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PATRICIA FOLEY KARL

Charter School Founder

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Patricia Foley Karl of North Andover, wife of Atty. Russell R. Karl, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

The daughter of the late Alderman Vincent P. Foley and Genevieve (Killeen) Foley, Mrs. Karl is survived by two daughters and a son: Kristin Carnahan and her husband Patrick of Longmeadow, MA, Jennifer Sylvester and her husband Joseph of Andover, MA and Stephen Karl and his wife Michaela of Springfield, VA. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Liam, Katherine and Connor Carnahan; Samantha, Gannon and Ryan Sylvester; and Tucker and Casey Karl.

Mrs. Karl was the oldest of eight children and is survived by two sisters: Justine Croteau and her husband Robert of Andover, Barbara Jensen and her husband William of Methuen and three brothers: Vincent Foley and his wife Jeanne of Hampton, NH, Thomas Foley and his wife Virginia of Hooksett, NH and Michael Foley and his wife Beth of Walnut Creek, CA. She was predeceased by two sisters Cathy Foley and Mary Beth Foley, RN.

Mrs. Karl is also survived by her sister-in-law Elaine Rejimbal and her family of Florida, fourteen nieces and nephews, twenty-two great nieces and nephews and many cousins, especially Eileen Foley Everett, Michelle Killeen Phillips and Kerry Nugent Flack.

Mrs. Karl was born and raised in Lawrence, Mass, graduating from St. Augustine's Tower Hill (1956) and Saint Mary High School, Class of 1960.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the State College at Lowell, Class of 1964 where she was Class Secretary and later a Masters in Educational Administration from UMass Lowell (1995).

Following graduation Mrs. Karl spent a year as a volunteer teacher in South Phoenix, Arizona as part of the Regis Lay Apostolate with six other women teaching Mexican-American and migrant children in the Golden Gate Barrio.

She returned to Massachusetts to teach in the Andover Public Schools and then thirteen years at the Bruce School in Lawrence. In 1985 she was hired as the Lawrence Coordinator for NECCUM (the Northeast Consortium of Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts) creating partnerships with the Lawrence schools and preparing language-minority students to attend higher education. In 1990 she was hired to be Executive Director of the Lawrence Youth Commission, and in that capacity established the Lawrence Family Development and Education Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization with a mission to “strengthen families and build community.” In that role she founded Lawrence Family Development Charter School which opened in 1995, one of the first charter schools in the state, now in its 24th year.

Mrs. Karl also founded YouthBuild-Lawrence, an education/job training program to build homes for low-income families while helping to turn around the lives of young adults, and the Maria del Pilar Quintana Center, providing ESL and Citizenship classes for immigrants.

Mrs. Karl was the first Advisory Chairperson of the Lawrence Heritage State Park, served on the state advisory for the Department of Environmental Management and a board member of the Greater Lawrence YWCA, Immigrant City Archives and the Adelante Youth Center where she helped establish the School Success Program. She served for many years as a trustee of Mary Immaculate Health Care Services, Inc. and their corporate board, Covenant Health Systems. She was also a Trustee of the Charles G. Pringle Foundation and the Essex County Community Foundation.

For nineteen years she was a volunteer teacher in rural and impoverished schools in the Dominican Republic as part of Mision Joven Dominicana, bringing hundreds of pounds of school supplies collected from families at Lawrence Family Development Charter School. She was the recipient of numerous awards of recognition for her community service.

Mrs. Karl loved to paint, read and travel but her greatest joy was to be with family and friends. Her special joy was time spent with her eight grandchildren whether painting together, playing board games or cheering at sporting events, plays and dance recitals. Her life was greatly enriched by many friends, especially her “First Grade Friends” from St. Augustine’s, her Arizona friends, teaching colleagues and the Parker/Greene Street neighbors.

Friends and family are respectfully invited to attend calling hours on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 22 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. A Mass of Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Saint Michael Parish, 196 Main Street, North Andover, MA. Burial will follow at Ridgewood Cemetery, 177 Salem Street, North Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Essex County Community Foundation, Patricia Foley Karl Scholarship Endowment Fund, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

Cemetery

Ridgewood Cemetery

177 Salem Street

North Andover, MA, 01845

Events

DEC **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA, US, 01841

DEC **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Michael Church
196 Main Street, North Andover, MA, US

Comments



“ Dear Kristin,
So sorry to read about the passing of your mother. She certainly accomplished a lot during her lifetime and was very active, which is so inspiring for all of us! I hope that you have many fond, happy memories of your mother and all of her contributions to her community (and to the world!) which will help get you through this difficult time. With deepest sympathy,
Rich Padova, Summer Interpreter, Lawrence Heritage State Park

Prof. Rich Padova - December 03, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ What a great lady! she has left an amazing legacy and a wonderful, caring family. So sorry for your loss, and hoping that memories of happier times will comfort you.
Barbara and Al Boudreau

Barbara and Al Boudreau - December 03, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



December 02, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



December 02, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ Your friends and colleagues at UMASS Lowell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



Your friends and colleagues at UMASS Lowell - December 02, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



December 02, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



December 02, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ My deepest sympathies are with the Foley/Karl family. As a friend since first grade, I also mourn the passing of my lifelong friend. Her legacy of good deeds, dedicated efforts, and enduring compassion is a huge gift to our needy world. The pride and love she felt for her family set the groundwork for remarkable achievements. God bless her and everyone she loves.



Kathy Kiernan Feltz - December 02, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ So sad! Loved Pat and all she did for Lawrence. She I can say definitely that she changed the trajectory of my life. I was contacted by the Massachusetts Service Alliance in 1996 to host the Americorps swearing ceremony in Boston on Copley plaza to represent our City C.O.R.E Program. During the event I mention how I wished my mother was there to see me. After the event was over Pat come over to me and said “Andres if you mother was here she would be just as proud of you as I am.” And gave me a huge hug. I will never forget Pat. Dedicated to Lawrence and it youth for a lifetime.

Andres Gonzalez - December 02, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



December 02, 2018 at 07:23 AM



“ I was very sorry to hear of Patricia's death. She was a model of being a person of service to the community. She genuinly was concerned about the poor and disadvantaged, and thus truly being a Gospel person. Be assured of my prayers and remembrances for her. Fr Bill

Fr. Bill Waters, OSA - December 02, 2018 at 06:40 AM



“ Carl McCarthy (her 6th & 8th grade student) purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



Carl McCarthy (her 6th & 8th grade student) - December 01, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ She lived a life of service to her community, church and family. There can be no higher tribute to a life lived well.
Judy Loughran Berger

judith berger - December 01, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ Mark & Brittney Jacobs and Joseph & Diane Sanchez purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



Mark & Brittney Jacobs and Joseph & Diane Sanchez - December 01, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



December 01, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ A life well lived.
Patricia Karl, a tireless advocate for quality education for ALL children.
Patricia Karl, a trailblazer for women in education.
Patricia Karl, a bright star of our Merrimack Valley universe who helped thousands of young people "reach for the stars."
This amazingly inspirational woman has been called home by her God but has left us a legacy of learning, leadership and love.
I was honored to work with her.
I was honored to know her.
I was honored to call her my friend.
Rest in peace, Patricia.
May your memory be eternal.
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John C. Housianitis - December 01, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Lay Apostles together on 11-07-1992



Anne O'Connor - December 01, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Foley Karl.



November 30, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Pat was a very special friend. I know I am one of the “First Grade Friends” from St. Augustines. We went to grammar, high school and college together. In college, we carpooled with a couple of other “FGFs.” For several years, we took each other out to Shadi’s in North Andover for our birthdays. I will miss her.



Eileen Hayes - November 30, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ What a loss for all of us. Pat and I worked together. I have two vivid memories. She came to me about a suspected child abuse.... she was right ... and brave. She delayed her vacation so she would be available for a court hearing. Kids before self! Typical! The second was Election Day at the Bruce School were I voted. She reminded me that the newer candidates had an “O” at the end of the last night: “Suzanne, just a slight change and progress we’ve gone from the O as the first to the last letter in the name, it’s Lawrence at its finest! RIP , my friend . Suzanne McHugh Piscitello

Suzanne McHugh Piscitello - December 02, 2018 at 01:39 PM