



Karen Lynn Haboush

December 27, 1961 - July 27, 2016

Dr. Karen Lynn Haboush, 54 of Somerset

Loving daughter and sister, caring professional.

The light of the world became a lot dimmer with the passing of Karen Lynn Haboush 54, of Somerset, NJ on July 27, 2016. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Karen was raised in Englewood Cliffs, NJ in the loving home of Wm. "Jack" and Nellis Haboush and sister Linda. Guided by a passion to help others, she graduated from Rutgers University with her doctorate in School Psychology. She was a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Psychology at Rutgers University. She was also the Director of the Rutgers School Psychology Internship Consortium as well as a worldwide presenter in school psychology and a published author. All the while maintaining a private psychology practice in Highland Park. She worked with children, adults and trauma based problems. Karen loved the beach, especially Cape May, NJ where her family had vacationed for generations. Everything she did reflected how she loved life. She lived life with passion. Karen loved baking, decorating, travelling, animals, art, music, photography and anything that enhanced beauty. Karen, along with her family, have been lifelong devoted parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Cape May. Funeral services for Karen will be celebrated Monday (Aug. 1st). There will be a viewing from 12:30pm to 1:20pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church, 525 Washington St., Cape May. Following, will be a Mass of Christian Burial at the church at 1:30pm. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Cape May. There will also be a memorial service in Central New Jersey with a time and place yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to Smile Train in her memory -- PO Box 96246, Washington, DC 20090-6246 or another charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

1056 Seashore Road
Cape May (Lower Township), NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM (ET)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
525 Washington Street
Cape May, NJ

Service

AUG 1. 1:30 PM (ET)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
525 Washington Street
Cape May, NJ

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Kathy Sievering lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn Haboush*



Kathy Sievering - May 17, 2018 at 07:31 PM

KA

“ *Karen has been on my mind this week. I am so sorry for her sudden loss. Peace and blessings on her soul. Prayers for eventual peace and comfort to her family and beloveds. Ameen. - Kalenah Witcher, PsyD*

Kalenah - September 23, 2016 at 07:23 PM

JE

“ *I was a patient of Karen's for the last 8 years. In fact we have a session scheduled for next week. She has saved me so many times now I can't count, and taught me so much about self-love, love for others, patience, empathy, and humor. She always reminded me to find ways to be silly when I was feeling down. She was there for me through many breakups, moves around the country, losing and starting jobs, graduating college, loss of loved ones, depression, chronic illness. She's been there for me through it all. I literally am the person I am today because of her. I am devastated that she is gone but so grateful to her for my life.*

jenny - August 08, 2016 at 04:58 PM

CC

“ *C Crystal lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn Haboush*



C Crystal - August 04, 2016 at 12:22 PM

CC

Open the door to Karen's office, or any room at GSAPP, and be enveloped in Karen's aura . . . the reflective gaze, the vibrant spirit, the mindful presence, the comforting soul, the open mind, the rhythmic voice, the peaceful posture, the dazzling jewelry, the beautiful person. Karen had a deep connection with friends, colleagues, students; she exuded a spiritual kinship with her artwork and the world of nature. All the while, Karen managed a dizzying amount of tasks, tending to each person's needs without missing a beat. I am tremendously grateful to Karen for her mentorship and guidance at GSAPP, and I am deeply saddened by this indescribable loss. Her memories and kindness live on in the lives of the many whom she touched.

C. Crystal

C Crystal - August 04, 2016 at 12:23 PM

JO

“ *When reflecting such a significant loss - it brings tears to my eyes.*

I only knew Karen from GSAPP, but from seeing her in action over a few years in a professional environment - I can only imagine the impact she had on those closest to her - her family and loved ones. As others have noted - Karen was a dedicated teacher infused with an infectious compassion and caring for others.



I can't imagine GSAPP without Karen...

Without... our cheerleader

Someone to teach us about self-care.

Our Advocate.

Someone who genuinely put herself in others' shoes to help them the best she could.

Someone who was always learning and striving to expose her students to new ideas and techniques to improve their work.

Someone who created a safe space for anyone fortunate to be under her care.

Her lessons and personal example as a role model will continue to inspire her students and those in turn helped by them for years to come.

May G-d comfort her family and loved ones and we should share only happy occasions.

Joshua Halle

Joshua - August 03, 2016 at 10:47 AM

“ Karen had supervised me on a psychological test battery when I was a student at GSAPP, somewhere in the early 2000s. She made herself available, was warm, supportive, kind and very compassionate to the client I had evaluated and to me as a student. Additionally, Karen taught me to always select the simpler, most empathic and supportive explanation, in the psychological report. After I graduated, I often saw and talked to her at GSAPP events and at professional conferences. She presented at one of the conferences I attended at Montclair State University, where I currently teach, about three years ago. And in March (?) 2016, I saw her again at MSU, attending a conference on Adoption. We hugged, smiled and chatted. I was struck by Karen's inner and outer beauty. Her smile and kind heart was unparalleled and will be very much missed. The world became emptier and sadder without her. May the memories of her very short life and her significant professional achievements, serve as a comfort to her partner, family, students, patients, and colleagues. May she rest in peace. Lucy S. Takagi, Psy.D., LLC

Lucy Takagi - August 02, 2016 at 05:00 PM

“ I wanted to share the speech I gave at the GSAPP gathering today:

It's weird that we are doing this without Karen because I can picture exactly how she'd be right now. She'd use her calm caring voice, look around the room with a genuinely concerned facial expression and ask us all how we were taking the news. My cohort knows I called her Care bear. It was mostly to be cute and funny but it was a very true and fitting nickname for her . One of the most caring people I've ever met and will probably ever meet.

She was truly and deeply excited about her students excitement. If you asked Karen to come to an event that was important to you she'd be there. She may have been late and carrying 50 things in her hand but she always came. And she'd then send you an email telling you how proud she was of you and how awesome you are.

We had Karen for class on Monday mornings - not the greatest time in the week. But she started off each class with a gratitude exercise. We each had to write what we were grateful for and a few of us would share. Sometimes her baked good would be passed around. Well Karen today we are all grateful for you.

I think the best thing we can do to carry on her legacy is to continue to be knowledgeable about and sensitive to the Muslim American population, which was Karen's passion. Especially in this tumultuous time where islamaphobia is growing, we should all try to be allies and advocates.

Her patients will no doubt miss her comforting aura. Her colleagues will miss her easy going attitude. Future GSAPP students will miss out on having her as a professor. I will miss having her as a friend.

-Rachel Wang

Rachel Wang - August 02, 2016 at 12:47 PM

AD

“ Karen...you are a wonderful person and am not ready to speak of you in the past tense. You cared for all of us as a supervisor...with your moments of reflection, compassion and sensitivity. You worked so hard...all of the time, and always for the benefit of us, your students. I'm sure that your soul is aware of all of us still here that miss you and are better people because of how you lived your life. My condolences to your family and I hope that these memories comfort you...knowing how much light Karen brought to this world. May you continue to be a blessing for us...



= Adam Gottlieb

Adam - August 01, 2016 at 09:17 PM

CR

“ Jack, Nellis, and Linda,
Thoughts and beach memories of Karen are with you all at this time...
Walt, Cyndi, Courtney, and Rory Rosenberg

Cynthia C Rosenberg - August 01, 2016 at 10:58 AM

EH

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Karen at an ISPA conference in Montreal several years ago and enjoyed a lovely evening out with friends and colleagues and was reacquainted just a couple weeks ago at another ISPA conference in Amsterdam. I went to a symposium on sexuality education where she presented and enjoyed learning from her. I am shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. Her presence in the ISPA community will be missed. I hope the fond memories will be comforting to all those who mourn.

Elana Hamovitch - August 01, 2016 at 08:37 AM

TS

“ I was fortunate to spend time with Karen in many different countries during ISPA conferences over the years, where she quickly became a friend. I am shocked and saddened by her passing. Her peaceful, kind, and gentle presence in this world is already missed. Sending comforting thoughts to Warren and the rest of Karen's family, friends, colleagues, and students.

Tracey Scherr - August 01, 2016 at 08:21 AM

JS

“ I was very saddened to hear of Karen's passing. I knew Karen well when we were in graduate school. We managed to stay in contact even after I moved to California 20+ yrs. ago. Karen was always devoted to her profession. She took pride in what she did and derived joy from helping people. Her dedication to her profession was only surpassed by her loyalty to friends and family. My heartfelt condolences to her family, to Warren and to her friends. Derive solace from what Karen gave to this world and all the people whose lives she touched for the better.

John Sarracino

John Sarracino - August 01, 2016 at 12:15 AM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Karen Lynn Haboush.



July 31, 2016 at 11:10 AM

MK

“ I didn't know Karen extremely well but our paths crossed in professional circles on several occasions. I remember one conference, it was out of town, and we spent several days exploring restaurants and haunts while recuperation from a day of talking heads. Her smile was infectious and she had such a zest for life. She will be missed.

Michael Keren - July 31, 2016 at 08:24 AM

LS

“ I am so so sorry for your loss! I have such nice memories spanning a handful of decades-----I remember Karen as a young lady growing up and also as an adult. What's left to say.
Sincerely...with love and prayers to all of you...
Linda (library).

linda smith - July 30, 2016 at 07:12 AM

CR

*Karen was a very elegant lady with a great sense of humor, she was greatly loved and respected, she is dearly missed,
Sincerely, The Rogers Family*

Christine Ryan - August 01, 2016 at 11:02 AM

“ Karen was a wonderful person and her loss will be felt keenly by this world. She was a mentor to me, someone I turned to for professional and personal guidance. When I was going through a difficult time, she sent me the following Rumi poem, which she told me she always turned to for comfort and warmth when things got rough. I extend nothing by sympathy and heart for her family and those that loved her.

THE GUEST HOUSE

*This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.*

*A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.*

*Welcome and entertain them all.
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.*

*He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.*

*The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.*

*Be grateful for what comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.*

Hala Alyan - July 29, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ Nicole Barakat lit a candle in memory of Karen Lynn Haboush



Nicole Barakat - July 29, 2016 at 11:38 AM



As so many have noted, Karen was an immensely kind person, whose presence felt gentle, yet strong. She was a teacher and mentor to me, and gave me the opportunity to collaborate with her on my first research article. I will always treasure the little bowl she gave me filled with her delicious brownies as a thank you gift. Karen understood the importance of celebrating our accomplishments, and doing it with baked goods! She had a way of listening so intently that I felt I could cry just because someone so caring was taking the time to truly hear me. I am so saddened by her untimely death. The world has lost a special person, and GSAPP has lost a cornerstone of our community, who touched so many students on our way through the program. My condolences to Karen's family, colleagues and many students for her loss.

Nicole Barakat - July 29, 2016 at 11:47 AM

LR

“ 1 file added to the album Karen



Linda Reddy - July 29, 2016 at 09:53 AM

LR

It is with a heavy heart I write this message to Karen's family, colleagues and close friends. I have known Karen as a colleague for 9 years at Rutgers University. Her office was next to mine. We shared many conversations about our work, weekend and trip adventures and cooking/baking (she was a great baker!). She was so thoughtful, kind and compassionate to others. I have been touched by many of her acts of kindness and have recently shared this with her. She was completely devoted to GSAPP, the faculty, staff and students. Karen was very dedicated to student professional development and wellness. She was instrumental in creating many outstanding clinical training experiences for our students. One of her legacies will be her students' clinical accomplishments with children, families and schools worldwide. While this is a time to mourn, it is also a time to remember and celebrate Karen and her many accomplishments to the field of professional psychology. I am truly sorry for the loss of this wonderful person. - Linda Reddy

Linda Reddy - August 01, 2016 at 08:51 PM

ER

“ *I've known Karen professionally for about 15 years. Kind, caring, warm and exceptionally bright she was someone I knew I could count on for support. We have lost one of our best. I will miss her terribly. Wishing her family and dearest friends my deepest love at this time...and forever more. May her memory be a blessing.*

Elissa Rozov



Elissa Rozov - July 29, 2016 at 09:00 AM

MW

“ *Though i only knew her for a short time...Who she was and how she made me feel just speaking to her, it was like she was an old friend i knew for 30 years. Without knowing much about her, it was her smile and warmth which provided everything i really needed to know. Life is so incredible, and made more special meeting people like Karen. I will always remember your smile, and especially how happy you were when watching Warren blowing his sax :) RIP Karen from our earthly perspective, but your beautiful spirit is alive and kicking for the eternity.*

Mike Weiner - July 29, 2016 at 08:17 AM

WC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Warren Churgin - July 28, 2016 at 11:01 PM

MH

“ *Karen was a gentle, strong and beautiful spirit. I am honored to call her my friend and colleague. A light just went out in the world but will remain bright in my heart. I feel deep gratitude to have known her and to have had her in my life. To her family, I offer my heart felt sadness for your loss. Your loss is also our loss. She was loved. Nameste. Marsha Heiman*

Marsha Heiman - July 28, 2016 at 10:57 PM

WC

“ 3 files added to the album Karen



Warren Churgin - July 28, 2016 at 10:09 PM

PH

“ *Paul and I are so sorry to hear the tragic news of Karen's passing. We send our deepest condolences and much love. Patricia and Paul Hennigan*



Patricia Hennigan - July 28, 2016 at 07:36 PM

SH

I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. Haboush. She was a very special person. I was acquainted with her for many years and thought of her as a friend. I wish to extend my sympathy to all her family and friends.

Shelley - July 30, 2016 at 10:55 AM

KA

Dr. Haboush's passing has left a hole in my heart. I was shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. Although we had a professional relationship, I came to see her as a friend. She listened to me as I worked through my issues with a kind smile and knowing eyes. I will always remember her compassion and the fact that she truly wanted me to be happy. She may be gone from this earthy world but her spirit will live on forever in every life that she has touched. I am truly blessed to have basked in the rays of her sunshine. May her family, friends, colleagues and patients receive comfort from the wonderful memories that she leaves behind.

KAI - July 30, 2016 at 01:22 PM

SK

There are no words to express the loss of Karen. She was such an amazing human being who will always be in the hearts and minds of everyone she touched. I am heartbroken to know we have lost such a beautiful person both inside and out who was taken away from us way too soon. Her spirit will be with all of us forever. Such a genuine person always looking to help others and never asking for anything in return. Karen has left a huge whole in so many of our hearts. So it hurts to even think of saying goodbye....instead I'll say I'll see you in another life. Where the angels are. Sending love to the whole family. Thank you for blessing us with such beauty and kindness!!!

Sylvia Krieger - August 02, 2016 at 01:44 PM

RK

My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Haboush. It saddens me greatly that such a wonderful, caring therapist has lost her life at such a young age. She'll be greatly missed. May she rest in peace. Rosemarie Kimmell

Rosemarie A Kimmell - August 05, 2016 at 11:15 AM

PA

Karen was my very 1st therapist like 30 years ago. She was sweet gentle & soft toned. i was very shocked to hear of her passing. Does anyone know what she passed from?

Patricia - October 22, 2017 at 11:31 PM