



Karen Eide Rawling

December 21, 1941 - July 30, 2018

Karen Eide Rawling, 76, of Salisbury, passed away Monday, July 30, 2018 at her residence. Karen brought the world many gifts: a fierce curiosity, a wicked sense of humor, an incredible intellect and a soft, open heart.

Born on winter solstice in 1941, Karen spent time in Ohio and Kentucky before moving to Salisbury at the age of eight. She excelled in school and eventually earned her PhD in (Outer Mongolian Studies!) from Chapel Hill in 1972. She taught at Carnegie Mellon, Catawba College and Livingston College and traveled the world, learning six languages and working for the state department as a linguistic and cultural interpreter before returning to Salisbury to be with her beloved parents.

An avid animal lover, Karen rescued countless alley cats and always generously gave to the Humane Society. She loved nothing more than rooting on her Tarheels in every game of round ball she could watch or hear on the radio.

She will be hugely missed. Please join us for fountain Cheerwine at her favorite spot - College Barbecue - on Sunday, (August 5) at 2 pm.

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

Tribute Wall



Daniel
Ford

“ Karen was a delightful, brilliant person. I met her through her brother John during our teenage, Luther League years. My deepest sympathies to the Rawling Family. Pastor Tom Ford, Altadena, CA

Daniel Ford - August 06, 2018 at 11:16 AM



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“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Karen! She loved her flowers and gardens and I was able to assist her with that for many years until she was unable to keep them going. She was also always very interested in knowing how our children were doing in their lives including just recently trying to help provide advice and information on our son's upcoming move to L.A. She will be missed and as fellow animal lovers, we will gladly give a donation to the Humane Society. Many thoughts and blessings to her family and friends.

Roger and Sandy Greene

Sandra Greene - August 06, 2018 at 08:25 AM



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“ Rest well, Karen. Condolances to your family & your cats. We will miss her. Walter, if you ever need... you know how to reach me.

Tony V Meece - August 05, 2018 at 12:00 PM