS

“ As former co-workers (Kay Sites and Diana Hines) of Karen's in Special Education, deepest and sincerest condolences are extended to Karen's family for their loss.



Kay Sites - November 24, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Peters Marcum.*



November 24, 2017 at 05:45 PM

KS

“ *Saddened to hear of the news about Karen. Caring thoughts and prayers are extended to all of Karen's family.*



**Kay Sites** - November 24, 2017 at 05:40 PM

LP

“ *Karen was always such an inspiration for me. We shared fun times together.*

**Lisa Pfenninger** - November 24, 2017 at 10:43 AM

DO

“ *Karen has been a life-long friend in Muncie starting at Burriss School, beginning with Kindergarden, going through High School and on to DePauw University. Karen served as our Burriss Class Secretary and was a pleasure with whom to work. Our families were very close, Karen was always smiling, happy, helpful, full of energy and so very kind and generous!*  
*Karen loved her family, was so attentive to her Dad, Ron, in his many years being alone, following the early death of his wife , Helene, and Karen's precious and beautiful Mother.*  
*It is my pleasure to have known Karen Peters Marcum for such a long time and I will very much miss seeing and hearing from her.*  
*I notified today via email our 60 Burriss High School Class of 1960 classmates about Karen going to be with her Lord and Savior.*  
*My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out this day to the many grieving family and friends who are celebrating the life and loving nature of Karen Peters Marcum.*

**David C. O'Harra** - November 23, 2017 at 07:10 PM

DR

“ Donna Ragan lit a candle in memory of Karen Peters Marcum



Donna Ragan - November 23, 2017 at 10:10 AM

TJ

“ Thank you for loving my daughter so very much, and giving her your time and wonderful experiences. My deepest condolences for Jayda, Jay, Kelly and all who loved and were loved in return. A truly remarkable, resilient woman, who shone her light on many persons' paths.



Tammi Couch Imel, Kevin, and Jacob - November 22, 2017 at 10:35 PM

LV

“ Wonderful memories of the woman who hired me over twenty-five years ago for a job I loved. You will be missed by many people including the students you so strongly supported. Thanks Karen. Rest in peace.

Les Vulgan - November 22, 2017 at 08:26 PM

PA

“ Pattie sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Peters Marcum



Pattie - November 22, 2017 at 08:11 PM

Barb  
Dickerson

“ My friend, my boss, a mentor. Thank you for standing in for my mom. Love you. I know you are with Winston and Wembly Karen. Prayers for Kelly and the family.

Barb Dickerson - November 22, 2017 at 05:59 PM