



Dr. Karen Ann Maguire

August 31, 1968 - July 27, 2018

Celebrating Karen Maguire's Life

Dr. Karen Maguire passed away on July 27, 2018. She was successful in her profession, loved by her family, she possessed many skills, and she shared many fun and funny times with us throughout her life.

Professionally

Professionally she earned a B.S.B.A at American University in International Business and Marketing. She earned her MSF from Boston College. She worked as an accountant and Comptroller for over 10 years and then heard a calling to teach at the college level. She earned and her Ph.D. in Accounting from University of Alabama and accepted a position at Coastal Carolina University teaching Accounting, Fraud, and Auditing.

Karen loved teaching her students! She secured real life Non-Profit organizations as clients and designed projects for the students to complete analysis for the Non-Profit Management team and then the students would present the results to the representatives of the Non-Profit Management Team. These real-life projects were excellent experience for the students. Several students shared with Karen that experience of doing these projects directly helped them get a job! In 2013-2014 Karen received from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education the award as Professor of the Year for Service Learning in a 4-year college.

Karen always told her Fraud students that "To detect Fraud you need to know

how to commit Fraud”. Karen would create challenging fun projects for her graduate Fraud and Auditing classes. For example, in the Spring of 2018 her graduate students had to embezzle \$100,000 within 30 days of starting work at the South Carolina Angelic Ministry (SCAM). There were 5 teams and they competed against for the best schemes to commit the fraud AND the best business process controls to detect the fraud.

Family

Karen is survived by her mother, father, her brother Rick, and close cousin Linda Kezar who is just like a sister, and her close friend David Tipping who is just like a brother. Karen dearly loved all her nieces, and her nephews – Emily, Brett, Ryan, Regan, and Gracey. She loved to spoil all of them by taking them to Build-A Bear and let them pick out an animal and 2 or 3 outfits! When Emily and Brett would come to Myrtle Beach to visit in the summer, Karen created a “treasure hunt” for them with little games and gifts in each closet in her house. Karen was a very giving person. For a few years she was able to give 10 bicycles to Salvation Army Christmas Angel children. The Salvation Army then stopped accepting bicycles for the Angels. In 2017 she sent her parents on a 10-day cruise to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Enjoyed

Karen enjoyed so many things in her life – College football, particularly University of Alabama; Perrier mineral water, Pro football, particularly the NE Patriots; Evian mineral water, NCAA College Basketball tournament; Disney movies – her favorite was 101 Dalmatians; Karen loved cartoon characters – particularly Scooby-Doo and Tigger. Karen loved cats, dogs, and almost any other type of animal – except snakes. She collected original cartoon art cells that were hand drawn and signed. She also developed a collection of designer watches by bidding on them in auctions.

There were some things Karen did not enjoy! Number 1 on the list was cooking. She claims she could burn water. Her favorite cooking recipe was “Cut Cover to Vent”. She hated cooking so much that she had a standing agreement with her parents that she would eat at their house whenever she

wanted, and whenever we ate out, Karen would “Cook” = Pay the bill!

Skills

Karen had so many skills. She would often smile and say her “Super Power” was researching. The RSD in her foot brought pain 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She was a legendary night owl and when she could not sleep because of the pain she would research different topics for a paper she was writing. She also researched details for a murder mystery she wrote. She recently submitted the 370-page manuscript to a publisher that specialized in new authors. She thought hard about what pseudonym should she use. She settled on the name of her 2 cats “Reilly Donovan”. Maybe Reilly Donovan’s book will be published some day

Funny Times

There were so many funny times we had with her. She always liked to quote movie lines and giggle about them. From Animal House she would quote “You didn’t throw up in front of Dean Wormer. You threw up ON Dean Wormer”. From Mr. Mom she loved the quote “220 or 221 whatever it takes”. When Karen found out her cousin Linda’s four children had never seen the movie “Animal House” she informed Linda that she had deprived her children of the greatest movie of all time. Karen sent the kids the “Animal House” DVD from Amazon and 2 large boxes of assorted candy to have while they watched it. Linda saw the shipping label from Amazon and demanded to know from her kids “Who used My Amazon account to order this stuff?” Karen laughed for days!

We Were Blessed to Have Her

We were all blessed to have this sweet, bright, talented, funny, loving woman in our lives for just a month short of 50 years. But what a wonderful awesome time we had during good times and bad.

Everyone should be so lucky as we were! We all - her mother Cheryl, her

father Bob, her brother Rick and his family, her cousin Linda Kezar, and her great friend David Tipping will all miss her forever!

Funeral Arrangements

A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday at 11:00 AM at The Catholic Church of St. James with Father Timothy M. Lijewski officiating.

The family will receive friend Monday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home.

Goldfinch Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements

Cemetery Details

St. James Catholic Church Columbarium

1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **30**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch - Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29528-0439

Funeral Mass

JUL **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Catholic Church of St. James
1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

PL

“ I was shocked to hear today that my great friend Karen had passed away. I was a faculty colleague of hers in accounting at CCU for eight years before I moved away two years ago. Karen was one of my favorite people at CCU. I loved her great sense of humor, her infectious laugh, and her great warmth. I shall miss her always!!

Philip Little

Philip Little - August 03, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ Karen will always be with me. I will never forget her wonderful laughter. This is such a great loss, not only for her family, friends and neighbors but for her colleagues and students. Her presence was so contagious that if she wasn't with us, we always wanted to know where she was. Karen is loved!

Carol Wallace
Friend and Neighbor

Carol Lutz-Wallace - August 01, 2018 at 11:37 AM

BK

“ Dr. Maguire was so caring, passionate, and funny. I had her for 3 classes for Auditing and Fraud. I always felt so welcome in her class and was delightfully entertained. I am glad that I attended the service today, met her wonderful family, and I loved the stories that were shared. I will miss her terribly but I will never forget her contagious laughter. Thank you for letting her touch and transform our lives.

Becki Kochan

Becki Kochan - July 31, 2018 at 06:06 PM

KS

“ I just learned this shocking news of Dr. Maguire's passing and am sad that I will be missing her visitation. Dr. Maguire was a professor of mine at CCU and a mentor after graduation. She was so good at her job and the students loved her. I am so thankful for her leadership and guidance. I will be praying for her family and her family at CCU. She will be missed by many.

Keri Squires - July 31, 2018 at 09:35 AM

SL

“ May Karen's spirit of fun, generosity, and love live eternally in the memories of her family and friends. Our deepest condolences to the Maguire family.--The Lukens Family

Stephanie Lukens - July 31, 2018 at 07:39 AM

CS

“ I am so shocked to hear of Dr. Maguire's passing. As one of her students, I didn't know her personally, so I had no idea that the boot on her foot was a chronic condition. She was always in a great mood and she was such a fun teacher. I have lots of fond memories of her. She mentioned her nieces and nephews often and she was always making us laugh. CCU lost a gem. Condolences to her family & friends.

Charlotte Siniscalchi - July 30, 2018 at 03:25 PM

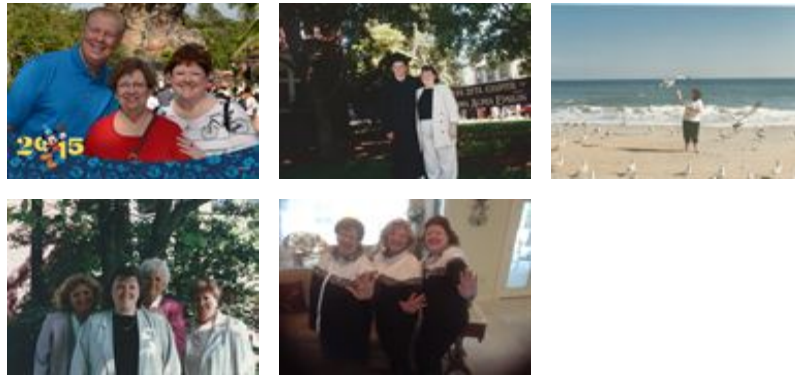


Well said Charlotte and I echo your sentiment. Huge loss for CCU and the world as a whole.

Ryne Kochan - July 30, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ 31 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - July 30, 2018 at 10:22 AM

DS

“ *Dr. Mark Schecker and Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Karen Ann Maguire.*



Dr. Mark Schecker and Staff - July 30, 2018 at 10:16 AM

SW

“ *We here at Brittain Resorts and Hotels are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of this accomplished young lady. We wish her family the best in this very difficult time.*

Sheri Walton - July 30, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Karen Ann Maguire.



July 30, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ I met Karen, Bob & Cheryl when visiting from England to see Maggie Jim Becca & Alex. What a lovely, witty, intelligent, warm hearted lady , she was wonderful company, as are her Mum & Dad. I was so sorry to hear of Karen's untimely passing and am a richer person for having met her . I believe Karen had a superpower of leaving a little of herself with all she met , she certainly did with me . Much love & sincere condolences to all Karen's family & friends , I am thinking of you all xxx

Laura Channer - July 29, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ I have no words adequate enough to express my shock and sadness at Karen's sudden passing. So many of my memories of my childhood in Nashua included Karen, she was a good friend! My thoughts are with her family and friends during this difficult time.
Love, Jennifer Tolleson

Jennifer Tolleson - July 29, 2018 at 07:06 PM