



## Karen M. McCuiston

June 28, 1962 - January 28, 2014

Karen M. McCuiston, 51, a longtime Moses Lake resident and cook at the Moses Lake High School passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. Calling hours are from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 4th and from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Wednesday, February 5th at Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at Kayser's Chapel. Interment will follow at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE, Moses Lake. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory. Karen was born June 28, 1962 in Wallace, Idaho to Jim and Patricia Marshall. She was raised in northern Idaho where she met her beloved husband, Craig McCuiston. They were married in Mullan, Idaho on June 12, 1982. In 1985, they moved to Moses Lake, where they raised their two children, Steven and Shelly. Karen worked for many years at Sun Spice before going to work for the Moses Lake School District as a cook in the kitchen for the high school. Karen enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, camping, reading, and she loved sitting in the bleachers watching her daughter's softball games. She was actively involved with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and enjoyed attending church sermons on Sunday. Karen always had a smile and the most cheerful laugh; she brightened every room she entered. She was the most caring wife, mother, and friend.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Craig; son Steven; daughter

Shelly; mother Patricia Marshall of Lewiston, ID; sisters Norma and Loretta, both of Lewiston; mother- and father-in-law Trudy and Craig McCuistion. She also leaves behind her dear sisters-in-law, several nieces and nephews, and many close friends. She is preceded in death by her father Jim Marshall. She was truly loved and cherished and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel & Crematory  
831 South Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848  
kayserschapel@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ February 2

*I love & miss you with all my heart!! I'm really going to miss having a giggle partner. "You make me smile". Love you always, Bonnie Brennan*

*Karen M. McCuiston - View Obituary & Service Information*

*[www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com)*

*Share Memories and Support the Family.*

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*Bonnie Brennan*

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**Bonnie Brennan** - February 05, 2014 at 03:13 PM

GB

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Karen. I had the pleasure of knowing Karen from the 5th grade all through high school, as we graduated together in Mullan. She was always a joy to be around, always happy, always smiling, the most kind person. My deepest sympathy to Karen's family. Gary Brooking

**Gary Brooking** - February 05, 2014 at 02:40 PM

PM

“ I have never met a more loving, beautiful person than Karen. She was a blessing to all that had the pleasure to know her. Praying for her family at this difficult time.



**paula macmillan** - February 05, 2014 at 01:40 PM

GW

“ Karen Always Smiling, Laughing Giving Kind Words Of Encouragment, This Came To Mind When i Heard Of Your Passing" The Lord Must Have Been Short On Angels yes The Call came From Up Above No More Pain Sorrow Or Anger Only Everlasting Love" You Will Be Missed....Greg Webb

**greg webb** - February 05, 2014 at 11:35 AM

BH

“ We are sorry that we are unable to attend but will be thinking of you and your family at this difficult time- love and prayers Bill and Stella Heston

bill and Stella Heston - February 05, 2014 at 10:24 AM

Sean Cahoon

“ Sean Cahoon lit a candle in memory of Karen M. McCuiston



Sean Cahoon - February 05, 2014 at 02:16 AM

Sean Cahoon

*She is the best and is sorely missed.....RIP Karen*

Sean Cahoon - February 05, 2014 at 02:18 AM

TE

“ My deepest sympathy to Karen's family . Her smile will be greatly missed at the high school.

tami edwards - February 04, 2014 at 11:16 PM

JD

“ To Karen's family, I will miss seeing Karen's smiling face and her laughter. I would see her once a year at the Rocky Mountain Elk Banquet, which was my husband's yearly auction to go to. Thoughts are prayers for you tomorrow. She will be buried at the same place my husband is. She brought smiles to many. Joan

Joan Dopps - February 04, 2014 at 09:38 PM

MB

“ I will miss your posts and comments on your Facebook and mine. It would put a smile on my face to just be a part of your day. You were the sweetest person by far that I've known and am glad and proud that my brother chose you for his wife. You will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Michelle Bertke - February 04, 2014 at 06:10 PM

 April Wilkins

“ I was blessed to have known Karen and her kind soft spirit is not a character that we see now a days. She was an angel among us. Craig, Steven, and Shelly you will be in my thoughts and prayers tomorrow.

April Wilkins - February 04, 2014 at 02:57 PM

JC

“ I have known Craig and Karen for over 25 years; no matter where you saw them or Karen by herself you were greeted with a smile. The brightness she would bring with her was sun on a otherwise dark day. She touched everybody she met and left them feeling good.

*Karen you will be missed.....*

Jim Clark - February 04, 2014 at 11:40 AM



“ Steven McCuiston lit a candle in memory of Karen M. McCuiston



Steven McCuiston - February 04, 2014 at 01:18 AM

DC

“ Karen was a good cook and staff member at the high every day at breakfast and lunch she always had a smile on her face you will always be miss by all the students that knew you



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**Doug Chornuk** - February 04, 2014 at 12:02 AM

CK

“ Karen was a kind and loving person, that brought a smile to many of the students and staff at the High School. She loved life and was the proudest Wife and Mother. Karen's laugh was contagious, students and staff would walk by, and just look to see what the kitchen ladies were laughing at. Usually it was Karen telling us a story and cracking us up. Karen was so unique, She loved to sing. Her favorite song was, "Is There Life Out There" she put Reba McEntire to shame. Her skipping, her dancing, doing the splits in the middle commons. Karen was an amazing woman, she made coming to work fun. Karen is truly missed by all. I Love You Bestie.

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**Chris Koon** - February 03, 2014 at 09:44 PM

AS

“ All the Members and Staff purchased the Sweet T enderness for the family of Karen M. McCuiston.



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**All the Members and Staff** - February 03, 2014 at 03:09 PM

CN

“ Sorry for your loss, it's so sad to lose them so young.

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**Carol Noordam** - February 03, 2014 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ Karen,was the kindest & most loving kid I knew growing up,she had a great big smile & the sweetest giggle ever.I was so happy to reconnect with her she was truly an angel whom I will miss very much..



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**Teresa Conrad McGill** - February 03, 2014 at 08:34 AM

“Karen was my oldest and dearest friend, we met even before we were old enough to attend school. I felt that in her God had given me an additional sister. She was the most wonderful person I have ever known, always kind and loving. The world has lost an amazing person and heaven has gained a true angel.

### *God's Garden*

*God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place.  
And then He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be thine."*

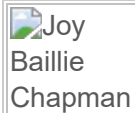
*It broke our hearts to lose you.  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

*{Author Unknown}*

*I love and miss you my dear friend. Til we meet again.*

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**Joy Baillie Chapman** - February 03, 2014 at 05:28 AM



“ *Joy Baillie Chapman lit a candle in memory of Karen M. McCuiston*



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**Joy Baillie Chapman** - February 03, 2014 at 05:14 AM

WE

“ *Karen was a sweet friend who I grew up with in Mullan. I graduated with her. She was always the sweetest person and full of encouragement. Her laugh was contagious.. I have lived reconnecting with Karen the past few years on Facebook. To see her beautiful family and loving friends has been such a blessing because she had such an obvious joyful, full, loving life. It is so clear too, that she was loved greatly. My heart is breaking for her family and loved ones. Know that my family is praying for all of you.*

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**wendy eberhardt** - February 02, 2014 at 01:32 AM

SM

“ *Sorry to hear Karen passed away. Had wondered what she was doing all these years. Have another friend who works at Moses Lake High School, wish I would have know she was there. Wishing your family well. Always enjoyed Karen in Grade school and High School. My condolences to your family. Susan Manthey*

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**Susan Manthey** - February 01, 2014 at 10:19 PM

 Justin  
Neilson

“ Aunt Karen was one of a kind, always went out of her way to check on how my health was doing. Always kept me in high spirits about my MS. She will truly be missed and I will still sit on facebook and wait for her to message me. Love you and miss you see you again some day. I know you will be waiting there with a smile on your face.  
Your loving nephew Justin

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**Justin Neilson** - February 01, 2014 at 03:36 PM

RP

“ My dear sweet sister I will miss you forever! I am so thankful god brought you into our family and allowed me to grow with you as my sister! You were an inspiration to me, a best friend, a mentor and always encouraging, supporting and pushing me to follow and achieve my dreams! Words can not express the impact this and your unconditional love had on me and my life. Chance made us sisters... But hearts made us friends! I will love you and think of you always, until we meet on the other side, my dear sister

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**Rebecca Philen** - February 01, 2014 at 02:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen M. McCuiston.



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January 31, 2014 at 11:14 AM

TT

“ I worked with Karen at the high school some years back. I truly enjoyed it. She could put a smile on everyone's face. I recall a ride home she gave me. Those off ramps an in ramps and her beliefs with them still put a smile on my face. Rest Karen an peace in the hearts of your family at this difficult time

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**teresa thorne** - January 29, 2014 at 06:31 PM

BN

*Karen has enriched the lives of many nieghbors and friends and those of us with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Karen's gift of her time, treasure and talent to our mission and the work of citizens in conservation makes a lasting impact for future generations. Our hearts go out to the McCuistion family. - Barry Nilson, Eastern Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.*

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**Barry Nilson** - February 01, 2014 at 02:12 PM

GG

*Light a candle. Glenda G.Koenig-Wagar*

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**Glenda G.Koenig-wagar** - February 04, 2014 at 01:26 PM