



## Karen Lee Olshefsky

June 27, 1960 - December 19, 2009

Olshefsky, Karen L. Age 49. December 19, 2009.

Loving mother of Lennen Kuhlmann-Chance. Dear daughter of Margaret Kuhlmann. Beloved sister of Kathleen Kuhlmann, Kim Libby and Craig Kuhlmann. Visitation Sunday 4-8 p.m. and Monday 1-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral Tuesday, in-state 10:00 a.m. until time of Service 11 a.m. at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207. Memorials to the church or donor's choice are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *A kindhearted person who was well regarded by her co-workers at Crain Communications.*

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**Anonymous** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *To Karen's family- I was blessed to have had Karen as a neighbor and friend. She was a rare gem that encompassed a rarity of beauty, grace, intellect, kindness and talent. Karen was true friend that I will never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

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**Maria Valtadoros** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *I regret that I did not see the post about Karen's passing sooner. I knew her in HS and considered myself fortunate that she was kind to me and even though we did not hang out together, you would never know it because she was not friendly to anyone. Please accept my condolences, late as they may be, and find comfort in knowing that she was a diamond of a person and will be missed by all whose lives she touched.*

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**Kimberley Cece** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *To the family of Karen Olshefsky: May God provide you with a measure of peace at this most difficult time -*

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**Brenda Brantley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“Karen was such a special person. We will miss her laughter, her smile and her zest for life. Her creativity, sense of humor and bright determined spirit will always inspire us. We feel lucky to have been a part of her life, even if in a small way, and offer her family and friends our encouragement and deepest condolences. Scott O'Berski, Brian Swanson, Shannon O'Berski & Tasha O'Berski

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**Scott O'Berski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“Dearest Margaret, Lennen, and Caro Clan- I am so sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. Words can not express my sorrow for you. Sending warm hugs and prayers your way. Love Becky

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**Rebecca Cox** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“Kim and family: I am saddened to hear about your sister's passing. Her memories will always be in your heart; although you will be sad you must remember that she is in a much better place now and is at peace. Whenever you look up at the stars, you will see her shining down on you. Take care - I will see you soon. Love and sympathy to you all!!

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**Theresa Timko** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“Lennen- My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May your Mom rest peacefully amongst the Angels.

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**Monica Nardecchia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ To Karen's entire family, my sincere sympathy in the loss of your daughter, sister, mother and wife. I knew Karen from grade school through high school and she was a remarkable person. We drifted apart but Karen always stayed in my heart as a wonderful, giving person. May she be at peace and may all of you find comfort with all of us that care.

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**Cari Chubka Patenaude** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Margaret, Lennen and extended family members. Sorry to hear about your loss just want you to know you're in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Diane Smith** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear Lennen and your entire family: I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mother Karen, I know all about you and have since the first day I met your Mother. You are her shining STAR. I work for RR Donnelley Sales and Crain Communications Inc. is my Customer. I had the privilege to work with your Mother. She was a wonderful person to work with. She was such a hard worker and would do anything to ensure that everything was shipped out correctly for Crain Communications. She fought her battle with Cancer so bravely but I know how sad you are to let her go. I am sure you are just as beautiful as your Mother. All of my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. God Bless You all Kelli Trainor.

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**Kelli Trainor** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I worked with Karen at Crain's and found a common bond through our love of knitting. I was amazed at what she could make without a written pattern. She was so creative. My deepest condolences to her family, Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

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**Maribeth Sala-Gietzen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ In Memory Of My Sister, For Lucas's first birthday, Karen offered a gift to her nephew that would outlast any toy he was sure to receive. With painstaking accuracy and no pattern to follow, she fashioned a long string of pennants that ran from one wall to the next. Each pennant was hand sewn, front and back, with a single bright letter standing out against each new dazzling background. She began and finished this large undertaking in her final months. There can be no doubt this was done with great expense to her comfort. What message could be so important? It simply read: HAPPY BIRTHDAY She had created an enduring piece too grand to discard with a message to great to ignore: a reminder of how we should cherish life and celebrate living. One of a kind, unique & priceless! A magnum opus. As we raise the banner to celebrate each birthday, a little sparkle from her brilliant light will shine. Thank you Karen, for all you have given!

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**Craig Kuhlmann and Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ I am deeply saddened that Karen has left the earth, but joyous she has flown to a higher plane and is at peace. Karen was a friend, an artistic mentor, an inspiration. She was so willing to share her talents and her experiences. Lennen, you were her life and her love. I will greatly miss her, but will think of her often as so many beautiful things remind me of her...

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**Judy Zawislak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Our family has enjoyed getting to know Karen over the years; spending Christmas together, time at our cottage, and in New York. She was a pleasure to be with, always happy and kind hearted. We loved seeing her art work and will cherish the pieces we have. We will think of her often and she will be missed greatly.

David, Jeannette, Brennen and Jenna O'Berski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the death of Karen Olshefsky. Aside from her wonderfully radiant and outgoing personality, the one thing striking about Karen was her intellect. Although now in God's hands, Karen will forever be in our thoughts.

Jay Ekelman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Although I knew Karen briefly while working at Crain Communications, I will always remember her kind heart and her very patient ways. She will be missed by all who knew her. Marie Kranson

Marie Kranson Crain - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Dear Margaret, Lennen, Kathleen, Kim, Craig and family, My sincere sympathy and loves goes to all of you in this time of sorrow. May you know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. You are all special people. Our heartfelt love goes each and everyone. Love, Nancy, Bruce & Marlene

Nancy Gilbert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Karen was one of the most talented and strong women that I have been fortunate enough to have crossed paths with and connected to. She was a dear friend who will be sorely missed. But the gifts she gave: the courage; the advice; the laughter; and the love will be with me always. I hope that the family finds comfort in knowing that she lived her life as the kind of daughter, sister, friend and mother that I aspire to become. And she will be with all of us always.

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**Marla Jansen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Karen was such a blessing and brought happiness to everyone that knew her. I am so thankful to have called her my friend and will cherish our memories. Her sense of humor and caring and thoughtful nature, the way she handled herself with such dignity and grace - all things that I have learned from and been inspired by. Lennen & family - I wish you peace and strength during this time. God Bless you all.

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**Lisa O'Brien** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dearest Margaret, lennen, Kim, Craig, Kathy, and extended family: Our hearts ache for all of you! May God bless all of you as we pray for continued strength and courage to face each day ahead. We send our love to all of you! Bud and Sue Keye

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**Sue Keye** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Margaret, Lennon, Kathy, Kim and Craig, My prayers are with all of you. Poor Karen went through so much and now she is at peace with the Lord. She stayed with all of you as long as she could and decided it was time to let go and I am sure she thought you would be Ok. Just remember she is always with you and if you listen very quietly I am sure you will be able to hear her talking to you. You have been a wonderful supporting family to Karen. God bless all of you. Beverly Altovilla

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**Beverly Altovilla** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Remembering Karen, thinking of you all, sharing your grief, and sending our sympathy and big hugs

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**Rita, Dan, Kurt and Tara Nicholas** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM