



Karen White Combs

January 17, 1955 - August 12, 2009

Karen Combs of Philomath was with her family at home on Wednesday when she went to be with the Lord.

She was born in Salem, where her loving mother taught her the written Word of God from the Bible. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of 6.

Her earnest desire was to live a godly life, and she said, "I know the Bible is true and Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He forgives me, and that is why I know I am going to Heaven." Diagnosed with cancer in January, Karen shared, "God gives me peace, and I am not afraid to die."

Karen graduated from Roseburg High School, Umpqua Community College and George Fox University, attaining a bachelor of science degree in education and a bachelor of arts degree. She also attended postgraduate courses at Oregon State University.

She home-schooled her two sons, taught elementary school, and was instrumental in starting Love INC of Benton County. She went on mission trips to Honduras and Russia, and numerous times to Mexico, helping with an orphanage there, Casa de los Niños. Karen's passions included sharing the Gospel, working with children, and working in her flower garden around her home.

A beloved member of Faith Christian Fellowship in Corvallis, Karen is survived by her husband, Marc, of 31 years; sons Luke and Josh; mother Joyce DeWater; stepfather Bob DeWater; siblings Lynda Wilson and her husband,

C.C., Tami Good, James, Mildred and Genevieve White; numerous nieces and nephews; and many loving friends.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Faith Christian Fellowship designated for Casa de los Niños.

A memorial service is planned for 3 p.m. Aug. 22 at Corvallis Seventh-day Adventist Church/Faith Christian Fellowship, 3160 S.W. Western Blvd.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ To Joyce, Lynda and Tami, and Karen's husband and sons,
So sorry to hear that you have lost Karen. I remember her cheerful
smile and sweet spirit. How good that she knew that "To be absent
from the Body is to be present with the Lord." May you be truly
comforted in the pain of her absence. Pam Andrews

Pamela Smart Andrews - August 20, 2009 at 01:02 AM

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“ I send my condolences to Karen's family for her loss. I did not know
her as well as I would have liked. When I think of the times I met her
I always remember a big happy smile. She will be missed.
Boyd

Boyd Smart - August 17, 2009 at 09:33 PM

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“ Marc, Luke & Joshua - You are very much in our prayers. Karen
was a such wonderful person whose life truly reflected her beliefs.
She had so much love for everyone... and she was so very, very
proud of her guys!! I will always remember her laugh... and the
twinkle in her eye. She's no longer here physically, but she's still
watching over you. In loving sympathy, Cathy & Chuck Minyard

Cathy (Smart) Minyard - August 17, 2009 at 08:49 PM