



Karla Wolters

October 1, 1951 - November 28, 2016

Karla Wolters, age 65 of Zeeland passed away Monday, November 28, 2016 after a two year struggle with multiple myeloma. Karla was preceded in death by her parents Tex and Alyce Hoesch and brother Tom Hoesch. She is survived by her husband of 38 years Tom; brothers: Ken Hoesch, and Tim and Rane Hoesch; brother-in-law Bill and Susan Wolters; nieces and nephews: Kate and Troy De Wys, Tom and Kylie Hoesch, Karl and Tracey Hoesch, Hayley Hoesch, Sam Hoesch, TJ and Martha Jane Wolters, Megan and Tyler Thompson; aunts and uncles: Kathryn Rockwood, Rick and Donna Walter, Gary and Kathleen Walter. Karla graduated from Hope College in 1973. She played in 13 varsity sports seasons, lettering in tennis, field hockey, basketball and volleyball. She received her Masters of Arts from Michigan State University in 1978. Karla taught and coached at Calvin College for 13 years before joining the Hope faculty where she taught and coached until her retirement in 2010. Karla is among the most successful coaches in the history of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with 20 conference championships in softball, volleyball and women's basketball. Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2016 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland, MI. The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2016 in the sanctuary at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Road, Holland, MI. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Christ Memorial Church or Hospice of Holland. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Karla Wolters*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I was fortunate enough to have Coach Wolters as both my volleyball and softball coach at Calvin College in the 80s. She had energy, intensity, passion and drive all while living a life dedicated to Christ. Thank you Coach for all the wonderful memories. You were a tremendous blessing and inspiration. My thoughts and prayers are with her family."*

Marci Tawney - December 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Tom, You have my condolences. You and Karla are both fondly remembered for your many extensions of kindness to me. Karla's gentle spirit was a comfort to me as I spent time at camp. I will pray for you as you navigate grieving. Chelle"*

Chelle Langley - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I met Karla when I was in middle school as we played on a Summer softball team while she was a college student. Later in life, she became my coach as I played sports at Calvin College. After graduation as I coached high school basketball and volleyball, she was my model of how to weave the thread of the Christian life into our athletic competitions. She was a woman of integrity and energy, and I was glad to have known her."*

Kathy Kool - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“I was Karla's manager for the Calvin volleyball team the first year she coached there. A truly genuine person who saw the best in people and expected the best from her athletes. I'm very sad to hear of her passing.”

Laurie Kuna - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“I am so sorry to read of Karla's passing and so fortunate to have known her while we were at Hope. Jill Bolhous Peirce”

Jill Peirce - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“Tom, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.”

Peggy McCarty - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“To Karla's Family - As a former HOPE classmate, please know that Karla leaves behind a legacy of friends who count ourselves very fortunate to have her as a part of our lives. We were blessed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.”

Christine Lohman Jackson - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“My thoughts and prayer to Karla's family. She was a wonderful person and great friend. Such good memories of college fun together. Rest in peace Karla. Love, Barbara Tommola Stein.”

A friend - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LG

“My sympathy to Coach Wolters' family. I had the privilege of playing softball for Coach Wolters at Calvin College. She did so much to build the softball program there and at Hope. I have many fond memories of spring break trips to Florida (especially the year the bus broke down in Georgia), getting new uniforms (no more bloomers), hosting the National Championship, but also learning to live out our faith in how we acted on the softball field. I am so thankful for her life and testimony.”

Laura Van Groningen - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“Kind, thoughtful, tough, patient and full of grace! Karla had the gift of gently weaving her love for the Lord into teaching, coaching and friendships. Our hearts are broken but we trust she is celebrating the words "Well done my good and faithful servant." ~Matthew 25:21”

John and Margie Dykema - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“The loss of a colleague and friend. A painful loss for many. Heartfelt condolences to her husband and family. Sheila Wallace Kovalchik; retired Commissioner of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.”

Sheila Kovalchik - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“*"The entire Nebraska Softball staff is deeply saddened to hear the news of Karla's passing. Karla was an amazing human being who was filled with kindness, goodness and a love of Christ. She always was there to greet you with a smile and an encouraging word. Karla, you will be greatly missed by the Softball Community throughout the nation. Thank you for touching so many lives and living a life where your light shined brightly. Rhonda Revelle, Nebraska Softball Coach & National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) President"*

Rhonda Revelle - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM