



## REMEMBERING

# Kara Maureen McDonald

June 7, 1980 - August 22, 2018



### **Tribute from Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre**

Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

### **Tribute from Janet Edwards**

Relation: I was good friends with her mother and family

Such a loss of such a lovely girl. Our hearts go out to you, Ramona and the whole family.

### **Tribute from June Saito**

Relation: cousin to mother

I cannot honestly say Kara was a beautiful person; simply because I did not have the privilege of knowing her—but I am a mother of a daughter. Any daughter is a priceless treasure. If I were to lose that daughter—I have no words to tell you how sorry I am, Ramona. I wish I could just give you a big hug and cry with you.

Your Cousin,

### **Tribute from Jessica Parker**

Relation: Old friend

I went to Peak House with Kara. Her Vicky and I became fast friends. She was always so kind, fun and so easy to talk to. I remember her beautiful singing voice when she would sing Bobby McGee she sounded just like Janice Joplin! I'm so sorry for your loss Ramona, Kara's children and family.

### **Tribute from Kim Oshiro O'Neill**

Relation: Aunt

*\*Godspeed\** my beautiful niece.

I will always hold dear in my heart the memory of staying up late into the early morning hours with you, talking and drinking strawberry and blueberry tea. Both of us night owls.

Your Spirit, filled with intelligence, sensitivity, strength, creativity, kindness, humour and elegance will be your parting gift to remain in our hearts forever.

I keep remembering a time when you were about 4 yrs. old. You were looking up at the sky and asked me if I believed that Care Bears are really hidden in the clouds. I answered, "Yes."

Now you are surrounded in love by Care Bears of all shapes, colours and sizes.

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**Tribute from Tara Elaine Burnett**

Relation: Friend

Kara was my friendship soulmate, my dearest friend. We met when we were in our early teens, and as our friends from Cloverdale could attest to, it was rare to see one of us without the other. We even coined the word "Katataka", the first letters of our names combined, to express our bond. I wanted "Takakata" but Kara engraved "Katataka" on a keychain, solidifying the term forever. Kara's mom, Ramona, said we had "the fire" and that often meant that one of us would have to back down if we didn't see eye to eye, or there was probably going to be a small war. Usually it was me that gave in, because Kara's drive was intensely fierce. If she wanted something, she was going to get it. This was one of her greatest strengths. She was the friend I had that was willing to go to battle for me, and she fought tirelessly for the youth she helped when she was working as an addictions counsellor. People were fortunate to have her in their lives.

I lost contact with Kara for a few years in our early 20s. When we reconnected, we talked about how neither of us had been able to form strong bonds with our other girlfriends. One of Kara's counsellors had commented that Kara had "pigeon-holed" me as her best friend, and that she needed to let go of me. But this counsellor didn't know us. We had something special that not many people get to experience in this lifetime. We knew each other so well. A lot of the time when I was with her, I felt like I was hanging out with myself. Kara was my teacher, my closest confidante, and she truly loved me unconditionally. That's rare.

Kara had an amazing sense of style, and I will really miss shopping and sushi with her, raiding each other's closets, and getting dressed up to go out on the town.

During Kara's time on this earth, she was generous, kind, loving, driven, successful, compassionate, and good at everything she did. My grief is deep and my heart goes out to her family, whom I also love dearly.

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**Tribute from Val Shapiro**

Relation: Childhood friends

Kara was my first true girl friend. We were fast friends, the kind you meet are immediately at ease. We made that awkward transition from childhood into our teens together and we had many mischievous adventures at one another side. She was passionate, talented, and fiercely loyal. If she deemed you worthy she would be there for you at her own peril if that is what it took. Kara and I have not been in touch for awhile. None the less I am missing my friend. My thoughts are with her loving and devoted family.

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**Tribute from Brian Butler**

Relation: Her Mom's cousin

I am so sorry for everyone's loss. I only met Kara a couple of times. She was a beautiful young woman, whose life ended far too soon. I hope that memories of her will sustain you and in time, can only smile when thinking of her.

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**Tribute from Deana McDonald**

Relation: My~Friend My~Sister

Our deepest condolences to Kara's children & family She's was a loving kind beautiful lady that always thought of others. Never no judgement always willing to help She was very creative always making something from nothing I love you my~friend I will remember all our laughs all our talks & even maybe 1 cry Rest In Sweet Peace Until We Meet Again

All My Relation  
Deana~Marie

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**Tribute from Lori Falys**

Relation: Family friend

My heart breaks for your loss, may your family find comfort in the good memories. To be loved and to love is to feel the sun on both sides.

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**Tribute from Shannon Charles**

Relation: Friends from recovery

Kara what a beautiful soul so happy to be apart of your life and call you my friend i will never forget coming to see you and your family in Calgary may you truly find peace and know you where loved dearly and will be greatly missed hugs and prayers for your family you leave behind

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**Tribute from June Manchester**

Relation: God Mother

Words cannot express my deep condolences to the Oshiro, Bourne and McDonald families. My heart is breaking for all of you. My dearest Kara, may you rest in peace now. I love you.

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**Tribute from Laura Stapleton**

Relation: Her RN in the Emergency Department

I had the privilege of taking care of Kara those last few hours as her nurse in the ER. Even though was so sick I will always remember how thankful she was for the little I could do for her. She touched my heart and I was very sad to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers to all her family and friends!

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**Tribute from Violet Toop**

Relation: Friend of the Family

Deepest condolences to all of Kara's family. I know she will be greatly missed. I did not know her personally, but I am certain that all those who did, will carry a part of her in your hearts forever. And truly, so shall I. Sending love.

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