



Karla Rae Topinka

May 3, 2014

Karla Rae Topinka, age 50 Richmond November 22, 1963 – April 30, 2014
Funeral Services will be 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Apollo High School, 1000 N 44th Ave. St. Cloud, MN for Karla Rae Topinka, age 50, who died Wednesday at her home. Burial will be in the Cemetery in Richmond, MN. Relatives and friends may gather from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Apollo High school for the visitation on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Karla Rae Topinka was born in Detroit Lakes, MN to Keith and Ellora (Sperry) Kleven. She married Ronald Lee Topinka on August 6, 1988 in Hutchinson Country Club in Hutchinson. Karla graduated from Dassel – Cokato High School in 1982. She earned her B.S. degree in Home Economics (FACS) from Mankato State University in 1986. She began her career at Browns Valley High School. She taught there until 1987 when she moved to teach at Hector – Buffalo Lake High School. For the past 13 years she has been an educator for the St. Cloud School District at both Tech and Apollo High Schools. When she wasn't working outdoors perfecting her gardens and lake home, she was traveling around the U.S. with her family hitting all 50 states. People will remember her generosity, always remembering everyone's birthday and anniverseries. Often sharing the fruits of her labor. Karla had a deep trust in the Lord. Which was evident to all who knew her because her kind heart and soft spirit. Survivors include her husband, Ronald Lee Topinka; children, Taylor (21), Tristin (18), Tanisha (15); parents, Keith and Ellora Kleven; siblings, Kristal (Elmer) Job, Karmin (Sterling) Schraw, Kari (Kelly) Bergh; in-laws, Harvey (Nancy)

Topinka, Louis (Marilyn) Topinka, Debbie (Randy) Swonger, Ruthie Topinka, Duane Topinka, Diane Topinka She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Philip and Alvina Kleven, Harold Sperry, Anetta (Sperry) Wegter; sister-in-law Elaine Topinka.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karla Rae Topinka*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss at this time. Words are never enough. May God and Jesus help you at this time. We are so thankful that they are our strength, and when we can't handle any more that is our lot in life, then they carry us. For all your family and the dear children that she had and loved, always look up.*

Cindy - May 07, 2014 at 04:58 PM



“ *my thoughts and prayers go out to Karlas family I went to school with her and her sister krystal and her parents we're my teachers...I always thought about what an awesome family they were and in everything i've been reading I am understandinh that she was a very great person to her family and friends may the good Lord guide you through this very difficult time in your lives*

Michelle kaczmarek - May 03, 2014 at 11:21 PM



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Michelle kaczmarek - May 03, 2014 at 11:09 PM

RS

“ My sincere sympathies to Mrs. Topinka's family. I was a student of hers back in the early 90's in Buffalo-Lake/Hector and I had her for several classes over the years. My recipe box still contains many of her favorites that I make for my family that have now become our favorites! Every time I get out one of those cards, Mrs. Topinka crosses my mind. I give her credit for my cooking skills today, right after my Mom. In a time when she could not openly share her faith in a public school setting, she allowed her morals and values to shine through and helped influence my outlook in many ways. I still remember many of her funny stories that taught a "life lesson"! May she rest at peace in the Lord's protective embrace and leave the best kind of memories behind for us to remember her by. She was an excellent teacher and I am blessed to have known her!

Rachel (Fenske) Selchow - May 03, 2014 at 07:22 PM

SD

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time. You don't know me but I was one of Karla's students when she taught at Buffalo Lake-Hector.

Shannon Duehn - May 03, 2014 at 01:06 PM

KK

“ I am so sorry for your loss, she was a great teacher. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Kim Karl - May 03, 2014 at 10:01 AM

WJ

“ Special thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. Please know that loving thoughts embrace you.

Wanda Johnson - May 02, 2014 at 11:09 PM

DG

“ Our sympathies to Karla's family. I'm thankful for the privilege of meeting Karla and her family. She was a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Darrell & Julia Gulbrandson - May 02, 2014 at 06:21 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy to Karla's family. I hope and trust that the Lord's comfort and strength can keep you through this difficult experience. Steve

Steve Sorenson - May 02, 2014 at 03:04 PM



“ My sincere sympathy goes out to your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Joanne

May 02, 2014 at 01:04 PM

KA

“ Our hearts go out to you and all the family, Ron and the children. We have never met you, but feel we know you. My sister Roxane & Doug Henderson live not far from you and where Karla's folks go to meeting. Also Ruthie and Duane are on our staff here in TX. Ruthie has been in our field this year and now we miss her since she has gone to WI. We feel your pain, although not as deeply as you do, but do know our Father is a God of all comfort.

Kennan & Becky Adams - May 02, 2014 at 11:26 AM

SP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Karla was a kind woman. She will be missed.

Sarah Pasela - May 02, 2014 at 10:56 AM

GH

“ Our thoughts go with you all there. Thinking of you all in a special way. May you feel His Comfort.

Gilbert & Patricia Haines - May 02, 2014 at 10:21 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Karla was such a sweet, kind person. She will be greatly missed!

Barbie Schoenleben - May 02, 2014 at 09:01 AM



“ I strongly believe the Lord only takes the great followers at a young age, one of them is Karla. May the strong belief that Karla had in the Lord, give you and your family the strength to move on. As you know she was a good person and she will watch over all of you daily. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.
Linda

May 02, 2014 at 08:56 AM

TT

“ I am very sorry and saddened by your loss. I miss hanging out in the foods room with Karla waiting for some food. Know you are in our prayers.

Todd Theisen - May 02, 2014 at 08:50 AM

AS

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy and our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Andrea and Craig Swanberg - May 02, 2014 at 08:46 AM

LS

“ Dear Ron and family, I have been following along with Karla's journey these last couple of years. Now please accept my sincere sympathy. I know these are difficult days for you and I hope the Lord can give you the consolation that brings peace to your hearts. Love to each, Lyle

Lyle Schober - May 01, 2014 at 11:18 PM

MP

“ Our deepest sympathy to Karla's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a wonderful cousin.

Marlene and Jr. Papendorf - May 01, 2014 at 04:40 PM

SA

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Karla. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Shirley & Duane Ashbeck - May 01, 2014 at 04:05 PM

FE

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to you at this difficult time, wonderful memories of Karla will ever remain. A wonderful niece, So loving & caring...
Aunt Elaine & Uncle Fred

Fred & Elaine - May 01, 2014 at 03:59 PM