



Karen Lynn VanDeMark

October 3, 1944 - January 21, 2012

Karen Lynn (Husman) Van De Mark was born October 3, 1944, to Jean and Ed Husman in Portland, OR. The family lived in Portland until 1956, relocating to Seattle, where Karen graduated from Highline High School in 1962. She worked as a Dental Assistant in the Seattle area from 1962 to 1968. She married Dick Van De Mark on February 24, 1968, and they made their first home in Entiat, WA. Dick and Karen moved to Malaga, WA in 1979, and they lived there until they both perished in a house fire on January 21, 2012. Karen owned and operated Super Kid's Day Care in Malaga for many years. She loved all of her "Kids" and was especially thrilled to get a hug and smile from one of her former "graduates." Karen was profoundly generous to those around her, always sending cards or buying gifts for friends and family. Her laughter and sense of humor will be missed by all. Karen is survived by her daughter, Julie (Aaron) Seabright of Malaga; sister, Kathy (Ron) Martin of Wenatchee; mother, Jean Whaley of Moses Lake; sister-in-law, Dorothy (Rusty) Thompson of Entiat; nieces, Tracy (Doug) Marker of Wenatchee, Roxy Cate (Rick Mulvihill) of Washougal and Becky Cate of East Wenatchee; nephew, Ron (Traci) Cate of Okanogan; and many, many other "Super Kids" and unofficial nieces, nephews and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Ed Husman, in 1968.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 28. 2:30 PM (PT)

Wenatchee Free Methodist
1601 5th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

KV

“ Karen didn't love all of her “super kids”. She allowed 2 of the oldest children molest and abuse several younger children for years. She witnessed it happen but didn't say anything to the parents. I know this because I was one of the victims. She should have stepped up and protected us but she chose to not do a god damn thing. None of us would be traumatized and scarred if she actually cared about us. She's where she belongs.

Karens Victims - December 30, 2024 at 07:56 AM

JG

“ To Karen's Family,
It was a pleasure to have known Karen. I had been making cards with her for several years, at different classes we ended up taking together. I cant' say I knew her really well; but, I can say I was fortunate to share her company on occasion. Even from our short times together, I know Karen was a wonderful lady. She was kind, considerate, and patient. She always had a kind or encouraging word to share with those who were struggling with some issue, me included. She had a great laugh and sense of humor too. What a blessing it was to have had some time with her in this world. I'll look for her in the next.



May God bless you all with His peace and love.

Jessi Gonzales,
Wenatchee, WA
January 29, 2012

Jessi Gonzales - January 29, 2012 at 09:23 PM

SC

“ *Sandy, Tiffany And Nicole Curtis lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn VanDeMark*



Sandy, Tiffany and Nicole Curtis - January 28, 2012 at 11:11 PM

MF

“ *Maria & Jordan Ferracane lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn VanDeMark*



Maria & Jordan Ferracane - January 28, 2012 at 02:36 PM

FI

“ *Floyd & Barb Ingersoll lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn VanDeMark*



Floyd & Barb Ingersoll - January 28, 2012 at 11:10 AM



“ I'm not sure I can say how much Karen did for me and my son, Ryan. She was so much more than a careprovider to him. She was like a Mother to me and a Grandmother to him. My Mother had passed away just before he was born and his other Grandmother had recently moved away. She eased my fears as a first time Mother with her smile, laughter and genuine love for my son. She gave with no hesitation to anyone who was in need, no matter what it was. She always had a moment to listen or a hug for me as I moved through motherhood. I will always remember & cherish the pictures of summertime fun, whipped cream fights, first day of school & in front of the Christmas tree as an Angel (which they all were to her). Some people are a gift to the world and Karen was one of them. My son has grown into a fine young man and she was a huge part of that. Only a super person could make so many Super Kids. Our thoughts & prayers are with Julie, Aaron & all of the family for Karen & Dick.

Melissa, Mike, & Ryan Ricketts

Melissa Ricketts - January 27, 2012 at 10:57 PM

MR

“ *Melissa, Mike & Ryan Ricketts lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn VanDeMark*



Melissa, Mike & Ryan Ricketts - January 27, 2012 at 09:37 PM

TL

“ A couple of years ago at our church we had secret sisters. For that year you prayed for that person and sent little encouragements. At the end of the year your secret sister was revealed. Karen had chosen my name. I did not know her at the time so when I found out she had been praying for me and my family for a whole year I felt incredibly blessed! I felt loved by her and encouraged that even if you don't know someone you can still be a blessing. I will always remember her for her quiet willingness to be faithful and loving.
Tami Lenny

Tami Lenny - January 27, 2012 at 02:12 PM

CL

“ Carrie Larson lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn VanDeMark



carrie Larson - January 27, 2012 at 11:11 AM

CL

“ I met Karen at my first childcare providers meeting. She was the first to come offer me a seat next to hers and always very cheerful and funny. We shared stories, craft ideas and fun times, at many meetings over the years. Karen you are in Gods hands now rest in peace.
Carrie Larson

carrie Larson - January 27, 2012 at 11:06 AM

LW

“ I had the privilege of working at Super Kids with Karen, Julie, Jaime and Esther. Man, we had some good times! My daughters were Super Kids and I got to be a Super Kid as an adult :)

Some of the things I learned from Karen along the way:

You really are tough if you can eat the crust of the bread.

Lizard Tails are not to be feared, they are actually quite tasty.

Whipped cream fights are fun, but can get smelly in the heat.

Rocking babies in the baby room was the best seat in the house.

Karen was a giving person. She gave her time, energy, gifts and love to many. I appreciate all the photos and gifts she has given me and my girls over the years. I hope Karen can see now that she meant so much to so many. She never wanted the spotlight, and I think she would be surprised by the outpouring of love for her and Dick. Rest in peace, Karen and Dick, on that eternal cruise ship in heaven.

Much love and strength to Julie and Aaron in the days ahead.

Lori Wisemore - January 27, 2012 at 01:56 AM

EE

“ I cannot even begin to say how much Karen meant to me and to my son. She was an incredible friend, mentor and careprovider. She was the the voice of reason for not just me but so many of us. Working for her wasn't work, it was being with family and I will always love and miss her sense of humor and the way she looked up over her glasses to see what little one just said something that made her laugh. She gave me hope and hugs when I needed them the most. She was a lady with grace through and through with the biggest heart. No one could have been the lady she was and pull off the magnetic nose stud/faux piercing we all sported while out to dinner. :)

She took care of so many of us, God will surely take the best care of her and Dick.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Julie, Aaron and Jamie

All our Love, Esther England and Justin England

Esther England - January 27, 2012 at 12:13 AM

PS

“ Karen just helped with planning a Celebration of Life for my father and step-mother. When I was leaving after our first meeting, she said I never say "Good-bye" instead "I will see you at the grocery store"! What a sweet and caring lady. She will be missed. Pat Smith

Patricia A. Smith - January 26, 2012 at 10:19 PM



“ Linda Betancourt lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn VanDeMark



Linda Betancourt - January 26, 2012 at 09:45 PM



*I considered Karen to be like a second mother to me she babysat my brother and I for 12 years.
I have always been very proud to say I had the greatest babysitter growing up...taking my violin to school, when I would leave it behind...taking the time to send me birthday and graduation cards...playing dress up, going swimming, beading and stamping just to mention a few of the activities I learned as a Super Kid.
My family and I are very fortunate to have had Karen and Dick be part of our family, my family and I will for every be thankful...Karen and Dick will always be remembered by us.
My families' thoughts and prayers are with you...We are very sorry for your loss. Julie, Aaron, and all the family—Betancourt Family*

Linda Betancourt - January 26, 2012 at 09:45 PM

LH

“*Karen's presence in Malaga will be missed. I'll forever be thankful for the good care she took of my son and the many pictures she took of him to share with me of his days at Super Kids when I had to work. She was a special lady with a huge heart. I feel fortunate to have known her, and I'll never forget her kindness. My heart goes out to Julie and Aaron and the family. Lisa Harvey*

Lisa Harvey - January 26, 2012 at 08:38 PM

LH

“*Lisa Harvey lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn VanDeMark*



Lisa Harvey - January 26, 2012 at 08:30 PM

DM

“*Karen and Dick were great people and also good neighbors. I delivered the newspaper to them for as many years as they lived in Malaga. They will be sorely missed. With love and deepest sympathy, Doris Moon*



Doris Moos - January 26, 2012 at 06:26 PM