



Karin Lee Marsh

April 4, 1942 - August 2, 2017

Karin Lee (Wolfe) Marsh was born April 4, 1942 in Fort Collins, CO. She spent most of her life in Fort Collins, attending Harris Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High, and Fort Collins High Schools. She attended CSU and attained her secretarial associates degree, which led her to jobs at the Boeing Company and Martin Marietta in California. In Colorado, she worked at Poudre Valley REA for a few years, but spent most of her career (25 years) as the secretary at Plymouth Congregational Church.

She met her future husband, Tom Marsh, at age 14 (he was 16). They dated for several years, however, they ultimately went their separate ways. During this separate period, they each got married and each had a child (Tom and Kevin). They reunited in 1971, married in 1972, and added one child (Shawna) to their blended family.

As a child, Karin was a tap dancer. She was also very athletic and was given the nickname, “Lady Tarzan” by her peers in gym class. She and her family went camping often, mostly at Snowy Range. As a young woman, Karin was into fast cars and spent time drag racing, which led to trips to watch the stock car races. Later in life, there was lots of water skiing on Warren Lake and Horsetooth Reservoir, hiking as many mountains as possible (including Longs Peak) with her mother and three kids, road trips to the western slope to spend time with family, reading, watching her children play sports/sing/dance, playing with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and spending time at the cabin in Red Feather—She loved being outside.

Music was a big part of Karin's life. Forever an Elvis Presley fan, but any kind of music would do. She and her daughter spent many evenings at the Lincoln Center and Buell Theater watching musicals, plays, and concerts (her favorite remained The Phantom of the Opera).

Although she was shy and quiet by nature, Karin was an adventurer: fast cars, bad boys (Tom), loud music, and anything to do with nature. She loved to learn, loved new things, loved her family. She was kind, thoughtful, magnanimous, and the most selfless person. Her gifts given were time and love, and she gave them freely. To know Karin was to know warmth and compassion, and it enveloped you. She made you feel like you were the most important person in the world—not just once, but every time she saw you. She made you a better person.

Karin passed away August 2, 2017 after a brief battle with cancer. She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter Dean Wolfe and Phyllis Alberta (Rohrer) Wolfe, her niece, Rhonda Patzia, and her son-in-law, Steven Holbrook Hawes. She leaves behind her adoring husband, Charles Thomas Marsh, her three kids, Kevin Scott (Doble) Marsh (Denise), Thomas James Marsh (Tara), Shawna Lee Hawes, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, her sisters, Paula Diane Henderson (Ron), Judy Lynn Perkins (Morris), and a slew of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Service will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W Prospect Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80526, Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 11 am. A reception will immediately follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Larimer County Humane Society or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation , in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524. Please visit bohlenderfuneralchapel.com to send the family online condolences.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Plymouth Congregational Church
916 E. Prospect Fort Collins, CO US 80524
Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

MY

“ Tom and family,

I was saddened to recognize Karin's name and read her obituary in The Coloradoan this week. I haven't seen Karin in years, but will remember always her kindness and the fine person she was.

It was 1980 and our family bought and moved into the house next door to The Marshes. Having lived in another state all my life, it was a difficult time of adjustment for me. Karin offered me her friendship and support as a newcomer to the area. She and I enjoyed taking walks together and feeding carrots and apples to the horses down the lane. Our family was also invited to your home for Thanksgiving dinner our first year there and that meant a great deal. So just a few good memories of my own I wanted to share.

My sincerest sympathy to all on the loss of a lovely lady.

Mary Young

Mary Young - August 18, 2017 at 06:44 PM

LS

“ Tom and family,

Karin and I were church secretaries at the same time and I always enjoyed her input in our secretary 's group. We also enjoy the Super Bowl parties that we had at the Ayala's.

That article in the paper sure sounded just like Karin and we will all miss her much. So sorry of all of your loss of wife, mother, and grandmother. I know she did all those jobs well.

We have already committed to help out at a wedding at the same time as the service, so we won't be able to attend. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. And we remember Kevin playing basketball with Tyler on the church league.

God Bless all of you and your family,

Ron and Lois Steely

Lois Steely - August 14, 2017 at 04:01 PM

JS

“ Tom and Family,

May the wonderful memories you have of Karin help you through this difficult time and may you also take comfort in the fact that you have so many friends who have you in their thoughts and prayers. Her obituary was beautiful and she truly must have been a loving caring person and a blessing to have in your lives.

In Comfort and Friendship

Your friends,

Jerry and Donna Schott

Jerry Schott - August 14, 2017 at 12:44 PM

JP

“Karin was the secretary at Plymouth Congregational when I was the organist there. She held me up when times were a bit difficult for either of us. I played for Karin's father's memorial service. We were both friends with our beloved Belva, and we did a road trip to Iowa with Donna Rolston and Lynn Soraci to see Belva one last time before she passed away from brain cancer. That is a special memory I have of Karin, as we laughed with our friend through our tears. How I will miss knowing Karin is in the world, but her gentle spirit will always be with me. Tom and Shawna, I knew you best, through Karin. My heart goes out to you. May you always feel Karin's presence with you. I won't be able to attend the service, as I will be in California that day. My thoughts will be with you.
Judy Pearson

Judy Pearson - August 13, 2017 at 06:26 AM