



## Karen Slipchuk

January 17, 1939 - March 3, 2018

Karen Slipchuk, age 79, passed away on Saturday, March 3 2018 at Metro Hospital, Grand Rapids. Sending love and light to the spirit of the strongest, hardest working, and fiercely independent woman I have ever known. My mother taught me how to make my own way in this world unapologetically and authentically. She always said "You can get away with anything as long as you act like a lady while you are doing it". She was right! Generous to a fault, she helped rescue many stray animals by funding midnight trips to the Emergency Animal Hospitals. She was a HUGE animal lover. She adopted cats and was a supporter of Crash's Landing. Her tireless efforts in caring for her own mother who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's will not be forgotten. She will be an inspiration for the rest of my life and I am grateful that she will always be my mother. She was preceded in death by her sister, Myrna Vogel. She is survived by her daughter, Alana Slipchuk of Grand Rapids; sister, Tonia McKeever; brother-in-law, Alan Vogel; and niece and nephews, Peter, Brett, Lisa, and Peter. Visitation is 4:00-6:00 pm Wednesday, March 7 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St., Zeeland, MI 49464. Funeral services are 11:00 am Thursday, March 8 also at Yntema Funeral Home, officiated by Rev. Bruce Osbeck. Burial to take place in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Karen's honor to Crashes Landing Cat Rescue and Placement, 1545 Diamond Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.



# Tribute Wall



“ Karen Slipchuk

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Alana, just heard from Sarah on FB. I'm so sorry for your huge loss. Lost mine last April and there's nothing more life-changing. My love to you, sweet friend. Thinking of you, Mario."*

**Mario Leon** - March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Alana, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a dear friend to me. I enjoyed working with her and then visiting with her at dinner for all these years. You had an amazing mom and I am so blessed to have had her friendship. She will be deeply missed and will always have a special place in my heart. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Elaine"*

**Elaine Schipper** - March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen Slipchuk

**Charles Preston Smith** - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“Alana, I am so sorry to hear that Karen passed away. We have been friends for 45 years. She was a very strong and caring individual. We had great times together. We laughed a lot. She had a great sense of humor. She was one of my BEST friends. As I am living in Seattle, I saw her only when I came to Grand Rapids but we kept in contact by phone. I have many, many fond memories of our times together and will miss her. She was a very special lady.”

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**Jan DeYoung** - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Karen was a special part of my life. A very strong willed lady that seemed to care about everyone. She accepted me as I was, there was no reason to put on an act to appease her. Karen, her mother, Alana, Al and Myrna were all a hoot! I enjoyed every minute of being involved with the family and being able to help when I could. I wish I would have made it over to see her recently as I had planned. Love and prayers to all who were fortunate enough to be touched by my friend Karen. We will all miss her.”

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**Greg Matheson** - March 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“I met Karen four years ago when I moved into her Leisure South condo building. I liked her immediately. In these past four years, she never gave me a reason not to like her. Karen was always upbeat and cheerful, quick with a smile. She was the epitome of kindness and always laughed at my jokes. This quality alone gained her points in my book because I am aware my jokes are not always that good. Five of us condo ladies just had breakfast Thursday morning with Karen and had the best time eating, talking and laughing. I know how much I will miss Karen. I can only imagine how much her family will. My prayers are with you all.”

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**Laurie Wilson** - March 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MD

“I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a very good neighbor of mine in Cutler Estates and enjoyed our talks in the old laundromat there and when out riding my bike in the park. Even after your mom moved I still enjoyed our phone conversations!!”

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**Mark Downer** - March 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BL

“Alana, My deepest sympathies to you. I enjoyed getting to know your mom when we lived close to each other and later catching up with her at craft shows. It was always a pleasure to see her. I'm glad you have good memories to treasure for years to come.”

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**Barb Lutke** - March 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“My sincere sympathy to the family. I remember Slippy as being a positive, spunky lady. I always enjoyed seeing her at craft shows after she retired. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered.”

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**Kristi Morse** - March 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM