



Karen Ann Kelleher

March 18, 2020

KAREN ANN KELLEHER was born in Seattle, WA on July 31, 1948 to John Patrick and Janice (Hafdahl) Kelleher, the 2nd of four children. She graduated from Mt Rainier HS and then from WSU with a Mathematics degree in 1970 and volunteered for the Peace Corp for three years in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Meeting her future husband, Dan Savino, they ended up settling in West Hartford where Karen accepted a position with the State of CT, eventually moving to a position at Connecticut Mutual. A dedicated employee, she also found time to earn her MS in Economics. After she and Dan divorced, she met her longtime partner, Ken Anderson. Accepting a position at Conning Investments she was highly regarded as a Vice President in Financial Investing. Karen has been a faithful and generous contributor to many organizations worldwide, but her heart has been in West Hartford. She has been a longtime member of the Hartford Golf Club and The Town and County Club. Karen was a tireless, but sometimes silent, volunteer and benefactor, devoting her retirement years to service. She was a board member of the Hartford Art School, as well as a Regent of the Univ of Hartford, of which she was so proud. Also, she was an Elector of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art and served on the Executive Committees of it's Costume and Textile Society and on the Design and Decorative Arts Council. She was also a benefactor of The Bushnell Performing Arts. Until recently she served 3 terms as a Trustee of the Colt Bequest where she served on the Finance and Investment committees. As

her good friend said, "Karen was a loyal, quiet, and generous donor of her time, talent, and treasure to many Harford organizations. She will be greatly missed by her many friends."

Karen is survived by her partner, Ken Anderson, NH, sisters Patrice Linde (Ted), Tacoma, WA, Kit Mills, (Federal Way, WA) and brother Mark (Puyallup, WA). She is survived by nieces, Tanya Linde Albright (Dan), and Regan Mills, and nephews Zachary Linde and Colin Mills (Roseann), as well as great nieces Hannah Mullins, Sydney Linde and Skylar Linde, and great nephews TJ Linde and Gavin Mills. Great nephew Ty Mullins preceded her in death. There are many incredible and special Anderson family members, neighbors, and friends who will miss her. After sustaining a nasty fall on Feb 25th, caused in part by her treatment for metastasized breast cancer she had battled 30 years ago, it returned with a vengeance in 2019 attacking her lungs, liver and bones. Karen died at St Mary's Rehabilitation Facility, on March 18th. Private burial will be in Westmoreland, NH close to her beloved horse Skinny and faithful cat Cleo. She will overlook the CT River and lay beneath a Celtic cross. Karen may be gone but never forgotten because of the legacy she left behind. RIP sweet Karen; loved so much and so generous and loving to all. One of her last sentences was "I want more time." Her regret was going too soon. Donations may be made to any of her special interests. She always said, 'They all do such important work and need money.' A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date when travel and crowd restrictions are lifted. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

RH

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Robert Heavner - April 24, 2020 at 02:30 PM

RH

I served in the Peace Corps Sierra Leone with Karen in the early 70's. Her former husband Dan & I were roommates. The three of us remained close friends for years after including being together in Paris, Hartford & New York. She was a wonderful, smart, funny and generous woman. She donated to rebuilding projects I worked with in Sierra Leone after its terrible war. Her passing is a terrible loss for all of us who were graced with knowing her. My sincerest condolences to loved ones and family

Robert Heavner - April 24, 2020 at 02:38 PM

H
Martin
Prather

I didn't know her. But I went to Mt Rainier HS in 1965, but missed buying the Year Book. Turns out after she died her Year Books, etc, were sold and I bought hers on ebay.....Marty

H Martin Prather - July 27, 2020 at 03:38 PM

PB

“ I had the privilege of working with Karen on the Farmington Horse Show back in the nineties. She was our treasurer and what a great job she did. What an easy and positive person she was in carrying out the task of keeping the books in order and donating time to our summer charitable horse show for Fidelco Guide Dogs. She was a great lover of all animals and cared deeply for her beloved horse. I will never forget her sweet nature and smile. Sending my prayers and love to her family and all who had the joy of knowing her.

Pat beverage - April 18, 2020 at 04:45 PM

EW

“ So sad for your loss, Ken and family. I only knew Karen professionally and had great respect for her intelligence, integrity and due diligence. It thrilled me when she came on the UofH Regents Board and became a member of the Investment Committee that I chaired at the time. It stunned me to read the obit when she had seemed so well and was loving retirement.
Eliot Williams

eliot williams - March 27, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ I always remember Karen as being quiet and sweet. May she rest in peace.

Diane Radischat

Diane Radischat - March 26, 2020 at 08:32 PM

BT

“ Karen and I were roommates at WSU in Regents dorm. Such a beautiful soul. She was taking computer classes and would try to explain to me what they were...ha ha
She would go to such extremes to get the curl out of her hair while I was trying to get an Afro. I still picture her with her hair set in giant orange juice cans and her sweet smile.
Karen, you were one of a kind and if anyone will be welcomed in heaven...it is you.

Barbara Toney - March 26, 2020 at 03:57 PM

 Linda
Chambers

“ Karen was my dearest friend in college at Washington State University. We shared many special times together. Although we have lived on opposite sides of the country, we have tried to stay connected throughout the last 50 years. My heart is broken to hear of her passing, but I believe her beautiful spirit lives on. Send caring thoughts to Ken, her family, and her friends. Linda "Kay"

Linda Chambers - March 26, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Karen and I went to school together. We were also neighbors thru those years of middle and high school. So many fond memories of her. I was blessed have had those years with her.
We saw each other in the recent years in Wa. And Conn. She was kind and had a great desire to connect with old friends.
God Bless you Karen and God Bless your grieving family. Prayers and love to all, Marsha

Marsha Larson - March 25, 2020 at 05:49 PM

JW

“ I was lucky enough to know Karen for 60 years starting in Junior High through High School - then life happened and dear friends/sistahs were separated by marriages, children, careers, geography. Fortunately as adults 9 of us gals from those days were blessed to be reunited and got together whenever we could. Our last gathering for the five of us who could make it was at Karen and Ken's gorgeous home and property in Westmoreland, CT in 2018. We had the best time ever catching up on what the years had brought to each of our lives - good and bad. Three of the gals present had also encountered and been victorious over the vicious enemy breast cancer and we all had been blessed and won our individual battles - in large part due to the faith and support of each other always. Karen will always be remembered by me as one of the smartest, most generous, kindest, funniest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She loved people, her volunteer work, and her animals. The enemy cancer may have won in the end but I guarantee you Karen did not waste a moment of her incredible life caring and always giving of herself. She will be missed always and she will always be remembered for the many lives she touched. The above picture is perfect, Karen's hand on her enormous and giving heart. Our deepest and most sincere condolences to her family at this time of unspeakable grief. Judy and Ron Wilson, Tacoma, Wa.

Judy Wilson - March 25, 2020 at 05:34 PM

MM

“ Karen will be missed. I knew her at Connecticut Mutual, at Boston Mutual as a Conning consultant, and as a Trustee for the Colt Bequest. She did a marvelous job for all those organizations and was a pleasure to work with.
Marnie Mueller

Marnie Mueller - March 24, 2020 at 10:08 PM