



Kara Dionn Pudenz

March 2, 1974 - May 19, 2016

Kara Dionn Pudenz, age 42, of Burt, Iowa died Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Kossuth Regional Medical Center in Algona, Iowa.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Burt, Iowa. Burial will follow in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in rural Palmer, Iowa. Visitation will take place one hour prior the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Kara Dionn Pudenz was born March 2, 1974 in Storm Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Dale and Kathy (Juilfs) Pudenz.

In 1974, Kara was baptized at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina, Iowa. More recently, Kara enjoyed the Religious Nurture programs sponsored by the Burt Presbyterian Church and area volunteers.

Kara lived with her family on their farm in rural Ringsted from 1977 until May, 1984, when she became a resident of Shepherd's Cottage, Exceptional Opportunities in Burt, Iowa. This is an intermediate care facility for those with intellectual disabilities. She loved going home to visit her Mom in Ringsted almost every weekend.

Kara's most treasured belonging was her Bible. She also found great joy in music. Her favorite songs were "The Little Drummer Boy" and the "Lord's Prayer". Kara was also a fan of the tuba and trumpet; polka, jazz, and big band tunes always lifted her spirits. Drawing and watching others draw were amongst her most favorite pastimes. Puppetry was another of her favorite things to do. Her other hobbies included cooking and helping in the kitchen.

Kara has shown us that no diagnosis could limit her capacities of love for God, her family, and for others who were privileged to be a part of her life. She trusted with her whole heart and accepted whatever life dealt. Her strengths far outweighed any perceived weaknesses.

Those left to cherish her memory include her mother, Kathy Pudenz of Ringsted, Iowa; father, Dale Pudenz of Emmetsburg, Iowa; brother, Tim Pudenz of Emmetsburg, Iowa; aunts and uncles: Beverly and Tony Tiedeman of Fonda, Iowa; Kristi and Brian Larsen of Fonda, Iowa; Dave and Kim Juilfs of Fonda, Iowa; Denny and Shelly Juilfs of Fonda, Iowa; Dan Tastad of Fonda, Iowa; Dennis Brehm of West Des Moines, Iowa; Terry and Nancy Pudenz of Plymouth, Minnesota; many cousins; extended family and friends.

Kara is preceded in death by her grandparents: Chris and Helen Juilfs, Othmar and Frances Pudenz; and aunts: Elaine (Juilfs) Tastad and Mary Jean (Pudenz) Brehm.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Cemetery

Palmer, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

Presbyterian Church
Burt, IA

Memorial Service

MAY 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

Presbyterian Church
Burt, IA

Interment

MAY 24 (CT)

St. John Lutheran Cemetery
Palmer, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kara Dionn Pudenz*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 23, 2016 at 05:02 PM

SK

“ *Dear family, I remember Kara from many years ago while an AEA consultant at Ex. Op. My sincere condolences. Her life story was so well written so lovingly in the Daily News.*

Steve Kabe - May 29, 2016 at 07:30 PM

JM

“ *Thank you for the privilege to be a part of Kara's life. On behalf of everyone at Exceptional Opportunities we extend our deepest sympathy at the difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jean Menning - May 24, 2016 at 10:02 AM

DN

“ *Thinking of you at this difficult time. Dona Nielsen*

Dona Nielsen - May 23, 2016 at 03:20 PM

JS

“ Kathy, my sympathies to you and your family. I knew Kara for 13 years and enjoyed being a part of her life. I have many good memories. I recall the day my son, Nathan, sat with her and she showed him how her communication device worked. My thoughts are with you at this time.

Jean Stumme

Jeannie Stumme - May 22, 2016 at 10:17 PM

NM

Kathy and Dale,
we are so sorry to hear about Kara's passing. Although we haven't seen her in years; we thought of her often. She was such a delight to be around. She was always smiling and happy about everything. She really loved going to Fran's cabin in Starbuck, MN. Joseph and Erik were little guys at the time. Erik is 22 now (has Autism) and Joseph is 26 and going back to school. We will cherish the memories with Kara forever.

TR Pudenz and Nancy Maahs-Pudenz

Nancy Maahs-Pudenz - May 31, 2016 at 12:40 PM

PG

“ Our sympathy & prayers to you Kathy, Dale & family on the loss of your daughter & sister. She is now at peace.
Lary & Patty Gunville
Storm Lake, Iowa



PATTY GUNVILLE - May 22, 2016 at 08:05 PM

PW

“ Prayers for the family and friends as Kara goes home to be with the Lord. Praise God for the blessing of her life

Pastor Glenn Wilson - May 22, 2016 at 06:47 PM

DO

“ *Deb Oleson lit a candle in memory of Kara
Dionn Pudenz*



Deb Oleson - May 20, 2016 at 10:11 PM

CT

“ *Charlie Tuna lit a candle in memory of Kara
Dionn Pudenz*



Charlie Tuna - May 20, 2016 at 01:09 PM