



Karen Lorraine Kribs

October 1, 1951 - August 22, 2013

Karen Lorraine Kribs, 61, died at 3:24 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at her residence with her family by her side. She was born October 1, 1951 in East St. Louis, IL the daughter of the late Albert Klohr and Susan (Preston) Klohr. She grew up in Fairview Heights, IL and graduated from Belleville East High School. Received a B.S. in Education from Valparaiso University and a M.A. in teaching from Rockford College. She retired in May of 2011 after 32 years as teacher in the Southwestern School District and Jersey County School District. Karen enjoyed traveling. She has traveled to all 50 U.S. states and 10 provinces in Canada and 12 Countries in Europe. She enjoyed needlework of all kinds and flower gardening. She sang with choirs in high school, college, Lewis & Clark Chamber Singers, St. Ambrose Catholic Church and Great Rivers Choral Society. She enjoyed playing the piano. She also enjoyed her outdoor activities of white water rafting, sea kayaking, zip-lining, hot air balloon riding, trout fishing and camping. She loved to hike in the woods with her children. On August 11, 1973 in Red Bud, IL she married Thomas "Tom" Kribs and he survives. Also surviving are one daughter; Kristin Claybaker and her husband Jordan of St. Peters, MO, two sons; Tim Kribs and his wife Brandy (Cox) of Jerseyville, IL and Jon Kribs and his wife Emily (Kruse) of Brighton, IL, eight grandchildren; Andrew, Alex, Adam, Abram, Anna, Kendall, Lydia Kribs, and Evan Claybaker, two brothers; Jerry Klohr of Arvada, CO and Ronald Klohr and his wife Sara of Clinton, TN and two sisters; Linda Klohr of Belleville, IL and Becky Roethe and her husband Larry

of Mulkeytown, IL., and two special friends; Mary Lou Sutton and Kathy Cooper. She was preceded in death by one brother; David Klohr and one sister-in-law; Jean Klohr. Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday with Father Steve Pohlman to officiate at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or to the charity of one's choice.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Lorraine Kribs*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Karen Lorraine Kribs*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *In working at St. Ambrose, I was proud to know and respect Karen and her family. Only time and memories can ease your loss and paid.*

Dorothy Johnes - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was fortunate to have worked with Karen at West and East Elementary. She was a good teacher and wanted the best for her students.
I can remember our talks about our grandchildren. She loved her grandchildren very much.
God bless her.*

kAYE bERTMAN - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kristen, I never knew your mom but from what I've just read, all I can say is WOW! What an amazing woman to live such a full life. You must be very proud of her.
Cathy*

Cathy - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Uncle Tom, Tim, Kristin, Jon and families, we are so sorry for your loss. May God be with you through this difficult time and guide you through your pain and sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Karen and each of you.

Love,
Bob, Cathy, Jenna & Kara

Bob, Cathy, Jenna & Kara Schneider - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Sorry for your loss she was a great woman for all she did and will be missed by all.

Michael Harlan - August 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Karen was a very special person with a love for teaching. She will be greatly missed by those that worked with her and those students that had the privilege of being in her class.

Rhonda Wieneke - August 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ We always admired how talented Karen was, and how generous she was in sharing her talents. We are glad she made it to Idaho this year so we could see her one more time. Our prayers are with Tom and the family and you have our deepest sympathy at your loss.

Jim and Nancy Thorsen - August 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Uncle Tom, Tim, Kristen & Jon,
We are so sorry for your loss of Aunt Karen. There really are no words that anyone can say to make you feel better. We love you all and our prayers are with you.
Love,
Lee & Shelly Mey

Shelly Mey - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Sherry Sexton has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Sherry Sexton - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our prayers are with all of you. Karen was a special lady.

Louis an Edna Sommars - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ So sorry to learn about Karen. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God give you peace of mind and heart, now and in the days to come

Kathy and Bob Fauset - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Karen was a wonderful lady. I had the privilege of working with her in Jerseyville. She had a great heart for children. She wanted to see them succeed. She will be greatly missed.

Sarah Darr - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ You have my sympathy - you are in my prayers.

Janet Caselton Enoch - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ so sorry for your loss. I taught with Karen at West for many years she was a very fine teacher and a wonderful person to work with. We also talked about our music (which i taught at west) on many occasions and our work with the choirs and the band at LCCC. She will be missed greatly. God bless to all the family and keep you all at this time of grief. Linda Brown

linda brown - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ She was a very special person and will be greatly missed.

Paul & Sarah Braundmeier - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Praying for your family. Kristen, you are a very special person and your mom obviously had a very special daughter. So glad you got to spend so much time with her and be there with her at the end.

Shari Matson - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Dear Kribs Family,

God will be your strength as you face the loss of such an important woman in your lives. Now each one of you has a very special angel watching over you. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

*Sincerely,
Theresa O'Connor*

Theresa O'Connor - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss, She had a full life cut short so sorry.
Member of The Great Rivers Choral Society.

Joe Bayer - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *With heavy hearts we are sad to hear of Karen's passing. She is now at peace and is resting from all she endured. Reading all that she enjoyed made me smile knowing that she lived life to it's fullest. She should be an example to all of us to live each day to our fullest. Rest in peace Karen. You will be missed.*

Jan & Doug Anderson - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM