



Karen M. Huddleston

December 16, 1963 - July 19, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Karen Marie (Eckhoff) Huddleston of Sugar Grove. Karen died Thursday, July 19th, after a brief but courageous battle with a particularly virulent form of cancer.

Karen graduated from Aurora Central Catholic High School in 1982. She double majored at Loyola in Biology and Chemistry and graduated with a degree in Medical Technology. She later went on to Midwestern University where she graduated with a Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies. She graduated with honors from all of these.

She married her loving husband, Dan Huddleston in 1989. Dan and Karen traveled abroad for 7 years. During that time Karen worked at University of Bern Hospital, Switzerland,, Mafraq Hospital Abu Dhabi and Central Medical Clinic in Hong Kong

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Dan Huddleston; father Robert Eckhoff, aunts: Joan Plante, Doris (Emmett) Langston and Shirley Zemansky, all of Aurora, cousins Mark (Sandy) Plante, Lori(Ed) Harding, Mike(Lynn) Langston, Larry(Diane) Langston, and Alex(Peggy) Zemansky; her Aunt Rosalie Eckhoff, Uncle Eddie (Goldie) Eckhoff along with her beloved Rascal, Cassie, Wrigley, Lucy and of course Emmy.

She was preceded in death by her mother Elaine (Zemansky) Eckhoff, her uncles Harold and Donald Eckhoff. Also preceded by Uncles Robert, Harold, Tom Zemansky and Uncle Robert Plante and cousins Linda and James Plante.

Karen was enormously respected by those she worked with in the medical community, and adored by her patients for her brilliance, compassion and honesty. She was an avid equestrian, and enjoyed riding her horse Emmy whenever she could.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY; Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at St Joseph Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Karen's name can be made to Fox Valley Animal Welfare League.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Karen's family.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen M. Huddleston



Daleiden Mortuary - July 22, 2018 at 12:04 PM



What-a lovely tribute!

Suzanne McDougall - July 23, 2018 at 11:47 PM

CK

Dr. Huddleston was my husband's physician for the past few years. She always took the time to listen to us. She was a very compassionate doctor. My sincerest prayers to the family.

C. Kosulic - August 11, 2018 at 03:39 PM

DG

“ Karen was an exceptional PA and I will miss her. She was very compassionate and explained things in common language. I am so sorry for her family's loss.

Debbie Gumtow - August 11, 2018 at 09:35 PM



Shay
Hayes

“ *She was so unbelievably caring and always went above and beyond. She actually visited me in the hospital after a really difficult time for me. I don't think I'll ever find another doctor who I trusted as much as I did her or feel as at ease. She was a remarkable person*

Shay Hayes - August 10, 2018 at 06:48 PM



KA

“ *Karen was a great doctor to me and always showed so much compassion in her job*

Kat - August 06, 2018 at 12:59 PM



JP

“ *Karen was a great caregiver. I loved how she cared for each and every one of her patients. She always took the time to listen and treat each of us as people. I am going to miss her very much. My heart goes out to not just her family and her animals, but to all of the lives she touched and made better.*

Jason Porter

Jason Porter - July 30, 2018 at 05:14 PM



LH

“ *Karen was such a kind person who was extremely devoted to her family and friends and enjoyed helping her patients. We shared a passion for animals and equestrian activities. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. She serves as an inspiration as to what it means to be fully human.*

- Linda Holzrichter

Linda Holzrichter - July 25, 2018 at 06:04 PM

GB

“ *Chuck Miller and Gerry Becker made a donation to Fox Valley Animal Welfare in Karen's name. We are so sorry for the family's loss.*

Gerry Becker - July 25, 2018 at 12:18 PM

RW

“ *Roger and Dana Well purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Karen M. Huddleston.*



Roger and Dana Well - July 25, 2018 at 08:10 AM

MD

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the death of Karen. I was her patient for awhile and I really liked and respected her. It would always take us a few minutes before we talked medical stuff because we had to catch up on our love of the Cubs! God bless you Karen! My heart breaks for her family!*

Michael Dalton - July 23, 2018 at 01:58 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Sarjeant purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Karen M. Huddleston.*



Theresa Sarjeant - July 22, 2018 at 07:21 PM

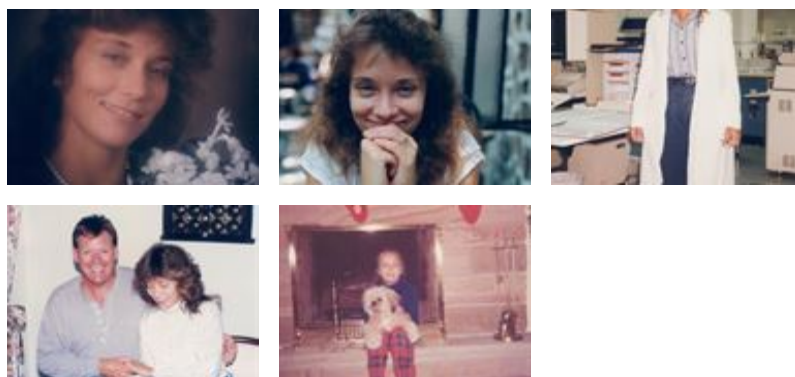
BL

“ My sympathy and prayers go out to Dan and his family in this time of sorrow. I don't believe I ever met Karen, but I always had a great respect for Dan when we bowled together, and I am sorry I missed the opportunity of getting to know Karen. I'm hoping when life settles down for Dan, that he is still willing to visit with me .
Bob Lody

bob Lody - July 22, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - July 22, 2018 at 11:01 AM

AS

“ Aunt Shirley purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Karen M. Huddleston.



Aunt Shirley - July 21, 2018 at 05:03 PM

JS

“ Both Jan and I are so very sorry for your loss of Karen. She was indeed one of the most vibrant, loving, caring and dedicated people I have ever met. Our hearts go out for the entire family along with our prayers and thoughts. John & Jan Sprague-Williams

John Sprague-Williams - July 20, 2018 at 08:06 PM

SM

Karen was my college roommate in 1984. I will always remember her sweet and genuine personality. Feeling blessed to have met Karen in college and my memories of her will live on❤️❤️❤️ RIP my dear friend. Stella Munoz

Stella Munoz - July 21, 2018 at 06:55 PM

DC

Beautiful tributes overflowing with love and admiration for such a beautiful soul. Karen, you will be missed by so many, I enjoyed our work and friendship. There is no replacing you. Thanks for being part of my life.

Donna Camp - July 22, 2018 at 01:44 PM

CN

Karen and I were friends in high school. Taking physics & chemistry together, we had fun working on our projects and giggling over our teacher crush. Karen was intelligent, funny, generous, loving... I'm very lucky to have known her. She will live in my heart forever.

Cynthia Navar - July 27, 2018 at 07:11 PM