



Karen Louise Crotty

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Our community sadly lost a friend to all,
Karen Crotty, favorably known as

Miss Karen was the Administrative Assistant in the front office and she welcomed generations of families to North Park Elementary with her affectionate smile over the last 34 years!

Miss Karen was a 1982 graduate of Columbia Heights High School and a lifelong resident.

She passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 15, 2021.

She was welcomed into Heaven by her

Grandparents Lester and Adeline Knuston, Father Gordy Strand, In laws Thomas and Edith Crotty and Niece Kelly Anne Kendzior.

Karen is survived by her husband, Thomas Crotty, daughter Molly Crotty, mother Betty Strand, twin brother Ken Strand (Lisa) Niece Sarah Strand (Jake) and Nephew Jacob, Sister in law Lenette and brother in law Ken Kendzior.

As well as, an abundance of friends that will dearly miss her.

Many thanks to the North Park Family and Independent School District #13 for their continued support during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to a scholarship fund in Miss Karen's name.

There will be a table at the celebration of life collecting funds for this effort or
Feel free to contact Janelle Niznik for further details regarding making that
donation

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of Karen L. Crotty in memory of Karen Louise Crotty



Washburn-McReavy - February 26, 2021 at 04:40 PM

JJ

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of Karen's service through zoom. It meant a lot to hear others speak so kindly about her. Take care Molly and Tom. RIP Karen, you were one of a kind. xoxo Jilly and Erik

Jillian Jenkins - February 27, 2021 at 04:03 PM

DA

“ So sorry, I just saw the local Life newspaper! Very surprised, and sad for staff and family. As a “guest teacher”, North Park was always the most welcoming school for me, a credit to Karen. I always enjoyed her greeting. Best wishes and condolences, Danny Johnsen

Danny - March 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM

SU

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I was a substitute teacher and worked several years at North Park. Karen was always so kind and friendly. She was always helpful to me. She was one of the reasons I would take a sub job at North Park. I could see she was loved by all. She will truly be missed
Mrs Susan Zaczek



Susan - March 07, 2021 at 09:51 AM

MN

“ Mary Niznik lit a candle in memory of Karen Louise Crotty



mary niznik - February 27, 2021 at 03:22 PM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Karen was always so Kind and friendly she was a sweetheart and will be missed dearly. ❤️



janie and allen hemmelgarn - February 27, 2021 at 01:03 PM

SM

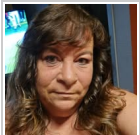
“ Over the past 35 years thousands of students, families, and staff have walked through the main entrance doors of North Park to be greeted by a charismatic secretary who immediately acknowledged them with sincere kindness and warmth. Many, like myself, said “This is where I want to be.” Karen created that powerful first impression with such an authentic grace. She was a friend to so many students, families, and staff. Molly and Tom, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Stan Mraz

Stan Mraz - February 27, 2021 at 10:42 AM

KB

“ Tom and Molly, you remain in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. You lost your wife and mother far too early. Hopefully you can get through the grief of this loss and get to the place where you can remember all the joy and happiness she brought not only to you but to her many friends, co-workers and families of North Park. She will definitely be missed.

Kathy Brandt - February 27, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ Mary Heyroth lit a candle in memory of Karen Louise Crotty



Mary Heyroth - February 26, 2021 at 06:58 PM

SP

“ Karen, your smile and laugh are etched in my memory, and I honestly can't believe I can't send you DMs anymore just to check in. It doesn't feel real. Even though I was not a long-termer at NP, we kept in touch and laughed through texts. One of my absolute favorite memories of all my time in education were your PA announcements alerting me (and probably the rest of NP) that Zoop was on his way up the stairs to visit you in the office. He really was harmless, and I think really wanted to be your friend!! I do think my current school Admin Assistant is thankful we don't have a 6 foot iguana here, but we have about everything else. To say you will be missed is an understatement. My brother passed away on February 15th in 2013...so I will be celebrating you every year, since these days are etched in our souls! I truly think my brother didn't want to leave us on Valentine's Day, maybe that was true for you too...if I were to make a guess, I would say yes. My heart is heavy and you are missed! Sue Powell

Sue Powell - February 26, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JJ

“ Karen you were our back door gal. We will miss you dearly and think of you often. Sending love to you Tom and Molly. Jilly and Erik

Jillian Jenkins - February 26, 2021 at 11:16 AM

TF

“ There are so many memories when we have known and loved Karen since she was 13yrs. Old. And with each member of the whole family. Johnny and Jill would pick when “Karrot” would read them their favorite book at bedtime “Piggle” . I would read it to them but it just wasn’t the same as when Karen read it to them. It was magic when she read it. They probably knew the book by heart. Karen was like one of are own children. Such a part of our lives. We are broken and it’s so hard to believe she is gone. We love each one of you and send prayers that our father will send strength and comfort to each of in this sad time. Bless each of your hearts. The Taylors

Taylor family - February 25, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karen Louise Crotty.



February 25, 2021 at 06:22 PM