



Karen D. Fuller

October 10, 1942 - July 4, 2019

Karen Dixon Fuller, age 76, passed away peacefully at her home overlooking Trippe Creek in Easton, MD, on July 4, 2019, from an advanced stage of dementia. She was born to Ballard Fulton Dixon and Margaret Barghausen Dixon in Washington, DC.

She was married in 1985 to Craig Fuller, having met when both worked at the White House.

Karen loved people, making and keeping friends throughout her life. Her last vacation was a road trip to see her friend of over 70 years in Florida which she made with Craig at the start of this year. Prior to that, she traveled to California's wine country to celebrate the significant birthday of a close friend with his friends and family. Trained as a teacher, she taught briefly before turning to a life of public service from Capitol Hill to the White House, serving on President Reagan's staff through all eight years of his presidency.

Karen was active in the community having served as a board member in Washington, D.C. at the Museum of Women and the Arts, the Prevent Cancer Foundation, and the Smithsonian Women's Committee.

Her husband, Craig, says that if there is one theme from the hundreds of messages that are flowing in, it's an expression of appreciation for the

friendship and the help Karen constantly provided to people throughout her life.

Having resided in McLean, VA, since 1989, Karen and Craig moved to Easton, MD, in 2016 where they had just begun to enjoy their fourth summer on beautiful Trippe Creek with their beloved Weimaraner, Maggie.

Karen is survived by her husband, Craig Fuller; stepsisters, Kiki Wheelock and Lisa Ellington; and step-brothers Scott Dixon, Duncan Dixon and Craig Dixon, all of whom reside in the San Antonio, TX, area.

The Memorial Service for Karen will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, at Christ Church, 111 S. Harrison St., Easton, Maryland 21601, with a reception that follows at the nearby home of Peter Gallagher and Caroline Boutté.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, Maryland 21601 (<https://talbothospice.org>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM.

Christ Church
111 Harrison St.
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Karen D. Fuller

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Karen D. Fuller

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Karen D. Fuller

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I am so sorry I am just learning of Karen's death. My mother Charlotte Wineland was best friends with Karen's mother Margaret growing up - going through school together. Charlotte was Karen's godmother. Charlotte died at 101 years of age in 2020.

Karen was such a beautiful person both on the inside and out. We went to Anacostia High School at the same time. Karen and I and our mothers would get together over the years - 76 of them. I know she will be missed by many many friends and family.

Linda Wineland Byrne

Linda Byrne - May 11, 2021 at 01:59 PM

EK

“ I knew Karen through the Women's Board of the American Heart Association. She was serving as our Chairman (her leadership remains the gold standard) when she tapped me as one of the co-chairs for our large, annual fundraising event, *The Affair of the Heart luncheon and fashion show (2009)*. Through this experience, we got to be good friends. Karen was one of the smartest and most thoughtful people I've had the honor to know and work with (this seems to be a recurring theme). My deepest sympathies go out to Craig and her family.

Ellen Chapline Kay - July 23, 2019 at 10:49 AM

PM

“ Karen and I were original staff members for Congressman Bill Steiger of Wisconsin in 1967--so very long ago. She was a beautiful person, smiling, positive, never knew a problem she couldn't solve or a situation she couldn't resolve. If you met Karen, you felt as if you had known her for years. After she left the Steiger staff, we didn't see each other often, but when we did we would pick up as if we had just spoken the day before. She and Craig were at my husband and my wedding in 1984--35 years ago--and we have fond memories of that time. A few years ago, when we were planning a get together of the Steiger, I called Karen. I was so looking forward to seeing her at the reunion which she had always attended in the past. That's when Karen told me she was having serious memory loss and wouldn't be able to join us. Her death is such a loss. I feel blessed to have known her. I miss her smiling face and happy voice.
Trish McNeil, Seattle, WA

Patricia McNeil - July 21, 2019 at 06:12 PM

VC

“ I worked with Karen on the Women's Board of the American Heart Association of Washington D. C. for the past 25 years and enjoyed her friendship very much. I have missed her at the meetings these last few years and send her family my deepest sympathy.

Vicki Crawford
(Mrs. Irvin L. Crawford II)

Victoria Weller Crawford - July 16, 2019 at 11:22 PM

BH

“ I had the privilege to work with Karen and sharing many conversations about our families and lives during the years. We grew closer together as the years went by, in my opinion, and we learned each other's dreams and fears. When she and Craig married my wife and I couldn't have been happier, sometimes life shifts. God bless.

Biff Henley - July 08, 2019 at 09:38 PM

ND

“ I loved sitting next to Karen at our monthly National Museum of Women in the Arts meetings. She was always positive kind and thoughtful . A true real person that will be missed by all that knew her .

Nancy Duber - July 06, 2019 at 11:13 PM