



Karen Kay Hartbank

March 9, 1956 - May 8, 2007

Karen Kay Hartbank, age 51, of Mattoon, passed away at 11:40 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2007 after a long illness. The funeral service honoring her life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007, at the Immaculate Conception Church with Reverend Dennis Kollross officiating. Visitation will be Friday evening from 4-7 p.m. at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery. Karen was born in Aurora, IL, on March 9, 1956, the daughter of Robert and June (Gramley) Schumacher. They both survive. Other survivors include her children, Robert Frederick Hartbank and Jay August Hartbank, both of Mattoon; the father of her children, Fred Hartbank of Mattoon; one brother, Robert M. Schumacher, Jr. of Wheaton, IL; one sister, Dianne Anderson of Hindsdale, IL; and 11 nieces and nephews. She also leaves countless amazingly supportive and loving friends. Karen earned both her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology and her Masters of Arts Degree in Sociology from Eastern Illinois University. She then served as Professor of Sociology at Eastern Illinois University from 1988 to 2005. Karen was a proud, loving and devoted mother. She was a wonderful sister, daughter, and friend. She cherished all of the wonderful people in her life. She was truly loved and will be deeply missed by so many. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Hartbank Education Fund or to Sarah's Homemakers to assist local families in caring for loved ones who are ill.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Kay Hartbank*

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“ *I had Karen for 2 classes at EIU, and I am very sad to hear this news. She was a very genuine person, and she connected with students in a very meaningful way. My deepest sympathies go out to her family.*

Ryan Loew - May 17, 2007 at 03:09 PM



“ *I was sad to see Karen's obituary. She was one of my professors, several years ago, and was such a good person to have known and learned from.*

Robert Pratte - May 16, 2007 at 09:15 PM



“ *I enjoyed having Karen as a neighbor & friend, sharing cookie recipes, Our grandson thought the kitchen window was a cookie drive up. To the next plant we were going to try and grow. And our rocks I will never look at one and not remember Karen. Having Karen as a neighbor touched my life in a way that I will always Thank God for. I know that God has A special place for Karen in Heaven, as does everyone Karen touched here.*

Darlene Boyle - May 15, 2007 at 10:55 PM

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“ Karen, you were a woman of kind and gentle spirit. Your smile brightened our days, your energy brightened our spirits, and your incredible gift of self made our world a kinder and better place to be. \r\n\r\nSo many will miss you. \r\n\r\nKaye and the rest of the group at the School of Continuing Education.

Friends in the School of Continuing Education -EIU - May 15, 2007 at 10:34 AM

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“ she will always be the best, i will miss her so much she was so important to our family, she had so many blessings i can't even begin, such a wonderful woman, lady, there will never, ever be one so precious, GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

phyllisthompson [brown] - May 09, 2007 at 09:35 PM