



Karen A. Riches

August 11, 1969 - March 27, 2016

Karen Abbate Riches, age 46, died peacefully at her home in Hamden surrounded by her family on Sunday March 27th. She was the wife of David R. Riches and mother of Zoë H. Driver and David R. Riches, Jr. "DJ". She is also survived by her mother, Nancy Abbate of North Haven, sister Lauren Cody (Jeff) of Houston TX, Ellen Lamore (Peter) of Bedford N.Y. and brother Paul M. Abbate of Washington D.C. Karen was predeceased by her father Pasquale Abbate.

She was a 1987 graduate of Hamden High School and received a B.S. from Quinnipiac University. Most recently Karen taught at several New Haven County schools and was starting an after school program at the time of most recent illness. Karen had a love and passion for teaching that brought out the best in her students which was bolstered by mutual respect and the belief in her students' ability to succeed. Karen's energy, love and spirit was felt by all who knew her and that same energy, love and spirit impacted so many lives, both young and old. Karen's happiest times were those spent with the family and friends who she loved with all of her heart.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Mount Carmel Congregational Church. Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Burial will be private at Centerville Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers you make a contribution that will fund breast cancer. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAR 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

MAR 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mount Carmel Congregational Church
3284 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Donna Kirchner lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Riches



Donna Kirchner - April 05, 2016 at 06:53 PM

PO

“ Pauline Oaten lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Riches



Pauline Oaten - March 30, 2016 at 11:10 AM

RD

“ My children went to Karen's afterschool for tutoring- after they had completed homework they were allowed free time. My daughter is so carefree but Karen would always see the best in her- both of my kids. I remember the kids were playing guitar hero and my daughter skips by and accidentally unplugged the game. Her response was sorry- laughs and keeps moving...Karen immediately comes and smoothes everything over with the kids that were playing. This was her personality very caring, loving and adored children. Karen was a GREAT friend to our family and gave so much in a short time to my children academically. You will be missed my friend!



Love Rochelle, Frank, Baylee & Chancellor Dixon

Rochelle Dixon - March 30, 2016 at 09:16 AM

AA

“ Karen God needed another angel in heaven too teach all the little angels. You were such a bright and giving young woman .prayers go out to your family



Avery Atkinson - March 29, 2016 at 02:25 AM

RG

“ Thank you, Karen, for walking along in this world with us and making it so much brighter. You will live in the hearts of many and grow in the minds of those who have learned from your grace.

Rhonda Greene - March 28, 2016 at 10:49 PM

LT

“ To Dave,Zoe',Dj and Family,
Our thoughts and prays are with you. Karen was was such a great friend. She will be deepest missed. Never will forget are Halloweens. Dave we are her for you and the kids.

Love,

Mark, Lori,Carter,Savannah,Zack Tibbetts

Lori Tibbetts - March 28, 2016 at 05:23 PM

LC

“ Dear Aunt Nancy, Dave, Zoe and DJ: My fondest memory of your daughter, wife and mother is when she was tutoring and mentoring Angelina. She made such an impact on Angelina with her kindness and love and that impact stays with Angelina to this day. That is the kind of impact that she had on most people. We will miss her very much and we are here for you. We send our love and condolences to you in this difficult time.

Linda and Family.

Linda Carrano - March 28, 2016 at 03:41 PM

LC

“ Linda Carrano lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Riches



Linda Carrano - March 28, 2016 at 03:29 PM