

# Deborah Lou Karlberg

March 31, 1956 - December 28, 2016

Funeral liturgy for Deborah Lou Karlberg, 60, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Father Tom Kadera as the celebrant. The Vigil for the Deceased will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Chugwater.

Deborah Karlberg bid farewell to this world on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016.

Deb was born to Nancy and Tony Testolin on March 31, 1956 in Wheatland. Deb's love for family stemmed from growing up in the close-knit community of Hartville, and Guernsey, surrounded by loving family. Later in childhood, Deb moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where she would eventually meet her soul-mate, Tim Karlberg. Tim and Deb were married on July 28, 1978 in Timnath, Colo.. Several years later, Tim and Deb started their family in Lakewood, Colo. Deb unselfishly devoted her life to raising her two daughters and being a supportive wife for many years. As her children started school, Deb began working as a paraprofessional at Devanny Elementary. Deb, and all those around her, quickly realized her innate ability to relate to children. As the girls grew older, Deb set her mind on going back to school to earn her degree in education. Deb first graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a Bachelor's of Arts and later went on to Colorado Christian University, where she would receive her Master's Degree in Instruction and Curriculum, both times graduating with honors. Deb spent several years teaching in Lakewood, Colo., but decided to return to her roots and accepted a position as the special education instructor at Wheatland Middle School, where she would exhibit her dedication, patience and kindness with students and co-workers over the next twelve years. In 2016, Deb started working as a district case manager through the Platte County School



District where she loved the new people and challenges the role presented.

While Deb's passion was teaching, the center of her world was family. She loved and admired her parents, was a faithful and devoted wife, with "a kiss to fit every occasion", she was a mother and grandmother with truly unconditional love; she was a sister, an aunt/Zia, a niece, and a friend. As Deb's family grew in many directions, so did her love for each and every family member. Deb was always bringing family together, her kitchen a gathering-ground for friends and family

alike, telling stories new and old that passed along tradition and laughter. If Deb cared for you, she cooked for you. Her delicious cooking was always accompanied with her warm, infectious laugh and generous hugs.

Deb is survived by her best friend and husband of 38 years, Tim Karlberg; parents, Tony and Neda-Lyn Testolin; daughter, Kadie, son-in-law Josh, and granddaughter Hailey, daughter, Kimberly, grandson Mason; amongst 9 siblings and their spouses; 19 nieces and nephews and their spouses; 15 great-nieces and nephews; and many other loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nancy (Berg) West; William West; Maurice Karlberg; and Ellen Karlberg.

Deb will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on through the love, laughter, and traditions she has passed on for all of us to continue to share.

A memorial to the Deborah Karlberg Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Oregon Trail Bank, 17 North Wyoming, Guernsey, Wyoming 82214 would be appreciated by the family.

The Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland, Wyoming is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com).