



Karen Darlene Bellingar

May 25, 1957 - June 5, 2016

KAREN DARLENE BELLINGAR May 25, 1957 ~ June 5, 2016 "Karen was a strong, feisty and caring woman who loved life and was an active participant." Karen Darlene Bellingar, 59, of Vancouver, WA, passed away peacefully after an amazing and valiant effort to recover from cancer. She was born May 25, 1957 at Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, OR. She was an only child. During her early childhood years, the family lived in Alaska; later moving to Vancouver, WA in 1969. Karen attended Evergreen High School, graduating in 1975. After graduating, she continued her education at Clark College. Karen began working in the Evergreen School District Title I Reading programs as a para-professional in 1986. She became proficient in working with children and had a special heart for students in need of an extra touch!! Heathwood Elementary became her home-away-from-home as she was not only involved in their PTA but worked there her entire career. Karen loved and enjoyed her family. They were paramount in her life. She enjoyed camping, fishing and going to the beach to clam with her son, Ryan, and grandsons, Garrett and Blake. She was very creative and loved working on crafts. Karen was involved in PTA and in Boy Scouts helping her son become an Eagle Scout. Karen loved her friends, outdoors, animals, playing cards, and casinos. Karen is survived by son, Ryan of Battle Ground, WA and his father, Raymond Crisman; and grandsons, Garrett and Blake of Battle Ground, WA. She was preceded in death by her mother, Darlene Ione Hammill. Please join the family at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Sat., June 18, 2016 at 1:00 a.m. to celebrate

this amazing lady. There will be a reception after this service, followed by a graveside service at Park Hill Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. Visitations will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Thurs., June 16th, 12:00-9:00 p.m. and Fri., June 17th, 10:00-9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Karen would appreciate your donations go to the Clark County Humane Society, American Cancer Society , or a charity of your choice . Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ I used to know Karen from when she was working at Hearthwood. Her son Ryan and I were often in the same class, so I got to know her fairly well. I only learned of her passing a few months ago, and was sorry to hear about it. She was always very kind, compassionate to myself and other students that I recall her interacting with. She will be missed.

H. - June 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Karen for almost 25 years. She was funny, smart, a good friend and a tireless advocate for children. She served as a liaison between PSE and her school for most of those years. I will miss you Karen...Sing with the angels until we meet again! Jan Wilson

June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with Ryan and sons. I knew Karen from childhood, as her mom and mine were childhood friends. My kids knew her from Hearthwood. She touched a lot of lives. She will be missed.

Debora Tyler - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Karen was the most REAL person i have ever known. I think that was why she was so good with kids. she was not a fake, and they knew it. So many fun memories our adventure trips to the ocean. taking a back road just to see where it would take us. and the Beany baby runs to McDonalds, to get the entire set. and figuring out what to do with all those happy meals.

Karen was amazing with her knowledge of so many things, from flowers to digging for clams to scoring perfect on the college test for work. she knew so much and yet she was sweet, and funny, and loved her family and those grandboys. Ryan all ways let them know they were special to her. the ocean and all those wonderful camping vacations. OH my dear friend, how I miss you. I know you are in another place now. I know your pain is gone.

Karen you touched so many of us and we are better for knowing you..

Elly Freville - June 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Karen was smart, kind, creative and had a great sense of humor. She was my friend for many years and I will miss her. Many prayers for Ryan and his boys.

Marsha Edwards - June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Karen was a wonderful person and she was great with the kids. She will be missed.

Michelle - June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I have known Karen for about 50 years. She was the most amazing woman I have ever had the pleasure to meet and call my best friend. I have many great memories of many camping trips with Karen, rain or shine. Clam digging in the dark, playing bingo and going to movies at Kiggins theater. I will never find a better cribbage and backgammon opponent in this lifetime. She will be missed by everyone she touched. I not only lost my friend, I lost my sister. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ryan, Garrett and Blake.

Kathy Meier - June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I worked with Karen at Hearthwood Elementary School for several years. She was a wonderful person and awesome with kids. My prayers and thoughts are with you Ryan.

Donna Peterson - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Ryan so very sorry to hear about your moms passing. She was a wonderful mom, grandmom, and friend. I enjoyed working with her at hearthwood. I hope you have a heartful of loving memories of your mom. She will be missed. Everyone loved her so.
Prayers.....BerniKK

Berni Christensen - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM