



## Karen Lynn Muir

December 25, 1954 - August 26, 2022

Karen, age 67, arrived as a Christmas present to her parents and completed her earthly journey on August 26th, 2022.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, December 25th, 1954, to Palmer B and Esther Stickney. She was preceded in death by both her parents and brother, Philip Stickney.

She would say her greatest contribution to the world were her children: Justin, Ian (Susanna), Ross (Brittany) and Shaina (Michael). In addition to her children, she is survived by her husband John of nearly 47 years, brothers Blaine (Judy) Stickney and Alan (Ellen) Stickney and grandchildren, John Michael, Matthew, Everett, James and Mackenzie.

Karen spent her elementary years attending University School (OSU) prior to graduating from Upper Arlington High School. She completed several degree programs at The Ohio State University culminating with a doctorate in Anthropology.

Karen began her teaching career as a secondary school teacher in social studies but much of her life was devoted as a Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Columbus State Community College, both main and Delaware campuses, for over 32 years before retiring in May, 2022. A portion of those years were spent as Chair of the Dept of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Her interests included traveling, mystery novels and soccer. She coached several of her children's teams for the Dublin Soccer League and enjoyed

watching and attending Columbus Crew games. Working with and riding horses was a lifelong passion of hers and owned several throughout. She volunteered over twenty years as co-director of the Dublin Charity Cup Soccer Tournament benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.

Guests will be welcomed from 1 PM to 3 PM Friday September 9, 2022 at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell OH, 43065. At 3 PM there will be sharing of memories and celebration of the love and joy that Karen brought into our lives.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a contribution to your favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Lynn Muir*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - September 09, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *Karen Lynn Muir*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Your friends at Cantina Hospitality purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Karen Lynn Muir.*



Your friends at Cantina Hospitality - September 08, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lynn Muir.*



September 08, 2022 at 03:32 PM



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September 07, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Karen was a remarkable woman. I knew her for many years at CSCC and she almost always agreed with me on controversial issues which shows how wonderful she was. To the family, I am sorry for your loss but if it helps, she was a wonderful person and the world is better because she was part of us.*

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**Brenda Chaney** - September 06, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *I met Karen when we were both chairs. She was so intelligent and fun. I liked that she was not afraid to say her opinion. I remember that she was the key note speaker at a teaching event on campus. I had never heard her speak and wow was she dynamic. I sent her an email telling her this before I left the room. I see why she was popular with students. Sending prayers for her family.*

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**Connie Grossman** - September 06, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Karen was an exceptional person with a heart of gold. Her passion and enthusiasm brightened every day that I had the privilege of working with her. A wealth of knowledge and a contagious smile. My prayers are with her family during this difficult time.*

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**Wendy** - September 06, 2022 at 03:07 PM

FS

“ So sorry to hear about Karen, truly a nice person!

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**Fauna Stout** - September 06, 2022 at 11:14 AM

JA

“ Karen cared deeply about others and, in particular, her students. In my interactions with her, she always led by asking about my family and me. As an academic, the challenges of the pandemic brought out the best in Karen as she became even more flexible, compassionate, empathetic, and kind. Her thoughtful responses to the needs of students were so admirable. Her loss will be felt throughout the department and the College.

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**Jeff Akers** - September 06, 2022 at 08:39 AM

MK

“ Karen was one of my first instructors at CSCC for Global Diversity back in 1990. She was an awesome teacher that will always be remembered. She then became a colleague. I would refer students to try to request her as an instructor. She will be missed! My condolences to her family and friends.

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**Michelle Kohar** - September 06, 2022 at 08:20 AM

KR

“ Karen was a colleague and friend. I have no doubt that she changed for the better every life she touched.

*My condolences to Karen's family and friends. She will be missed!*

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**Kristine** - September 02, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ I send my heartfelt condolences to John, their children and grandchildren, to Alan and Blaine and the rest of the family. What a deep loss. I've loved Karen since we were babies - we both had three beloved older brothers and they were close friends with each other. Many of my best memories of childhood were with Karen - laughing, playing, taking piano and riding lessons together, and especially creating adventures with Karen's keen imagination. In older elementary school years we would bicker as we played, so we jokingly called each other our "very best enemies". I always loved Karen's feisty spirit, generous heart, contagious curiosity, fierce loyalty, brilliant mind and her ability to communicate delight. What a bright light.

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**Eileen Nemzer** - September 02, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Karen Lynn Muir.



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September 01, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ Karen was an extraordinary person and professor. I worked with her for several years at Delaware Campus where she was a favorite among students, faculty and staff. I often had students come in to my office and ask if they could take another class with professor Muir because she made things so interesting. She went the extra mile for students. To her family, please accept my condolences and know that she will be greatly missed and she was respected, loved and deeply valued by the Columbus State community.

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**Ellen Neutzling** - August 31, 2022 at 05:22 PM

MC

“ Please accept my condolences on Karen's passing. She was a colleague in the CSCC Social Sciences department. I enjoyed her humor and her dedication to the students. I'm so sad that she didn't get more time to enjoy her retirement. She will be greatly missed

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**Martha E. Crone** - August 31, 2022 at 04:30 PM

BZ

“ I was lucky enough to meet Karen through our daughters love of horses. We enjoyed many trips to watch our daughters compete and watched their friendship grow. We had many laughs. I enjoyed our evenings at Senor Antonio's long after our daughters went off to college. I loved her wit and intelligence and most of all her example of a caring human being and an incredible mother. You could see the special bond she had with her family. I will miss her. My thoughts go out to the family.

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**Brenda Zimmer** - August 30, 2022 at 01:35 PM

EN

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**Eileen Nemzer** - September 02, 2022 at 09:29 AM

SH

“Karen was a mentor and a true friend of mine. I met her as I became part of the SBS at CSCC back in the early 1990s. Our small collection of professors worked well together in the era of sharing offices and enjoyed each others' company in Aquinas Hall. I always valued Karen's opinion, insight and concern for students. She always spoke of her children and I remember the days Shaina would be in the office. Our trip to Mexico brings back fond memories; the morning breakfasts together; visiting cultural sites; establishing courses; and becoming a more tight knit faculty group and friends. We would talk soccer events and family every day we were in the office together. I taught at Delaware before the pandemic and was able to stop in once in a while to Karen;s office and catch up on things. I truly will miss her and my condolences to John and and her entire family. Scott

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**Scott Hunt** - August 30, 2022 at 09:12 AM