



## Karen Jean Scott

February 24, 1961 - September 14, 2019

Karen Jean Scott, 58, of Fayetteville passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Chambersburg Hospital. She was born February 24, 1961 in Pittsburgh, the daughter of the late Vernon C. and Audrey L. (Harkins) Scott.

Karen was a 1979 graduate of Franklin High School and worked at the Mental Health Association as a certified peer specialist. She enjoyed working with people and serving the community. Her passion was her grandchildren and her dogs. She will be remembered as a sweet, kind and compassionate person and will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

She is survived by her daughters; Audrey L. Smith and her husband Joshua P. Smith, of Hagerstown, MD and Shannon M. Schellhase, of Fayetteville, NC and her five grandchildren; Haili Moseley, Michael Smith, Madison Smith, Adrianna Schellhase, and Gary Schellhase and one great-granddaughter, Cora Root. She is also survived by her siblings Jeff Scott, Susan Scott, her furbabies Little Bear, Punk, and Snowball as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews, friends and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her brothers David Scott and Vernon Scott and her sister Cynthia Johnson.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm at the Mental Health Association, Attn. Bethany Peake at 478 Grant Street in Chambersburg, PA.

# Comments

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“ Karen Scott was the most stubborn woman I’ve ever met. Stubborn not in a bad way. But stubborn in a very good way. Karen fought hard. She fought hard for the right to live life on her own terms. To live life by her own definition. She fought constantly to not be defined by others. She fought hard against coercive treatment by the medical community, the justice system and the mental health system. And she fought to ensure the notion that everyone, regardless of who they were, where they came from or what their personal history might be would also be able live life on their own terms. Karen was the MHA version of Rocky. You could never count her out. No matter how beaten down or defeated she may have seemed, Karen always got back up. She always persevered. Being a fighter was just one small part of Karen. Karen loved hard too. Everyone and I mean everyone, knew how much Karen loved her family- especially those grandbabies! But she also shared her love with her friends, co-workers and peers. In the evenings Karen would often stop by my office door sharing a bit of her day, her concerns about others and things she would have learned. Always self deprecating and seldom willing to accept a compliment she would leave two or three little chocolates on the corner of my desk. Her way of telling me she cared. I miss those interactions. I miss the chocolate. But most of all I will miss my friend Karen.

**Lynn Davis** - September 28, 2019 at 09:09 AM

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“ My favorite Karen personality trait is that you always knew where you stood with her. That is what I appreciated the most; she was genuine. We've lost a good one. I send my deepest condolences to her family and friends who loved her so much.

**Sheri Morgan** - September 18, 2019 at 11:19 AM