

Bedford, Karen Mae

March 21, 2023



Karen Mae Bedford

Karen Mae Bedford (née: Hawton) aged 79 years of Avonlea, SK, passed away on Sunday, March 19th, 2023 after a short battle with cancer. Karen was a huge part of her community and was a loved and respected teacher and principal at Avonlea School for 32 years. Everything Karen took on she put her heart and soul into, such as Horse Clubs, after school activities, community boards, and Avonlea Friendly Neighbours. Karen loved the farm, baseball, horses, travel, her pets, diet coke, and mostly her friends and family. She was respected and admired by so many.

She was predeceased by her parents, Jim and Nellie; and husband, Walter. Karen will be lovingly remembered by her children, Brad (Debi) and Tori (Brad); grandchildren: Kira, Alex, and Zoe; brother, Richard (Tannis) Hawton; as well as extended family.

The Funeral Service will be held on Monday, March 27th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Avonlea United Church with luncheon to follow at the Avonlea Community Hall. A private family interment will take place at Hillcrest Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Andrew Pratt Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Shirley Tillie on March 22, 2023 at 7:14 am

I have not seen her in years but when our daughters were riding their horses together we had great talks and visits. She will be missed. Deepest sympathy.

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2.



Ellen Vandeven on March 22, 2023 at 8:23 am

I am so grateful that I was able to visit with Karen before she passed . We talked about many things. She was a wonderful person to know. Her and Wally were good friends to Chris and I . Love and blessings to Tori and Brad and Brad and Debi as well as Kira, Alex, and Zoe. Ellen Vandeven

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3.



Elwood & Vern Lynds on March 22, 2023 at 9:58 am

Most sincere condolences to all Karen's family.

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4.



Jim and Jan Armstrong on March 22, 2023 at 11:15 am

We send our sincere condolences to the entire family.

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5.



Al & Sheila Janke on March 22, 2023 at 5:22 pm

Richard, Tannis and families,

We were sorry to hear of Karen's death. I remember her from Goodwater and years later as a fellow teacher. May your memories comfort you at this difficult time.

Al & Sheila Janke

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6.



Treva Tollefson on March 22, 2023 at 5:33 pm

Richard & Tannis & family: I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. When someone you love passes they become a

memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

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7.



Kathy Kincaid on March 22, 2023 at 11:38 pm

Our Deep Sympathy!

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8.



Rhonda Hill on March 23, 2023 at 6:10 am

Dear Tori and Family

I am so very sorry to hear of Karen's passing and my sincere condolences go out to you all.

May all of the memories of the happy times you spent together be a blessing.

She will be missed.

Rest in peace Karen.

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9.



[Rosemarie Wondrasek](#) on March 23, 2023 at 7:59 am

So sorry to hear about Karen glad we got together after Christmas.and remembered all the good times at the farm.

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10.



Robert & Faye Rusu on March 23, 2023 at 8:03 am

Our Deepest Sympathy to Karen's Family
From Robert, Faye Rusu and Family

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11.



Mel & Sharon(Thackeray) Kitzul on March 24, 2023 at 1:46 pm

Karen was a super friend since our days at Goodwater Elementary School and an all round wonderful human being. Karen fought a great fight against the ugly beast we know as cancer and has become an 'Exceptional Role Model' for those of us left behind.

Our sympathy to Her Family as she shared so many lovely stories about 'Your Love, Kindness and Support' over the years and more recently on the last leg of "Her Journey." May you all find comfort as you cherish the Memories.

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12.



Roy & Darcy Phillips on March 27, 2023 at 8:43 am

Tori Brad and families

She was such a great teacher to both Roy and I. She was Roy's first teacher when he moved to Avonlea. She always took time to talk to you and her smile and laugh will always bring a smile to my face. Your hearts are all hurting soon it will be replace with so many wonderful memories. She has touched so many. Thinking of you all in this most difficult time.

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13.



Lana Daniel on March 27, 2023 at 12:37 pm

Brad, Tori and families,

My deepest condolences to all of you on the passing of your grandma and mom. May your greatest memories bring you strength and a smile to your face when you think of your mom and grandma into the future.

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14.



Chris Kustaski on March 28, 2023 at 5:59 pm

Sincere sympathy to Karen's family and friends. I know she will be so missed. Hugs to you all.

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15.



Donna (Syhlonyk) LeBere on March 28, 2023 at 7:32 pm

To Brad and Tori,

Your mother was amazing, and I was privileged to have her as my teacher, role model and mentor. Throughout the years, I have frequently spoken of her to my own children, as they navigated their own paths through out school, and I am so grateful to have had her be a part of mine.

I am so sorry for your loss.

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