



Karen M. Oldham

May 31, 1954 - April 5, 2012

Karen M. Oldham, 57, of Annville died Thursday, April 5, 2012 in her residence. Born in Windber, PA on May 31, 1954, she was the daughter of William J. and Pauline Youhas Oldham of Windber. Karen was employed as the Director of the State Wide Adoption Network Help Line with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. Prior to her work at the Help Line she was the proprietor of Karen's Daycare for over 20 years. This enabled her to be an at home mother and parent over 30 foster children for Dauphin County. Prior to the establishment of her daycare, she was employed at Polyclinic Medical Center as a respiratory therapist. She was a 1972 graduate of Windber High School and earned an Associate Degree in respiratory therapy from York College. A woman with a creative nature and a dedication to making the world a kinder, gentler place, she dedicated herself to improving the lives of children, educating and advocating for adoptive and foster parents and caring for animals. Surviving are three sons David W. Oldham of Palmyra, Aaron J. Oldham of State College, Matthew S. Oldham of Somerset, two daughters Emily S. Lockie of New York, and Andrea P. Oldham of McConnellsburg, a granddaughter Lillian Caryn Lockie, a brother Richard W. husband of Ellen Oldham of Windber, a sister Laura Gordon of Chambersburg, an adopted sister Suzanne Mader of Annville and surrogate parents Father Michael and Pani Anne Marie Slovesko of Ephrata. She was preceded in death by a sister Winnie Horner and a brother-in-law Mark G. Horner. She is also survived by her beloved puppies Gabriel, Maggie, Brodie and Chipper. Funeral services of

Orthodox Rite will be held on Monday at 11:00 AM with the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Slovesko officiating. Interment will be held in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg. Visitation will be held on Sunday evening from 5:00-9:00 PM at the Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, 618 E. Main Street, Annville where a Panachida Service will be performed by the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Slovesko at 8:00 PM. Contributions may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center, 333 Cottman Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19111 in Karen's memory. All contributions will be given to Inflammatory Breast Cancer research.

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ *My deepest sympathy to Karen's family, children, pets and the many children whose lives she touched. She truly made a difference!* ”

Diane Talhelm - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Karen's family and friends.* ”

KIM GAVRAN - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Karen was trully a beautiful person who wore her heart on her sleeve. She will be sadly missed by all those who ever came in contact with her. My deepest sympathies go to the family of this wonderful person. May God continue to bless you.* ”

Robin Kline - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *To Karen's children and family. Our hearts and prayers go out to you at this time. God has a beautiful angel with him. It was a blessing to have known Karen for so many years. She was a baby sitter for our four children. What a beautiful sitter. One that you could always depend on and know that the children were being taken care of as if it was an angel of God doing it. She was beautiful outside as she was inside. Always willing to help others before herself and to share her ove and joy of the Lord with you. We will miss you, Precious Karen. We know that you are in the Arms of Jesus...and helping Him in Heaven....where you truly are one of His Angels. Thank you for giving us such beautiful memories of caring and peace to everyone around you. We loved you as our own. God be with you!* ”

Donna and Jerry Hoffman - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Oldham Family, Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your dear loved one Karen. Karen was truly precious in God's eyes, just as we all are. So you can be sure that God understands the pain you feel more than anyone else, and cares very deeply for you. (Psalms 34:18) May you find comfort in our Heavenly Father's loving promise to reunite us with our dead loved ones by means of a resurrection right here on earth in paradise conditions filled with peace, happiness, and perfect health for everyone in the very near future. (John 5:28,29; Psalms 37:9-11,29; Isaiah 33:24) May this precious promise, along with loving memories of Karen, bring you a measure of comfort during this most difficult time. My deepest sympathy to you.

Khrystalle - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I graduated with Karen and she was a very good friend in highschool. We lost contact with each other after graduation and I am very sorry to hear of her passing. My sympathy to all of her family. She was a wonderful person and I know alot of people will really miss her. It was really nice to read about all of the wonderful things she did for children.

Deb (Clark) Rhoads - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I have never met a more nurturing person than Karen. My sympathies for her family and friends and the many, many lives she touched.

Deb Thomas - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Karen had such a quiet, gentle soul and a warmth that drew you into her circle. Her smile and laugh were infectious and her quick wit made us all laugh. She embraced so many of us for such a long time - I will miss her. Karen's children, family and puppies will remain in my prayers.

Laurie Green - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ When I met Karen, I met an angel.

James Biesecker - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ My deepest sympathies to Karen's children and family. Karen was a warm, comforting, caring person who will be missed by so many.

Lorrie Deck - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ You are all in thoughts. I will always remember Karen's quick wit and wonderful smile. She was remarkable and I know she will be missed. With deepest sympathy, Chris

Christine Bossi - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Karen was a child advocate in every sense. She improved the lives of so many. I learned so much from her actions, teachings & writings over the past almost 20 years. I will miss you my friend. My deepest sympathies to her children, family, friends & puppies.

Sandy Gallagher - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Karen was a voice for the needs of children and families and she challenged the system to hear their voices. She learned from their voices and we learned from hearing her voice. Even though her voice has been stilled, her words will always remain. A gentle soul, a deep and committed heart, a strength as tough as nails. Thank you for always listening...I will miss your presence, your quick wit, and your passion in my life. Your spirit lives on in so many ways

Darla Henry - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Karen had a wonderful soul and had a genuine devotion to humanity. It was a pleasure to be in her presence. I will miss her.

Roberta Daniels - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ To Karen's beloved family: I would like to express my deepest sympathy on your great loss. I will never forget her beautiful voice in the Windber choir. Keep all your precious memories close to you and God will give you the strength to accept she is without pain, sorrow or sighing. With my love,

Barbara Antonishek - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM