



## Karen Pas

January 13, 1942 - December 29, 2015

Karen Maxine (Stientjes) Pas, age 73, of Milford, IA, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at Lakes Regional Healthcare Hospice in Spirit Lake. She was born on January 13, 1942, in Iowa Falls, IA, to Arnold and Maxine (Cressey) Stientjes.

Karen was united in marriage to John Pas on August 25, 1963, at Grace Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa.

After graduating from East High School in Sioux City, IA, she continued her education and graduated with her Bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of South Dakota in 1965. She worked as an elementary teacher in Le Mars, IA, for 2 years and then in Sioux City, IA, for 36 years. She enjoyed reading, swimming, watching the Hawkeyes and spending time with her grandkids.

Karen is survived by her husband, John Pas, of Milford, IA; son, Randy (Amy) Pas, and their two children, Tara and Samson, of Arnold's Park, IA; daughter, Teri (Chris) Pieters, and their two children, Jaci and Kiah, of Sioux Falls, SD; and two sisters, Carol (Darby) Moeller of Fort Collins, CO, and Kay Ramseyer of Normal, IL.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, April 9, 2016, at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. Burial will be at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First Lutheran Church or Lakes Regional Healthcare Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ I am saddened to stumble upon this today. I sat in on a speaker a few weeks ago for work, and he mentioned the power of a hand written note in todays world. He encouraged us to think of someone that had a significant impact in our life, and just send them a handwritten note. Even though it's not hand written, I'd still like to get this out there.

Mrs. Pas has come to mind multiple times throughout my life. I can say that I remember many of my teachers pretty well, but the elementary stand out, and Mrs. Pas especially. I LOVED Whittier. Mrs. Pas was my 5th grade teacher, and the last teacher we had before we walked the halls of Whittier for the last time. She had her hands absolutely FULL with our class. I remember the principal implemented this special ice cream incentive at the shop down the street just for our class - our boys were THAT ROWDY!!! Except me, I was an angel and Mrs. Pas would agree ;) Mrs. Pas seemed to take it in stride. She was so tolerant, happy, inviting, caring, compassionate - the positive words to describe her could take days to list out. This would have been about 1989 - time has flown by, but she still sits in my mind to this day. I'm sure her friends and family felt so blessed to be accompanied with such a good person. What a great gal, she will continue to be missed.

- Justin Orr

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**Justin Orr** - November 08, 2024 at 11:25 AM

SK

“ I was on Facebook and it had a thing for who your favorite teacher was. I immediately thought of Mrs. Pas. I had her for 5th grade at Whittier and all these years later as I turn 40 soon I think about the impact she had on me. I went through a rough year of bullying that year and she was one amazing and compassionate teacher who made my school days bearable when I wanted to do nothing but stay home and cry. I will never forget her and the impact she had on me. I was very saddened to see when I looked her up that she had passed. I am so very sorry for your loss and thank you so much for sharing her with all of us. God Bless.

Shelly (Landers) Keane

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Shelly Keane - October 04, 2016 at 10:00 PM

WH

“ My sympathy to you, John, and to your family. I just found out about her passing. May God bless your memories of her.

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Willis Hanson - April 08, 2016 at 03:07 PM

AT

“ Mrs. Pas was my 6th grade teacher at M. G. Clark School. I absolutely loved her and value that experience even today... and that was a long time ago! She was a wonderful teacher and made students so comfortable. She made a difference in a lot of people lives. May she rest in peace.

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Al Tramontina - April 08, 2016 at 12:41 PM

LH

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Karen. I worked with her at Whittier Elementary School in Sioux City Iowa. She was a classroom teacher at that time and I taught Art. She was a good educator and her students learned. The kids loved her. Peace be with you.

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**Lance Hankins** - April 05, 2016 at 06:43 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of you loss. Please accept our sympathy.

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**Jim and Joyce Stientjes Schulz** - January 21, 2016 at 08:33 PM

JW

“ John, Randy and Terri and the entire Pas family: Cindy and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you all upon hearing of Karen's passing...I know at this difficult time one of the comforts that we can have is the wonderful thoughts and memories of the impact that Karen had not only on her family but on her career family of all the kids she impacted over the years. It still resonates with me her deep involvement and support for our "Hayworth" team back in the day and those are fond memories to cherish. We are sending our prayers to you all and hope that her memory and love for you all will shine each and every day. With deepest sympathy; Jeff and Cindy Washinowski

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**Jeff and Cindy Washinowski** - January 07, 2016 at 07:54 AM

FM

“ John, Randy and Teri -- So sorry to hear about the passing of Karen - beloved wife and mother. She always had a wonderful smile and great laugh. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

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**Fran and Bill McGregor** - January 06, 2016 at 10:02 AM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of Karen's passing. She was my 5th grade teacher in 1985 at Whittier School in Sioux City. She was a favorite and an inspiration for sure. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. God Bless her.

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**Jennifer Lowell** - January 04, 2016 at 04:19 PM

SB

“ Mrs. Pas was part of the wonderful experience my brother, sister and I had at MG Clark in Sioux City. I remember her always smiling, and willing to help. I pray that you have many great memories that help comfort you in your loss.

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**Sue Boyle** - January 04, 2016 at 11:39 AM

CH

“ Very sorry to read of your loss, Pas family. May Karens' wonderful memories give you peace and comfort in the days to come.

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**Cleo & Roger Hansen** - January 03, 2016 at 09:14 PM

DR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss Randy and Amy and family. May God's Healing Grace be with each of you.

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**Dorothy Riekens** - January 03, 2016 at 02:24 PM

GK

“ Karen Pas

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**George & Lari Kooi** - January 02, 2016 at 06:56 PM

NJ

“ Karen Pas

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**Nancy Johnson** - January 01, 2016 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ Karen Pas

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**Jody Macedonio** - January 01, 2016 at 12:56 PM

WN

“ Uncle John, Randy and Teri,  
We are so sorry to hear about Aunt Karen. As we know, she is now  
in a place of eternal comfort and peace. Our hearts and prayers go  
out to you during this difficult time!  
Much love,  
Wendy, Mitch and Dani Nelson  
Xoxo

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**Wendy Nelson** - December 31, 2015 at 05:26 PM

BW

“ To Mrs. Pas' family Vern and I send our sincere condolences. I wish  
you peace in our Lord's promise of eternal life.

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**Bev and Vern Wittler** - December 30, 2015 at 11:48 AM

BW

“ Karen Pas

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**Bev and Vern Wittler** - December 30, 2015 at 11:45 AM

LT

“ Dear Teri and family,

So sorry to hear about your mom. Thinking of you and your family at  
this difficult time.

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**Lanette Thompson** - December 29, 2015 at 09:58 PM

DF

“ *Randy and family-so sorry for your loss.*  
*Dick and Sue Fischer*

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**Dick Fischer** - December 29, 2015 at 07:37 PM