



Kari F. (Searles) Jolink, 33 of Marshall, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family.

Kari was born on January 21, 1983 in Marshall to Steve and Kathy (Balcer) Searles. She graduated from Marshall High School in 2001 where she excelled as a student-athlete. After high school, Kari attended Ferris State University before transferring to Olivet College where she earned a Bachelors Degree in Education. While attending Olivet College, she met Joel Jolink and they were later married on July 19, 2008 at the Olivet Congregational Church.

With her love for the Marshall community and the willingness to give back to the community, Kari was hired by Marshall Public Schools to teach at Marshall Middle School. She had been teaching 6th grade science at Marshall Middle School for the past 10 years.

Kari was member of the Marshall United Methodist Church, the Success Fund, the Alaska Great Lakes Project and was also involved with many mission trips through other organizations. Kari enjoyed helping her students learn in and out of the classroom and coached many of them in sports from basketball to cross country. She enjoyed helping out the Marshall community and giving back and will be remembered as a great inspiration for the people of Marshall. Kari's enjoyment of her life was helping friends in any way and spending time with her family as a wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Joel of Marshall; her sons, Drew and Luke Jolink of Marshall; her parents Steve and Kathy (Balcer) Searles of Marshall; brother and sister-in-law Doug and Deb (Killips) Searles of Saint Joseph; niece and nephews, Anna, Evan, Will, and Nolan; maternal grandparents, Frank and Maren Balcer of Manistee; father and mother-in-law, Terry and Carol (Dertien) Jolink; sister-in-law, Susie Jolink; brother-in-law, Matthew Jolink all of Grandville; several uncles, aunts, and cousins, special friends Dave and Sandy Fry family. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents.

Visitation will take place at the Kempf Family Funeral Homes, Marshall Chapel 723 US 27 North on Thursday March 3, 2016 from 5-8pm, Friday, March 4, 2016 from 9am-9pm with family present to greet friends from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Funeral services celebrating her life will take place at 11am on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Marshall United Methodist Church with Pastor Mike Fales officiating. Interment will follow at Oakridge Cemetery. Memorial contributions are requested to start an memorial scholarship in Kari's honor through the Marshall Community Foundation. Assistance with memorials is available at the Kempf Funeral Home.

See more at: <http://www.kempffuneralhome.com/obituary/Kari-F.-Searles-Jolink/Marshall-MI/1593890#sthash.4zRdh3e2.dpuf>