



## Karen (aka Kaarina) Evelyn Poole

October 4, 2023

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Karen Evelyn (aka - Kaarina) Poole in Toronto on Wednesday October 4th , 2023. Kaarina was born May 2nd, 1959, one of six siblings.

Kaarina graduated from the University of Toronto with an honors degree in Fine Arts. She was deeply passionate about the arts and during travels in Europe, had been able to visit many famous galleries. One of her most cherished memories was being a member of a UofT art collective group and having the opportunity to travel to Italy and spend time on art studies in the Tuscany region.

Kaarina loved the ballet, theatre, opera, books and travel. She also loved her home team Toronto Blue Jays! Together, with her sister Dawn, she watched the Jays play in all MLB ball parks. She also enjoyed going to spring training in Dunedin Florida where she enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship of like minded Blue Jays fans.

Kaarina became publisher and worked alongside her father as a volunteer of "The Convoy", a trade magazine for Canadian Merchant Mariners. She helped organize and told the stories of these war time veterans. Even though they had the largest causality rate of any of the forces, they were not considered as part of the Canadian Military. Kaarina believed in righting injustice and helped these veterans win their fight and finally be recognized as an arm of the Canadian Forces and receive the benefits they so richly deserved.

Kaarina went on to work as an office manager for an IT consulting company.

She absolutely loved the consultants that she worked with over the years. Family was important to Kaarina. She had an extremely close relationship with her sister Dawn who accompanied her on her travels and together, they shared in a mutual nurturing relationship with nephews Oscar and Henry.

Kaarina was very close to her nieces and nephews and loved family holiday dinners, especially Christmas.

Kaarina leaves behind her beloved mother, Greta Poole ( Douglas Poole Sr – deceased), her sisters Dawn Kirschke (Gerald Kirschke-deceased) and Linda Poole. Brothers, Derek Poole ( Jennette) Glenn Poole, Doug Poole ( Jackie), and nieces and nephews, Henry , Oscar (Mackenzie), Emily, Nathan, Dan (Laura), Sarah and great niece Isla.

She also leaves behind many many friends , some as far back as public school. These friendships provided Kaarina with great laughter, support and joy over the years.

Kaarina was a very spiritual and calming presence to all who knew her as well as extremely generous. She supported a foster child in South America for many years as well as donating regularly to several food banks, homeless shelters, arts organizations and the Red Cross.

Cancer may have claimed her life but she claimed her soul and kept it true. There will be a celebration of life for Kaarina in the spring of 2024 and invites will be forwarded at that time.

If you would like to donate on Kaarinas behalf, her charities are listed above. She believed one hundred percent that we all need to help each other especially in tough times.

We would like to also thank the staff at Bridgepoint Hospital for the care they gave to our Kaarina.

# Tribute Wall

IA

“ Dearest Dawn, there are simply no words to express how truly sorry we are to hear of Kaarina’s passing She was truly a beautiful woman with a platinum heart.. Her love for her family and friends was displayed every day .. Her smile lit up every room she walked into.. Heaven has truly gained another angel.. On behalf of our family , we wish to express our deepest condolences to you and your entire family .. May the memories live forever in your hearts ..  
❤️❤️ love, Tony and Irene Accardi and Family

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**Irene Accardi** - October 23, 2023 at 10:36 AM

RF

“ I have fond memories of Kaarina growing up on Fallingbrook back in the 1970's.

*"Do not cry because they are past! Smile, because they once were!"  
- German poet Ludwig Jacobowski*

*My condolences to the Poole family.*

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**Rick Fennimore** - October 14, 2023 at 06:23 PM

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**Marianne Stante** - October 14, 2023 at 10:54 AM

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“ So much fun back in our waitressing days. Forever grateful for her friendship!



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**Marianne Stante** - October 14, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to Dawn, Greta & the entire Poole family. I met Kaarina through work and I can't imagine where I'd be without her constant enthusiasm, help with my resume submissions & support over the years. What a special person and I am very grateful to have known her.

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**Jenny Reynolds** - October 13, 2023 at 04:29 PM

SM

“ You are missed Kaarina!

*I have such fond memories of our trip to New York City with Dawn and dear friend, Andrea. Kaarina took me to the art galleries and gave me a personalized tour with explanations and history. I felt blessed to have shared some of her vast knowledge of art and art history.*

*For the past few years Kaarina (and Dawn) has been part of our book club...The No Pressure Book Club :) I think all of our book club would agree that although we all shared our thoughts about the books we read we looked forward to what Kaarina had to say the most. She saw beneath the surface and had depth and insight which we all appreciated.*

*I always felt Kaarina's energy to be so calming. She was soothing to be around.*

*Kaarina was so easy to talk to and had a great sense of humour.*

*My heart goes out to Greta, Dawn and the rest of the Poole family*



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**Shirley Mains** - October 13, 2023 at 01:52 PM

JM

*My deepest condolences to Kaarina's Mother Greta. sisters Dawn and Linda, and brothers. My sympathy to nephews Oscar and Henry. I am so pleased that Kaarina shared her love of art and photos with my Husband Howard also an artist. He was very impressed with Kaarina's beautiful artwork.  
To know Kaarina was to love her!*

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**jJean Mann** - October 18, 2023 at 12:49 AM

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firouzeh - October 21, 2023 at 01:01 AM

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“ I will miss our dear Kaarina so much. I treasure our memories and all the laughs we shared. It was Kaarina that introduced me to traveling the world and encouraged me to take the leap from waitressing to teaching all those years ago. I have so many great memories! I'm honoured and blessed to have had her as my friend. I will forever miss you, Kaarina.  
My heart goes out to Greta, Dawn, Linda and the entire family.

Marianne Stante - October 13, 2023 at 11:14 AM

AM

“ I am still struggling with the thought of the world without our Kaarina. I imagine I will for the rest of my life.

Going to a country bar in Prince George, walking in Central Park, hours of discussion about Middle Earth, the dance performances at Harbourfront, one particularly crazy new years at Barber's Lake, years of waitressing together, so much laughter, so many talks; these memories and so many, many others will have to suffice for now.

Grief truly is the price we pay for love.

Until we meet again my dear, dear friend.

Andrea Muzzi - October 12, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JF

“ *Kaarina was the older wiser sister I always wanted. As part of our book club, she was intensely interested in your opinions and always provided unique insights of her own. Did I mention a hilarious sense of humor? My Taurus sister will be truly missed by all. Sending my condolences to the Poole family.*

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**Janet File** - October 12, 2023 at 05:10 PM

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**natasha vekris** - October 11, 2023 at 03:54 PM

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“ *Ode to Kaarina for a life well lived. A gentle soul, lover of fine things in life, music, arts and people. Fortunate to have known her. A big void to those who loved her dearly. My sincere condolences to Dawn and extended family.*

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**Natasha Vekris** - October 11, 2023 at 03:22 PM

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“ *I have wonderful memories of Kaarina from when she lived with us! She was always compassionate, caring and made you feel like you mattered. She used to help me with my art when I was in public school and always encouraged me (even though my talent was lacking)! Although I did not get a chance to see her for several years, she will always have a place in my mind and heart. Rest in peace lovely lady. ❤️*

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**Matt Muzzi** - October 11, 2023 at 11:31 AM

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“ Oh Kaarina, how I am going to miss ss you. 55 years of friendship. We may not have seen each other a lot, but when we did, it was like we had just seen each other yesterday. Our trips to Niagara, our Jesus Christ Superstar plays and our reinactments of said play, are going to forever live on in my heart and mind.

*Love you my friend and rest peacefully.*

*Laura*

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**Laura Louth** - October 11, 2023 at 11:06 AM