



Karen Ann Brown

October 8, 1952 - June 20, 2011

Karen Ann Hawkins Brown, 58, a 30 year Wenatchee resident and longtime Teacher, went home to her Lord and Savior on June 20, 2011 in Wenatchee. Karen was born on October 8, 1952 in Seattle, WA to Robert Burgess Hawkins and Ann Pickerel Fraser Hawkins. She graduated from the Interlake High School in Bellevue in 1970 and continued her education at Western Washington University, where she received her BA degree in Elementary Education in 1975. She completed her fifth year of education through various institutions in 1977.

Karen started teaching 1st Grade at the Touchet Elementary School in 1977 and taught through 1981. Upon moving to Wenatchee, she taught kindergarten from 1981 to 1983 at Calvary Bible School (Wenatchee Christian Academy). She later taught Pre-Kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Wenatchee from 1990 to March of 2011.

Karen met Bob Brown when they were both employed at the Touchet School District. Karen and Bob were married on July 27, 1980 in Bellevue, WA. They both continued to teach in Touchet until 1981, when they moved to Wenatchee.

Their son Jeremy was born on December 6, 1983 and daughter Karissa on February 12, 1986. Her children are her pride and joy. They give both Karen and Bob great pleasures in watching them grow personally and morally in their walks through life. Both parents are so proud of what their children have become in their chosen fields of education and ministry. Karen is sad to miss

the addition of another daughter as Jeremy marries Heather Nelson in July, but will watch from heaven as they begin their life together.

Karen was preceded to heaven by both maternal and paternal grandparents, her father, Robert, and Bob Webber.

She is survived by husband, Bob, Jeremy, Karissa, Heather, Her mother, Ann, sisters, Sheila (Jim) and Suzie (Carl), Carolyn Hawkins, aunts, uncles and numerous cousins and nephews.

A Commemoration service will be held at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church on Thursday, June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. In Lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to St. Paul's Lutheran School Early Childhood Department, to assist in her passion, the education of young minds. You are invited to leave a message for the family online by visiting www.HeritageMemorialChapel@msn.com.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Bob, I just read in the Touchet Educational Foundation newsletter of your loss of your wife. I'm so sorry for you and your family. You all are in my prayers.*

Marilyn Adams Hines

Marilyn Adams Hines - September 19, 2011 at 12:05 AM

PJ

“ *Bob, Jeremy, and Karissa . . . my thoughts and sympathies are with you. Karen was such a sweet person and a dear friend. She leaves a wonderful legacy as a mother, friend, and teacher. She will be missed. May your memories and God's comfort carry you through each coming day.*

Patty St. John - June 25, 2011 at 02:57 AM

KA

“ *Bob and Family -*

My son James was in Karen's pre K class in '09 - '10. He loved her and knew that she loved him so much. We went through some tough times that year. My wife passed away from cancer in September '09. Karen was wonderfully helpful and understanding. It was a comfort for me to know my son was being looked after by such a special person. Bless you all.

Kevin Allen - June 24, 2011 at 10:44 AM

SM

“ Bob and family, I didn't have the honor of knowing Karen, but our family was blessed as Karen taught two of my grandchildren, Sydney & Conner at St. Pauls. They both thought she hung the moon. Bob, I just want you to know that you and your kids have been in my thoughts these last few days and I have been praying for Karen since I heard the news of her cancer. My thoughts and prayers will continue for you and your family. God Bless, Selma

Selma Miller - June 23, 2011 at 02:15 AM

ML

“ Bob, Jeremy, Karissa~
What a joy Karen was to know. I had a wonderful conversation with her the last time she was in my office for her dental check-up. She was telling me all about what you guys were up to. Her face and eyes just lit up as she talked about how proud she was of her family she loved you guys so much. Our family is so blessed that my mom went to work for St. Pauls School and got to work with Karen and form a friendship with her and all of you! Rest in peace sweet angel.
Love you guys,
Megan (Walsh) Long

Megan Walsh Long - June 22, 2011 at 11:02 AM