



Karen Ann Kilborn Hay

July 7, 1944 - October 28, 2013

Karen Ann Kilborn Hay passed away on October 28, 2013 at Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury, NC.

Karen was born July 7, 1944 in Watertown, NY, daughter of Kenneth and Mable Loucks Kilborn, who preceded her in death. She grew up in Lowville, NY and Scottsdale Arizona. She attended Arizona State University, worked for Sentry Insurance Company as a claims manager and human resource manager, and retired from Sprint in Phoenix, Arizona after 13 years as a call center manager. Karen was an avid horsewoman who raised and showed horses most of her life. In Arizona she volunteered with "Horses Help!" an organization providing equine therapy for special needs children. She was an equine massage therapist and an equine drug tester. She competed in the NC State Fair Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving show with her pony and volunteered with the Pony Club in Salisbury. Karen was a member of Therapy Dogs International with her dog, Peggy Grace. For the past several years they were Hospice volunteers, visiting nursing homes throughout the city. Karen was a vestry member of St. Paul Episcopal Church in Salisbury and a charter member of Daughters of the King at St. Paul's. She was active in the Chestnut Hill Historic Association.

Karen is survived by cousins Bill Frank, Ron Frank and Tim Frank of California, Barb (Anthony) Fiaschetti of Salisbury, Mary (George) Kushner of

Virginia, Kip Martin of New Hampshire and their families; friend, Tina Knudsen of Arizona; friends Tracy, Jody and Kara Crotts, Rev. Rick and Judith Williams, Linda Sufficoal, and many other friends in Salisbury and in Arizona. Karen was particularly grateful to the St. Paul's Daughters of the King, who cared for her lovingly throughout her illness.

Service: Noon Friday (Nov 1) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, conducted by Fr. Richard A. Williams, Vicar and Rev. Jane Holmes, Deacon. A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Daughters of the King, Ruth Chapter, 930 S. Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 the Humane Society of Rowan County, PO Box 295, Salisbury, NC 28145 or to the American Cancer Society, Rowan County c/o Frances Morris, 1103 Burkesway Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Hay family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I don't remember the exact occasion, but we were talking with someone and the subject of 'family' came up. They assumed we were 'family' because we were together, and I instantly replied that you were "just as good as family." You became the Salisbury Grandmother to Kara over the course of dinner together nearly Friday night, bottles of wine shared, 2 trips to the Outer Banks, viruses and boo-boos, knee replacements, dog events, birthday celebrations, and many other special and ordinary times. You were there to share in our celebrations when she learned to crawl, walk, and even swim. The thread of your life became woven into ours to create a bond will continue forever. You touched our souls.

Jody Crotts - October 31, 2013 at 10:02 PM

JN

“ Karen,

You and your lovely spirit will be missed by all at St. Paul's where I originally met you. We are thankful fo have known you even though it was for a relatively short time. Your work with pet therapy and companion animals will be continued even though you are no longer with us.



May God bless you and your family who are surely terribly heartbroken with your passing. Please rest in peace knowing your beloved Peggy Grace will be well taken care of by Father Rick and his wife Judith.

I hope Maxwell and PumpkinSeed were there to meet you at the bridge.

~ Judy A. Newman

Judy Newman - October 30, 2013 at 11:06 AM