



Kara Marie Dietz

December 24, 1958 - March 5, 2017

Kara Marie Harrell Dietz, 58, of Tioga, Texas was released into the arms of the Lord on March 5, 2017, after her long battle with cancer. She was born December 24, 1958 in Dallas to Marion (Cotton) and Wilda (Billye) Harrell. She graduated from Lake Highlands High School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University. She married Bruce Dietz in 1979 and their daughter Khyle, and son Barret, soon followed. Her biggest passions were for her family, animals, sitting on the beach, and the kids she taught as a Middle School science teacher. Kara went to school each day to do the best she could for the students, and only expected the best from them, in the classroom and in life. Her students meant a great deal to her; not only did she enjoy teaching science, she most enjoyed being a mentor and someone for the students to look up to and confide in. She is survived by her loving husband Bruce; her daughter Khyle and Christopher Morgan, and grandchildren Cayson and Keaton of College Station; her son Barret and Brenna Dietz, and grandson Bowman of College Station; and many other dear family and friends. A memorial service will be held at 11 am, Saturday, March 11, 2017 at First Baptist Church in McKinney, TX. In lieu of flowers, please honor Kara by making a donation to an animal shelter or to an organization that benefits students in need. Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ There are so many times that I think about how much your friendship meant to me! I keep you in my heart and pray that your family are healing.

Betty Benjamin - February 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Mrs.Dietz was one of my favorite science teachers to date. She would always joke around in class and make us students smile; she would do things that at the time I thought a teacher shouldn't do. There were times where I would do something very stupid, like throw a pencil at her face, and that got me into a lot of trouble, but even then I would always return to the class with a smile on my face thanking god that I have a teacher like her. Mrs.Dietz truly was one of the greatest teachers I ever had.
:)

David Powell - March 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ As a new teacher to the Prosper ISD area, I was across the hall with Kara and on the same team. Her laugh was contagious and her joy made any bad day better. There were many times I consulted her about kids or just stopped by for some guidance, and she was always willing to help. So many kids lives were touched by her!
Love you Mrs. Dietz

Samantha Cates - March 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mrs. Deitz, I never got to thank you for truly helping me through my 8th grade year. I was failing class for missing so much school because of my surgeries. You took the time out of your day to help me almost everyday to understand what we were learning. Anyone who said anything about me in class you instantly said something hilarious and embarrassing to them and they shut up. You'd come up to me and make sure I was okay and half the time in class I'd be the only person at a lab table and you'd sit by me and talk to me when I had no one. You made me feel like I was something. By the end of the year I was falling so far behind and you told me if I apply myself you will make sure I pass class. You kept that promise and now I'm looking back thinking how thankful I am for you giving me extra notes and extra tutoring. You were truly an amazing teacher and person. Thank you for a great year. I'm so happy you're pain free now with the joy of the lord. You'll be forever in my heart.

Sydney Clark - March 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Mrs. Dietz, I remember walking into your class 2013-2014 school year for 8th grade science and I was in shock at how excited for life and science someone could be. As the year went by, you became more than a teacher to me and you taught me lessons about life and you would tell me funny stories on days that weren't going well. I just talked to you just a few weeks ago, but I just wanted to say thank you again. You were the best teacher, mentor, and leader I've ever met. I love you. Make people laugh up in heaven. I can't wait to see you again one day :)

Aslan Pearson - March 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *May you rest in peace Kara. Your love and advocacy for animals will never be forgotten. Should you pass through Rainbow Bridge, please send our love. We will be praying for your grieving family and friends.*

Mutts and Mayhem Animal Rescue - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

QW

“ *One love to Mrs.Ditetz...ever since I first walked into your class on our first day of school i knew that every day would get better. No matter how bad my day was going some how you always found a way to pick me and everyone else up. You will always be in my heart and in the hearts of every person member that has ever crossed paths with you because you were the light that lit the hearts of everyone around you i know that you are with the lord above god bless.*

Quinton Williams - March 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *SHE LET HER LIGHT SHINE.*

SUSAN EDGE - March 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *We are very sad because of the death of our beloved Kara. We join all of you in your immense pain.Respectfully Estella Lopez*

Estella Lopez - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I can remember being in school, and having to watch what you say, or she'd get you with a smart Alec comment or just embarrass the crap out of you. But it was all in good fun, and I'll miss her. Its hard to believe you're gone. It seems like it was just yesterday when you were teaching 7th grade science at Melissa, and now you're home with the lord. We love you Mrs. Dietz.

Joshua Morgan - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Our sympathies to the family, and sadness for the loss of such an amazing woman.

Dawn Roberts - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To Kara's family, Kara and I loved sharing our love for our husbands, kids and grandkids! Although we did a lot of work making Reynolds Middle School Science better for the students, our favorite time was when we could decompress and just enjoy our time together. She was an amazing curriculum writer and loved being creative and trying new ways to teach her students. She loved teaching like no other middle school teacher. That is what first bonded us! After I retired, I was looking forward to helping her out during treatments, but things changed. I was blessed to be with her during some tough times. My favorite memory is when we went to Hypnotic Donuts and the Arboretum., such a wonderful day to have shared with her. I miss her dearly and she will always hold a special place in my heart!My love and prayers are with you.

Betty Benjamin - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ It broke my heart to find out that Kara passed away. She was such an influence in my son Alex (AROD) Roberts. She took such an interest in her students and it showed.

Michael Roberts - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Bruce, Khyle and Barret, Robert and I are thinking of you and wishing you all peace in dealing with your tremendous loss. We know Kara will be up in Heaven filling God's stables and taking care of business! God bless you all and fill you with the joy of your memories of her amazing life.

Debbie Gassaway - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Mrs. Dietz was such an amazing person. She always had me and other students laughing. She was a wonderful science teacher. She made science so fun for me. She will never be forgotten, and she will greatly be missed.

Sydney O'Brien - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Kara will be missed dearly..have known her since 2nd grade in Blue Birds, to watching her fall in love with Bruce in High School. I was privileged enough to be a bridesmaid in their wedding. She was so proud of her children and grandkids.. Heaven has gained another wonderful angel..

Patti Enoch - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mrs. Dietz was the best teacher a student could ever wish for. She cared for each one of us and we knew it. All her students longed to go to her class each day. We miss you dietz.

Clay Mott - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Kara. I lived across the street from Kara growing up and we went to each other's birthday parties. Even though I didn't keep up with her after high school, I know what a sweet and beautiful person she was. My prayers go out to Bruce and her family.

Carol Laquey Lickstein - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Rest in Peace Kara, I thought of you very recently as I drove by your house in Lake Highlands just days ago. Prayers for your salvation and comfort to your family. God bless

Glenn Stone - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Ms. Dietz, you were a light in my son Lee's 8th grade year...one teacher he will never forget and truly loves. You were hard on him...I told him to endear you, to work hard in class, to follow direction, to care. He did & and you did in return. We are so grateful for the lessons you taught him. I'm even more grateful that you privately recognized him at years's end. He cherished you. You will be missed more than you can know. Lots of love from the Rowden family!

Rhonny Rowden - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Mrs. Deitz brightened everyone's day just by walking into the room. Her smile could turn anyone's bad day into a great one. The love she had for kids was so apperent. I loved seeing her and talking to her almost everyday. My heart was warmed just by being in her presence. I am so thankful that she a part of my life. I'm guessing right now she is with the big man, on a beach somewhere, with all the pets a woman could want. She was a huge blessing to me and everyone in her life. Her and her family are in my prayers. Fly high and rest easy, beautiful angle.

Gabbie Mahan - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM