



## Karen Rae Duncan

December 12, 1963 - February 6, 2020

Karen Rae Duncan, was born December 12, 1963 in Pueblo Colorado, to Rachel and Cecil Duncan. She passed away at her home in Pueblo, Colo., on February 6, 2020. Survived by her sisters and brothers; Sharleen J. (Roger Sr.) Lamaak, Ron (Teri) Vukelich, Rodney C. Duncan, and Melissa L. Cruz; Her pride and joy, special niece and nephews, Kylie Raeleen, Jacob B. and Jordan B. Cruz; Remaining nephews and niece; Roger L. Lamaak, Jr., Jeremy Vukelich, Chanda (Nate) Ward; great nephews and nieces, Hunter L. Lamaak, Trent and Laine Vujcich, Trace Ward, Dylan, Kiersten, Kaitlyn and Arianna Vukelich; numerous cousins and friends. Karen loved everything about nature. From sunsets to sunrises, rainbows and butterflies, fields of daisies and sunflowers, a vase of ivy, the morning dew and birds in flight. A shooting star and the frosted windowpane on a crisp winters' eve. She was the one who stopped to smell the roses. Karen truly enjoyed and appreciated Gods gifts and blessings. Her entertainment was filled with music and dancing. Her favorite musician was Prince. She loved to dance and she definitely danced to the beat of her own drum. She was a graduate of Pueblo South High class of 1982. During her high school years, she was an exemplary gymnast and a member of student council. She loved fishing, camping, hiking, swimming, water and snow skiing. Her book collection expressed the passion she had with reading. Karen loved all facets of learning. Above all the many attributes she acquired, Karen was most proud of being an educator. Her early

childhood dream was to become a teacher. After graduation from what is now Colorado State University-Pueblo in 1992, with a double major in education and mass communications and a minor in biology, she fulfilled that dream and began teaching elementary school students in Pueblo's district 60. Karen excelled in all that she challenged in life. Defeat was never in her vocabulary. Karens' words of wisdom; You are the greatest! You can do anything you choose! Quote: "I always did the best I could to make myself proud of my choices and behavior". At her request, cremation has taken place. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1145 S. Aspen Rd. Inurnment to follow at Roselawn Cemetery and a reception at St Joseph Hall following inurnment. Online condolences can be offered at [www.roselawnpueblo.org](http://www.roselawnpueblo.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Rosealwn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Previous Events

## Mass of the Resurrection

FEB 14. 9:45 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Church  
1145 Aspen  
Pueblo, CO

# Tribute Wall

HL

“ It’s been over a year since our dear Karen passed away. I just couldn’t bring myself to write anything here back then, because it was way too painful! So please forgive how long it has taken me to pay my respects and give my most sincere condolences! I met Karen at a domestic violence support group, and we became long distance best friends! We talked on the phone for hours at a time, and texted back and forth. Karen had the most infectious and sweetest laughter that made you feel like everything was so beautiful in this world! She was so supportive, encouraging, and knew how to challenge you in the best of ways! We talked about getting together again, but sadly it never panned out. I felt like Karen was the big sister I never had! Her heart was so full of life (even though she battled some depression). We got really distant because of things she was dealing with (I know she never wanted to hurt anyone with whatever she was going through), so I stopped hearing from her. I still don’t know what all happened in the end for my dear friend that I sadly didn’t get to know long enough, and I got the grave news from one of our mutual friends. I only wish I could have been there more for her! Karen and I called each other “sister friend”, and we really were that! I miss my Karen more than anything!!! I’ll never forget you!!!

Hannah Lasetter - July 17, 2021 at 03:36 AM



“ My condolences go out to the family of karen I just found out she had passed I knew karen since grade school and we were friends ever since. Im deeply sorrowedto hear of her passing...may you R.I.P. my friend and God bless!..



Deborah Belcher - November 18, 2020 at 08:01 AM

PL

“ It was a shock to learn of Karen's passing. My prayers and condolences go out to Karen and her family. She was a very special person and will be missed.

Pete Luna - February 20, 2020 at 02:57 PM

MC

Thank you! 🙏

Melissa Cruz - March 02, 2020 at 03:32 AM



“ I am at a loss at the news of Karen's passing. My condolences to the entire family. Karen was always kind and special to anyone who knew her. May she RIP in angels arms.

Mary Case - February 17, 2020 at 06:32 PM

MC

Thank you Mary!! ❤️

Melissa Cruz - March 02, 2020 at 03:33 AM

MT

“ I had Karen as a student at South High. She was an excellent student with a beautiful smile, and very intelligent. She made the classroom so pleasant and fun! I'm offering my condolences to all her family and sis Missy.💕🙏

MaryLouise G.C. (Span teacher) - February 14, 2020 at 10:58 AM

MC

Thank you!! ❤️

Melissa Cruz - March 02, 2020 at 03:33 AM

LV

“ I have many memories of laughter with Karen. Karen would make me laugh on some of the worst days in my life. Karen’s laugh is something I won’t ever forget. Rest In Peace

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**Lisa V** - February 14, 2020 at 03:03 AM

KA

“ I met Karen when she began her first teaching job at the same school at which I taught. She was an excellent teacher who loved her students and always treated them with kindness and understanding. They loved her. The world will miss that pretty, smiling face. Rest in peace my friend. It was a joy to know you.  
Kathy Allen

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**Kathy Allen** - February 13, 2020 at 08:50 PM

PJ

“ Our condolences to you and your family on the passing of Karen. May our prayers ease you through this challenging time.

*The Jenkins family*

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**Pamela Jenkins** - February 13, 2020 at 05:01 PM

MC

Thank you! ❤️

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**Melissa Cruz** - March 02, 2020 at 03:35 AM

MH

“ I knew Karen as a great gymnast at South High School, I always enjoyed watching her, she was one of the best! we became friends later in life, i will cherish our friendship for ever, may you rest in peace my dear friend! Melissa, my deepest, deepest condolences to you and your family .....

Love, Marina Herrera

Marina Herrera - February 13, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MC

Thank you!! ❤️

Melissa Cruz - March 02, 2020 at 03:36 AM

ND

“ God Bless you sweet Missy. Your sis would LOVE this tribute I didn't know her very well But we will miss her. God is AWESOME little one and your sis is in His arms..

We Love you !! God Bless all of you

Nita Dasher - February 12, 2020 at 11:49 PM



MC

Thank you! ❤️

Melissa Cruz - March 02, 2020 at 03:36 AM

PL

“ My condolences of the loss of Karen. She was so full of life and such a cheerful and happy Person. A person you wanted to be with. She is now enjoying life with her Lord and loved ones. Peggy Lamaak

Peggy Lamaak - February 12, 2020 at 10:03 PM

RG

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Karen was a beautiful soul. May she rest in peace.

Ronda Gasperetti - February 12, 2020 at 03:45 PM

RL

“ Sharing in your sadness as you remember your dear Karen. We are so sorry for your loss. Ronald, Veronica, Lloyd, and Scarlett Lamaak. God bless her, shes in HIS hands now.

Ronald B Lamaak - February 12, 2020 at 03:21 PM

AM

“ Ms. Duncan was my fourth grade teacher and I was part of her first class as a teacher. She encouraged my love for reading that I still enjoy today. Condolences to her family and friends during this time of grief.

Andrea maes - February 12, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Rae Duncan.



February 12, 2020 at 11:02 AM

LP

“ I want to express my deepest condolences. Karen was a wonderful lady. God be with her family  
Lisa Poll-Peterson

Lisa Poll-Peterson - February 11, 2020 at 07:35 PM

JW

“ I remember meeting Karen in Grand Junction in 1982 at her cousin Kathy Massaro's house, like it was yesterday. Even though I was only around her for a few hours that day, she made quite the impression on me. So much so, that when she walked through the doors of the Cowboy Church here in Pueblo, more than 25 years later, I remembered her as if I had just seen her the day before. It was a kick to teach her to country dance when she started coming to the lessons at the church and even more fun to be out with her around town when we would all go out dancing and attending other events around town. I'm shocked and saddened at this news and wish my heart felt condolences to all of her family.

*Jim Williams*

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**Jim Williams** - February 11, 2020 at 07:22 PM