



Karen Ann Shopis-Fox

April 7, 1960 - August 26, 2011

Karen Ann Shopis-Fox passed away unexpectedly on August 26, 2011. Karen, married to Gregory Fox of Southport, CT on July 16, 2011, was born on April 7, 1960 and grew up in Milford, CT. She graduated from Laurelton Hall High School and, subsequently, from the University of Connecticut where she prepared for a very successful career in landscape architecture. She practiced her art for several years in the Fairfield County area with her own firm, Karen A. Shopis Landscape Architects.

Karen was a beautiful woman in every sense of the word. She loved life to the fullest. Everyone with whom she came in contact was enriched by knowing her. In addition to her skill and keen aesthetic sense as a landscape architect, Karen was renowned as a gourmet chef. She was an elegant bride six very happy weeks prior to her untimely death.

Karen leaves her beloved husband, Gregory, of Southport, her step-daughter, Meghan, of Westport, CT, her mother, Agnes, of Cheshire, CT, her brother and his wife, David and Patricia of Avon, CT, and her three cherished nieces, Vanessa of Boston, MA, Whitney of New York, NY, and Justine of Boston, MA. They were the light of her life. She was predeceased by her dearly loved father, W. Thomas Shopis, and her brother, Robert Shopis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Timothy Church, 1116

North Main Street, West Hartford, CT, at 11 AM Thursday, September 1, 2011. Calling hours will be 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, at St. Timothy Church.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation, 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606, or to the "Friends of Elizabeth Park," P.O. Box 370361, West Hartford, Connecticut 06137. Online remembrances may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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“ I first learned of Karen through the glowing tales Tom shared with me as we walked in Bridgeport around the old Sikorsky plant at lunch, she was the center of his life, a constant source of joy. I learned that Karen had that effect on people, she connected with people and was as comfortable with the laborer working her jobs to the corporate CEOs who she often called on in her work as a landscape architect. Karen was loving and funny and smart and caring. She loved to cook her gourmet specialties and often brought home made jams and breads as gifts. She would sit around the kitchen table in Milford while her father and I shared a scotch while she sipped a glass of wine and her grandmother looked on lovingly from a chair close by. Karen loved to be among her flowers which due to her artistic genius seemed to bloom constantly She could recite the latin name of everything in her garden or the headlines from the Times or anything else you wanted to talk about. She not only listened she engaged, if it was important to you it was important to her. She was a Renaissance woman, who loved her family, was proud of her brother David and her beautiful nieces. Karen's empathy made caring for her brother, or her elderly grandmother or her Parents natural. She was as beautiful on the inside as on the outside and I will miss her terribly.

Kevin

Kevin Lawlor - July 22, 2012 at 10:43 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Shopis and David,
For some reason I decided to look up Karen tonight on facebook and came across her passing-I don't know what to say-I know it has been years since I have seen you all but it doesn't feel like it. So many of my memories are of you and your family and how good you were to me. so much of who I am today is because of you and your generosity. Karen was my best friend for so many years and I continued to think about her through the years and wonder how she was doing. I loved her and always missed her and regretted losing her.
I am so sorry for you. The one thought that brings a smile to my face is the thought of Bobby welcoming her to heaven with one of his gigantic smiles while Mr. Shopis did the "jackie Gleason" dance. I wonder if Mr. Shopis has been allowed to have a drink in heaven- for medicinal purposes of course
Love to you all,
Kym Johanson now Kym Ludwig###imported-begin###Kym Johanson###imported-end###

January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Shopis and Fox families,

We were very sad to hear of this tragic loss. My husband and I are clients of Karen's. Over the course of an extensive landscape project, Karen and I became good friends, and spent many hours together. Karen was the consummate professional about her work, and a very kind and lovely person. I am surrounded by the beauty of her art here at our home, and I will remember her often as the seasons change and her thoughtful design and plant choices bloom. Our thoughts and condolences are with you.###imported-begin###Margot Congdon###imported-end###

September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Shopis and Fox Families. Karen and I were High School friends and I know how beautiful, energetic and Fun to be with she was. I'm truly sorry for your loss. I don't have words to make it better, only that I will pray for you to help heal. Sincerely,
Tim Collins###imported-begin##Timothy Collins###imported-end##

September 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Dr. and Mrs. Brendan Fox,

Dear Maureen and Brendan,

My sincere condolences on the unexpected passing of your lovely daughter-in-law, Karen. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ilse Nigro###imported-begin##Ilse Nigro###imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, We will truly miss your smile and warmth.

Tina Babish

Ted Sonntag###imported-begin##Ted Sonntag###imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Many fond memories of time spent together skiing and other fun activities with Karen and the rest of our gang... Our deepest condolences to the Shopis and Fox families.

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September 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so devastated by the loss of Karen. We will always remember her grace, beauty and kindness. Our deepest condolences to the Shopis and Fox families. Love Eric and Penny Marziali##imported-begin##Eric and Penny Marziali##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our love and support go out to all of the Shopis and Fox families. We will keep you all in our prayers. She was a wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend - who will be greatly missed by so many. May Our Lord keep her in the palm of his hand. Barbara and Rod Milligan and family.##imported-begin##Barbara and Rod Milligan##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Greg and Shopsis family, we are deeply saddened and numbed by this tragic news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept our sincerest condolences during this difficult time of personal loss and grief.

Larry and Carmen Michaud##imported-begin##Larry and Carmen Michaud##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sad to read of Karen's passing. Karen and I were in plays together in the 70s. She, Jo, John and I hung out together at the Milford Duck Pond. She was such a good person and thoughtful friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. Rest In Peace, Karen.##imported-begin##DianaSimington##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Carmen and I are so saddened for you, Greg, and for all the family. We understand the fragility and beauty of life, and of later-in-life marriage. Our thoughts and prayers for you, and for gradual healing, are especially with you...and God be with you. What a beautiful person--Karen!
Prayerfully, Maureen Laffin-Finizio and Carmen Finizio##imported-begin##Maureen Laffin-Finizio##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We just wanted to share our sympathies with both the Fox and Shopis families at this time. There is a special place for you all in our thoughts and prayers and may you all find happiness in your memories of Karen during this time.##imported-begin##Brian, Deborah and the O'Sullivan family##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Greg, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Ed and Mary kycia##imported-end##

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