



Karen Chapman

April 29, 2011

In New Haven, April 29, 2011, Karen Shea Chapman, 54, of Hamden. Beloved mother of Joshua and Jason Chapman. Daughter of Mary Minck Shea of Hamden and the late Frank Shea Sr. Sister of Robert (Carol) Shea of Orlando, FL, Frank (Denise) Shea Jr. of Hamden, Sue (Chris) Patrell of Cheshire and the late Cathy Colasanto. Sister in law of Ed Colasanto of Hamden. Aunt of Jessica, Jackie and Catherine Patrell, Jamie and Marcy Colasanto, Amanda, Kevin, Kristen and Heather Shea and Alexandra Shea. Born May 2, 1956 in Danbury, she was a graduate of Hamden High School, class of 1974 and later graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelors degree in nursing. She had been employed as an RN for several years at the South Miami Hospital and was presently employed in the Emergency Department of Yale-New Haven Hospital where she was affectionately known as "Chaps" and was named "Nurse of the Year" in 2002. While at the University of Miami she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority.

Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Tuesday morning at 9:00. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rita Church at 9:30. Burial will follow in Centerville Cemetery, Hamden. Friends may call Monday from 4-8pm. Memorial contributions to the scholarship fund is in care of Sue Patrell, 20 Kelly Court, Cheshire, CT 06410. Checks can be written out to Joshua and Jason Chapman and will be put into a special account for their education.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was Ms. Chapman's anesthesiologist during her recent procedure at Yale. Though I only knew her briefly, she was clearly an exceptional human being and I was deeply saddened last night to learn of her passing. God bless her and her family.

Michael Pollock - May 03, 2011 at 07:41 PM

TT

“ Chaps you were truly one of a kind and no one can replace you. Yale ER will never be the same without you. You are loved and missed and will always hold a place in our hearts. And I would also like to send my condolences to her sons. Who Chaps loved more than life. Sorry for your loss guys!!!

TAMIKA TAYLOR - May 03, 2011 at 07:22 PM

BD

“ Joshua and Jason, I am so sorry for your loss. I send out my sympathy to you. Karen was one of a kind! We will all miss her, but I know that she is in a better place and she will be watching over everyone!

Brenda Davis - May 03, 2011 at 03:29 PM

KM

“ Karen I have known you for many years and you will truly be missed, Our ER will not be the same without you and your smiling face. May God give your boys the strength needed to carry on without the presence of your body but hold on to the presence of your spirit.

Kaprice Miller - May 03, 2011 at 09:06 AM

LK

“ Sorry for your loss. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time.

Lisa Kiesinger - May 02, 2011 at 10:16 PM

JN

“ I worked with Karen when I was a tech in the Emergency Department at Yale New Haven Hospital from 2005 to 2010. I usually worked the evening shift so I often spent the last 4 hours of my shift with Karen as Charge Nurse. They were my favorite nights to work.

She was a dynamic person and always made us laugh and smile. Living in Winsted, 60 mile away from the hospital, Karen always made a point of telling me to "drive safe" on the way home and even let me out a little early when she knew the weather was bad and that it was going to be a hard trip for me. Just another example of how caring she was.

I will miss Karen and her smile and her no nonsense approach to nursing that only strengthened her patient care. I know the days ahead will be tough for all of you, but take solace in knowing that Karen was one the most special people God ever sent to earth and that all that knew her were blessed.

Jay Nanni - May 02, 2011 at 08:07 PM

WM

“ I knew Karen as Michael's wife - she was a lovely person and kind, generous mother to her boys. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

William Chapman, MD - May 02, 2011 at 06:21 PM

EA

“ You will be missed! All of us from the Yale ED will miss you very much.

Elizabeth Agoecs-Holler - May 02, 2011 at 02:28 PM

MS

“ Chaps- you are an amazing women, I don't think you understand how many peoples lives you have touched. I know you have left a lasting impression on my heart. I will forever carry your memory. Miss you.....

Melissa Silva - May 02, 2011 at 01:45 PM

DB

“ Dear Sue & Family: So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Much Love, Steve & Diane

Diane Brainard - May 02, 2011 at 11:42 AM

BF

“ Dear Sue, Chris and Family, Mark and I want were so sorry to hear of your precious loss. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help. Fondly, Bonnie & Mark

Bonnie & Mark Douglas & Family - May 02, 2011 at 10:14 AM

VB

“ Oh Josh, Jason and Mary Grace- I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Karen was the most loving mother who never failed to put her sons'needs and wishes before her own. She was an amazing nurse, not only professionally, but personally. She was the one would stay late on her shift to make sure the patient was comfortable and the one who would return early to bring balloons. Her charitable and thoughtful spirit set her so far above the crowd. I'll never forget her unending generosity. She will remain a shining star in this universe.

Virginia Chapman Belser - May 01, 2011 at 09:36 PM

JS

“ Karen was truly an angel ,she was always willing to give a helping hand and kind heart to those who came in the Emergency Room. I can honestly say that to have known her was a blessing, and she will be missed dearly by so many whose lives she touched. My heart goes out to her loved ones.

JEAN SMITH - May 01, 2011 at 08:46 PM

TQ

“ to Karen's sons, mother, brothers, in laws and neices and nephews, my deepest sympathy to each of you. Karen was a joy to work with and I will always remember her compassion, humor and warmth. As mothers, we shared the joys (mostly) and annoyances our beloved children bring. Josh and Jason, you were dearly loved and your mother was so proud of you.
May God's presence comfort you in the days, weeks and years to come. Karen will guide you from her residence in your hearts

Thayer Quoos - May 01, 2011 at 02:37 PM

DS

“ Thanks so much for all of the knowledge, experience, laughter, and love that you shared with me and every one of my co-workers. The Yale Adult Emergency Department will NEVER be the same without you. Your father and sister are there to welcome you...

Deirdre Sullivan - May 01, 2011 at 01:31 PM

GF

“ You will be greatly missed, the Yale ED will never be the same without you, you never realize how much your going to miss someone till their gone. I Know you are looking down on us and your family keeping us safe, we will keep you alive in our hearts with great memories and stories of you...till we meet again Chaps! With heavy heart, Gina

Gina Finley - May 01, 2011 at 12:32 AM

AE

“ To Karen's family..... No words can capture the sorrow... I worked in the past with Karen in the ED and I called her my 'Guardian Angel', she always looked out for me,protected me. Karen has touched countless lives and will never be forgotten. I will never understand why God elects to take the best.... My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.. Ann-Marie

Ann-Marie Esposito - April 30, 2011 at 05:31 PM