



Karen Battenfield

March 31, 1948 - November 13, 2021

Martha “Karen” Battenfield. 73. Our beloved mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on November 13th, 2021, after a brave fight with stage 3 brain cancer.

Karen was born March 31st, 1948, to Charley and Dorothy Cochran of Milltown Community. Karen graduated from Greenwood High School and obtained her degree from the University of Arkansas.

She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She worked many years in public school as an English teacher and later a beloved counselor at Broken Arrow High School.

Karen is survived by children, Stacy Gibbs and husband Walter of Tulsa, OK, Kyle Battenfield of Pompano Beach, FL, grandchildren, Lauren Gibbs of Iowa City, IA, Tyler Gibbs of Tulsa, OK, Sydney Gibbs of Tulsa, OK, and great-granddaughter Kendall Gibbs of Tulsa, OK.

Karen Battenfield is preceded in death by her parents, brother, Roger Cochran and her sister, Charlotte Barnard.

A funeral service will be held on November 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist, 112 E College St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012 following with a graveside service at 2 pm at Dawson Cemetery in Milltown, AR.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society or First

United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
112 E. College Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Graveside Committal

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dawson Memorial Cemetery
Greenwood, AR 72936

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Battenfield*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Mrs. Battenfield was my 10th grade English teacher at North. She was a sweet lady. I will never forget, my father passed away Spring semester & she had the whole class sign a sympathy card for me. I thought that was very thoughtful & left an impression on me.*

Rest in Peace.

Patrick. J. Griffin

Patrick - November 19, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *I worked with Karen at North Intermediate in BA. She always told it like it was. I remember one day I mentioned another teacher and she responded with "She's got a bee in her bonnet!" to let me know that teacher was in a bit of a mood for the day. Thank you Karen for your service to our city!*

Alisia Kurr - November 17, 2021 at 02:59 PM

FM

“ Karen was one of the best counselors I worked with. She was very kind and very helpful. I've always admired her outstanding level of professionalism.

My deepest condolences go to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Fatema Mustafa

Fatema Mustafa - November 17, 2021 at 01:20 PM

MF

“ Karen was a beloved counselor here at BAHS! She served her students with love and compassion. We miss her and will treasure here memory.

Love,
Mary Fowler

Mary Fowler - November 17, 2021 at 01:15 PM

JH

“ Mrs. Battenfield was the absolute best. She was always lending a hand to help if I needed, or stopping to say hello in the hallways. As a student at BAHS, she definitely made my experience that much better. This Earth lost a beautiful soul.

-Joshua Holliday

Joshua Holliday - November 17, 2021 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ Karen was in her last year as a Counselor at Broken Arrow High School, and I was in my first year. She was very helpful, always with a kind word and smile while answering my questions. She made me feel so welcome at the school. Prayers for your loss. Brenda Zinck

Brenda - November 17, 2021 at 01:12 PM

MR

“ Karen was a wonderful neighbor and always had a kind word to say to our boys. She will be greatly missed.

Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Matthew Rollins - November 17, 2021 at 09:24 AM

DL

“ Donna Lambeth lit a candle in memory of Karen Battenfield



Donna Lambeth - November 17, 2021 at 07:44 AM

DK

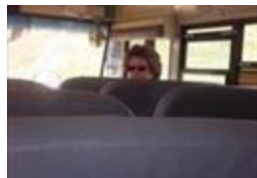
“ She will be missed. I didn't have her as a teacher but I heard nothing but good things about her. My prayers go out to the family for their loss



Debbie Sink Kirkland - November 16, 2021 at 10:23 PM

SB

“ I have wonderful memories of her as my teacher in high school. You will be dearly missed Mrs. Battenfield.



Shelby B - November 16, 2021 at 07:56 PM

NL

“ *Nan Loman lit a candle in memory of Karen Battenfield*



Nan Loman - November 16, 2021 at 07:41 AM

TB

Karen was a friend and my son's counselor at North intermediate high school. She was always available to the students to help, listen and guide them. She would put paperwork aside to listen to them. As a fellow educator and parent I do appreciate her work as a counselor. She will be missed by so many. May God's comfort and peace rest on her precious family at this time of sorrow.
Terry Beckwith

Terry Beckwith - November 17, 2021 at 09:06 AM

NL

“Karen was my friend for thirty years plus. I will miss everything about her, her laugh, her company and her sometimes piercing honesty. She had the ability to cut to the heart of any matter. I learned to rely on her judgement many times and learned not to ask if I didn't want to hear the truth. We had great discussions about all things. I will miss that so much! She was honest and supportive to all, friends, students she reacted to but most of all to her family. Stacy and Kyle would certainly agree with that. I am so sorry for their loss.

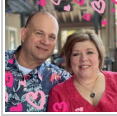
Karen was was so excited when Stacy, Walter and grand kids moved back to Oklahoma. She loved her role of being a support to Stacy and Walters busy schedule, including her precious great grand daughter. She also loved going to Florida to visit Kyle and having him come to visit. We always shared stories of our children's escapades,

She so wanted to stay around longer. She fought very hard through treatment to do just that. I am so glad Karen was in my life for so long. The hole left is a cavern, but that is filled with wonderful memories of her. We shared many life lessons. I think I got the best of the bargain.

My heart aches from her loss and for her family. Good bye sweet friend. Heaven is richer because you are there.

Nan Loman

Nan Loman - November 16, 2021 at 07:34 AM



Your tribute was so fitting and true. My fondest memories of the two of you were y'all teaching 3rd grade Sunday School when I first arrived at FUMC. You both took me under your wings and were so supportive. You made a special team. When you moved away she spoke of you and how special you were to her. Your friendship was one of a kind.

Christi Chalker - November 16, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *Christi Chalker lit a candle in memory of Karen Battenfield*



Christi Chalker - November 14, 2021 at 12:23 PM



Karen was a wonderful friend to both myself and husband David. Both had such to discuss when it came to Arkansas Razorbacks and other sports. I was blessed to have worked alongside side her in ministry. She was a faithful 3rd grade Sunday School at FUMCBA for over 30 years. Her love and passion for teaching children was one of her greatest joys and accomplishments. Prayers for the Battenfield family, and daughter Stacey and son Kyle.

Christi Chalker - November 14, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Battenfield family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Karen.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 13, 2021 at 05:47 PM