Karen Jean Lempe

April 30, 1944 - July 10, 2012

Karen Jean Lempe of Cadillac passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at her home. She was 68. She was born April 30, 1944 in Detroit to George and Merle (Woods) Lempe and they preceded her in death.

Karen taught for Warren Consolidated Schools for 30 years until retiring in 1996 when she moved to Cadillac. While teaching Karen was very involved in the Michigan Education Association, once retired she became involved in the MEA Retired.

She loved her pets and enjoyed collecting pig figurines. Her love of animals led her involvement with the Wonderland Humane Society where she became the liaison for Project Christmas from the Humane Society. Karen was active with the Cherry Grove Fire Auxiliary and was Co-President of Friends of the Mitchell State Park. She enjoyed spending winters in Myrtle Beach and loved to camp and travel. Her family was very important to her, especially her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her good friend, Ruth Ann Goodyear of Cadillac; a brother, Barry (Karen M.) Lempe of Cadillac; a niece, Lauren Lempe of Chicago and a nephew, Campbell Lempe of Austin, Texas.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, July 16, 2012 at the United

Methodist Church of Cadillac with Parish Assistant Judy Coffey officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to services at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Wonderland Humane Society or Friends of Mitchell State Park. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

ML

Ms Lempe was one of my favorite teachers at Wilde Elementary.

Michelle Lambert - July 17, 2012 at 08:07 AM

GS

I worked in the same school with Karen for many years. She was an excellent educator which, to me, is one of the highest callings on earth.

Gloria Shapiro - July 16, 2012 at 09:47 PM

GD

So sorry for your loss. There were many good memories of our years together at Wilde.

Grace M Dalton - July 15, 2012 at 04:23 PM

KB

I have fond memories of Ms. Lempe as my teacher at Wilde Elementary.

Kim Benz - July 13, 2012 at 09:54 AM

DL

As a former educator with WCS, I knew Karen to be a very dedicated teacher, and a relentless union advocate. In my second career, it was an honor handling her insurance affairs. She will be dearly missed.

Dan Lepo - July 13, 2012 at 07:09 AM

P(

I remember Ms Lempe well from Wilde school in Warren. I also has Ms Goodyear for 2 years too. tHis was 47 years ago. I was probably the student who cried the most. I'
m so sorry to hear of yor loss.

Patty Walker (Godziszewski) - July 12, 2012 at 10:53 PM

JA

My deepest sympathies to Karen'
s family and friends. I know she will be missed greatly.

Jane Anderson - July 12, 2012 at 09:22 PM

LS

Barry, Ruth Ann and Family
Very sorry for the passing of Karen. I am so glad you all came out for Mother'
s 80th birthday a few years back so we could see Karen one more time. She is now at piece with your parents. We send our love!

Liz Skates - July 12, 2012 at 07:36 PM

CB

Ms. Lempe taught all three of our children at Wilde Elementary. Ms. Lempe was an excellent teacher and all of our children were teacher aides for her when they were older. i sill have a ceramic watermelon dish that she made for me many years ago and when ever I use it I think of Ms. Lempe. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her friends and family - she has touched so many lives, she was an excellent teacher. Love and prayers. The Michalczak family.

Colleen & Arthur Michalczak & Dawn, Renee & Brian - July 12, 2012 at 06:46 PM

ET

*We were very sorry to hear of Ms. Lempe'
s passing. We remember her as a very kind caring person.*

Ernie and Barbara Turmel - July 12, 2012 at 06:21 PM

MS

*My sympathy and condolences to Ruth Ann and Karen'
s family.*

MARY JO sTINE - July 12, 2012 at 03:33 PM

MC

I have very fond memories of Ms. Lempe from when I was a room helper for her almost 30 years ago. My favorite memory of her is when she gave me my first pet guinea pig, I canΓÇÖt remember the exact details of the deal but it involved good grades and being an extra good room helper. Her kind heart will be missed, I am so sorry for your loss.

Unable are the loved to die. For love is immortality. ~Emily Dickinson

Melissa Turmel Covell - July 12, 2012 at 11:20 AM

CL

A terrific lady with a wonderful family of friends who are enriched for having known Karen.

Carol & Jerry Landers - July 12, 2012 at 10:32 AM

RS

Ms. Lempe was a lovely lady and I was blessed to know her.

Rebecca S Saucedo - July 12, 2012 at 09:06 AM

KH

I will miss seeing you come in the salon for your pedicures Karen. I always enjoyed hearing about your doggies and your trips to Myrtle Beach. I will always remember you dear:)

Kristin Holley - July 12, 2012 at 08:56 AM