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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Karyn Ann Rosner. Born in Brooklyn, raised in Long Island, and lived in various cities across Canada and the United States before finding her dream home in Boynton Beach, Florida. A devoted mother to Gayle (Gary) and Jason (Stephen) from her first marriage, Grandmother/Bubbie to Ella Grace, Zachary Louis, and Jacob Brody. She also leaves behind her husband, Peter Setliff, and his family (Greg, Julie, Alex & Vivian). Karyn had a full career as a teacher of the Deaf, was a cofounder of the Toronto International Deaf Film and Arts Festival which she was very proud of. She also went on to lead many other Deaf organizations and was very involved with both, the Deaf community and the Jewish Deaf community. She enjoyed many different hobbies including book club, Mah Jong, scrapbooking, volunteering, traveling, genealogy, and socializing with her friends, who were quite dear to her. Most recently, Karyn was awarded the prestigious Alumni Emeriti Club award celebrating the 50th anniversary of her graduation from Gallaudet University. She spent decades engaged in civic duties within various Deaf organizations and held many leadership positions and was a lifelong advocate for the rights of the Deaf community. She loved to sit in the lanai (“lania”) reading her books and watching the sunset. She will be remembered for her smile, love of hugs, her strength, her love for chocolate, her dogs and her zest for life. Karyn was a strong advocate for Deaf dogs and she had her own Deaf dog (Simba) whom she loved very much. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Deaf Dogs Rock, a non-profit organization that supports Deaf dogs through their website at:

<https://deafdogsrock.com/support-deaf-dogs-rock>



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Lowrie Barry posted:

One fond memory of how I met Karyn was at the first Deaf Way in 1989 in Washington D.C. I was standing in a lineup and Karyn was in front of me. We were wearing our name tags and she turned around and saw my name Lowrie Barry. She said do you know David Barry? I said he is my husband. She got so excited and said they were from the same class of 1974 at Gallaudet so that is how I met Karyn for the first time. Then she and her family stayed with us when they were looking for their new home in Mississauga, Ontario Karyn and I worked at E. C. Drury School for the Deaf, Milton for many years. RIP Karyn ☹️☹️Lowrie and David Barry

March 25 at 1:00 AM



Peter Skarp posted:

Dear Karyn's family and Jason, I am sorry about your loss. We did email and meet each other in the past. She was a nice and easy to talk with! She was great at genealogical research. We always discussed about it. I'll miss her. Hugs, Peter

March 23 at 4:23 PM



Julie Elaine Roy posted:

To Karyn's family, I knew Karyn from our years at Gallaudet University. We were roommates for two years and Delta Epsilon's sister. She was very active girl involving in volunteering. Reading the obituary it mentioned all. I am not surprised. My sympathies to you all. Julie Elaine Roy Class '73 Montreal Canada Email: toutdoux52@hotmail.com

March 21 at 6:27 PM



Katie Lang sent a virtual gift in honor of Karyn.

Sorry loss your family she so sweet teacher I always heart never forget Karyn Goldstein I always miss you I will be remembering memories best ever teacher to students Kaitlin Lang ☹️☹️



March 21 at 11:13 AM



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Rachel Paterson posted:

She was my team teacher in 2003 at ECD teaching grade 6 together. We had some good times and I remembered her love for dogs and her strength in coming to work every day. I loved her outfits for she had a good sense of fashion. I was hoping to reconnect now that I'm retired. She is missed!

March 20 at 6:48 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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