



Karen Dazell

August 14, 1947 - March 14, 2015

Karen Joy Scheble Dazell, 67, passed away peacefully in Spokane, WA at ManorCare on March 14th 2015.

Karen was born August 14, 1947 to Don and Faye Scheble in Wenatchee, WA and moved to Moses Lake by 4 years old. She attended grade school, junior high and then graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1965 along with her soon to be husband, Jim Fischer. She passed on many great memories from this time in her life, with many great friends she shared them with. One of those memories was a run for Miss Moses Lake that she insisted was just for the experience and the fun of doing it with her friends, but that she had absolutely no talent—another Karen story!! Married in 1968 in Virginia after Jim got out of the Army they then moved back to Moses Lake in 1969 where they settled and had their only child, Dani, in 1972.

In 1985 Karen met Bob Dazell and married the next year in Spokane, WA where they lived until 1987 when they moved back to Moses Lake and lived there until 1990. As Bob was a truck driver, they traveled for some time then settled in Ellensburg so she could complete her degree at Central WA University which she received for teaching. Again, so many great memories from this time in her life, she absolutely loved being a student again and having a goal – one that she achieved in spades!!

She received her Masters Degree from Central and got offered an incredible opportunity to teach at Walla Walla High School. This time in her life is where she shined – she touched so many people's lives from students to colleagues.

This by far was her most treasured and remembered time towards the end of her life. From accounting classes to FBLA, to many sporting events, from students to fellow teachers, this was where she loved to be! I cannot explain how much her time teaching at Walla Walla meant to her—it honestly defined her life and meant the world to her. Thank you to everyone who touched her life as much she touched theirs, she had some fabulous friends and she loved them dearly.

She retired in 2013 to move to Moses Lake to be close to her daughter, son-in-law and grandkids. She was diagnosed with cancer in March 2014 and had much, much too short of time with her family, but the time she had was incredibly special.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Dani and Jason Archer, grandkids Brodee and Ledger Archer, Son and Daughter in law (and great friend) Eric and Angie Dazell, grandkids Nathan and Emily Dazell and of course Cookie the cat. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Bob.

Per her request there will be a closed ceremony for her immediate family. You are welcome to raise a glass of sweet white wine, tell a “Karen Story” and celebrate her life.

Tribute Wall



“ So very sorry for your loss. Karen could not wait to retire and be close to her family. I did Karen's hair for many years and enjoyed our appts always had a good laugh. We shared a lot. A great teacher to all kids. A great person I will miss. My prayers my sympathy to all. Vicki Miller

Attitudez WallaWalla - March 22, 2015 at 06:05 PM



“ I came to Walla Walla High School in the fall of 2000 and Karen was one of the first people to welcome me and tell me what a wonderful environment the High School was to teach in! Her positive attitude and enthusiasm for teaching (and her computer savvy) helped us quickly become friends. I will miss you, Karen . . . our shared memories will bring a smile when I think of you. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Shelley Mann - March 22, 2015 at 11:15 AM

JC

“ I met Mrs. Dazell in 9th grade. At the time she was just a computers teacher but as the year went on she became my favorite teacher. She talked me into taking accounting and advanced accounting. I didn't like it one bit but I didn't want to disappoint her. I even went to a cpa convention with her in school. Once I graduated we kept in touch, I emailed her back n forth for many years after graduating. She became a friend for me. I used to ask her...are you still at wa-hi? She would answer...I am still here, I will be here until the walls cave in. I loved her sense of humor. I didn't get to see her one last time but I rather would remember her the way she looked to me in high school. I will always love her as a teacher and friend. She held a special place in my heart. I will miss you Mrs. Dazell and I know you're correcting this with a red pen. :)

Jessica Castorena - March 22, 2015 at 09:35 AM

JL

“ I met Karen in 7th grade, starting the first year at Frontier Jr. High. I always liked her sweet personality. Another angel will join the others from the class of 1965. Rest in Peace Dear Friend.

Joan Thaden Lobie - March 20, 2015 at 04:34 PM

SR

“ I had the privilege of working with Karen at Walla Walla High School for 8 years. Her classroom was next to mine, and she would always chat with me in the morning before classes started. She was an educational innovator; most teachers try to coast before retiring, but she was always looking for the newest and coolest right up to her last day of retirement.

Karen and I went on many road trips throughout the state to various workshops and conferences. She was a wonderful travel companion and always had something interesting to share. Karen had an amazing sense of humor and would sometimes leave even herself in hysterical tears. Incidentally, the photo on this obituary is one that I took of her at the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) regional conference in 2007.

I have had so many memories flooding my mind these past few days since Karen passed away. But the thing I am most grateful for is that I had a chance to sit down with her 3 weeks ago and have a nice "catch up" talk. We shared all the latest teaching news as well as things about our family. I didn't know it at the time, but that was the last time I would see her, and it was a sweet parting.

I will miss the annual calendar that she would always give me for Christmas, usually with Bible verses, her sharing of the latest PhotoShop or tech tool, the trips to the local La Casita for dinner, and, our business education staff favorite, the chats at "perky" Starbucks on Plaza Way.

Goodbye, dear friend. I will miss you!
As Karen would say, "And on that cheery note, I'm going home!"

Scott Reardon - March 18, 2015 at 06:05 PM

DC

“ Karen was a friend and fellow classmate in *The Great Class of 1965*. She will be missed on both accounts. My prayers are with her family and friends. This is a much smaller account of what she meant to me and to others in the class.

Dennis Clay - March 17, 2015 at 08:20 PM

LM

“ Karen will truly be missed! She made people feel welcomed. My prayers go to her family at this time of sorrow.

Larry Major

Larry Major - March 16, 2015 at 07:13 PM

MP

“ To Karen's family, my prayers and wishes go to you at this time of sadness. Karen will be sorely missed, and as a wonderful member of the 1965 Class of Moses Lake High School, she is truly remembered.

Respectfully,

Mick Pfaff

Mick Pfaff - March 16, 2015 at 04:54 PM