



## Karen Ann Erridge

July 20, 1943 - January 8, 2017

Karen died peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday January 8, 2017 at the Saline Evangelical Home in Saline, MI. Karen was born in Ann Arbor, MI. the daughter of Victor and Norrine (Bradshaw) Erridge. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Shirley Erridge, Connie Ash and nephew George Ash and her husband Steve Benson. Survivors include her sister Marilyn Erridge of FL. Stepdaughters Anne (James) McClendon, Sherri (Joe) McReavy. Four Grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Nephews Ricki Ash, Randi (Gladys) Ash, Richard (Kimberly) Gates, David Gates, niece Vicki (Paul) Hopper, Great nephews, Tom Ash, Joel (Tarah) Ash, Richard and Christopher Ash, Joseph Gates, Sean Gates, Great nieces Julie (John) O'Lone, Nicole (Josh) Weil, Ashley Gates. Great great nephew Iain O'Lone and Great great nieces Mila Weil, Jordan and Lauren Ash. Karen also leaves behind her extended family Maria Espionza, Mirian, Victor, Andres and Amy Artilles, many cousins close friends and her two cats Buddy and Puff all who she loved dearly. Karen graduated from Pioneer High School in 1961. She worked 48 years at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Cremation has taken place. The family would like to sincerely thank all the staff on G wing at the Saline Evangelical Home and Arbor Hospice for the daily care and support during Karen's stay. Arrangements for burial and a luncheon will be made for May 2017.

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ Karen I know you are now in God's arms. No more pain and suffering. It was an honor to be your friend and coworker. So many good times, lots of laughing and some bad times. You were always there. You will be missed but never forgotten. Love you Karen. My prayers and thoughts for your family.



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**sandy krzyskowski** - January 14, 2017 at 04:54 AM

PA

“ Karen and I first met while working in the UM Payroll Dept in 1967. We became good friends. Eventually we became roommates. We enjoyed lots of fun together and created lots of memories. She will be missed.  
Pat Ardner

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**Pat Ardner** - January 11, 2017 at 05:28 PM

SF

“ Karen was one of the first people I met when I started working in Financial Aid 20 years ago. When we chatted, she mentioned reaching an august number of years of service and I asked if she had started in a Kindergarten Co-op because of her youthful vitality and ready smile.

*Karen was always ready to help colleagues and students--showing kindness and helping others to learn.*

*To create of verbal portrait of Karen, one must include the words, kind, thoughtful, caring colleague, devoted friend, very intelligent and accurate, with a sense of humor and a winning smile.*

*While she will be missed, she lives in our hearts.*

*Sally Foster  
University of Michigan-Dearborn*

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**Sally Foster** - January 11, 2017 at 01:36 PM

SR

“ I worked with Karen at UMDearborn until she retired in 2012. She was my go to person in Financial Services throughout the year in the AB. More than likely discussion always came back around her cats and my cats and dog. Talked of her going to visit her sister in FL. She was a great colleague and I did miss her and our friendly chats about life. She was a caring and dedicated person. God Bless.

Susan Rowe - January 11, 2017 at 12:49 PM

TS

“ I met Karen when I was a little girl when my mother started working at UM-Dearborn. Karen became a part of my family and I truly loved her. She came to all of my events; graduation celebrations, bridal shower, wedding, etc. Karen was always good to my family and she will truly be missed. I will always remember her laugh. My sincerest condolences to her family.

Tameka Simmons - January 11, 2017 at 11:59 AM

CN

Karen and I were childhood friends She lived behind me on the next street. We had many sleep overs at here house... mainly because she had room for one more there and I was the oldest of six 6 with no place to have a sleep-over at my house. We had Bible Study meetings at our house. My parents bought the old animal shelter and the extra building was converted into a big play area. As we grew older that was the party house for everyone to come to. I have many fond memories of our growing up, graduating from Pioneer High and then going our separate ways. I moved around the US and she stayed in the area. We lost touch, but did write a few letters over the years. Karen you will be missed by so many but always in our hearts - your laughter and kindness toward others - were your specialty .God Bless Dear Friend. My sympathy to your loving family.

Carolyn Hackbarth-Deborde (Minden, NV)

Carolyn Hackbarth-Deborde (Minden, NV) - January 15, 2017 at 11:53 AM