

Karen Anne Sharkey Flaherty

NOVEMBER 30, 1948 - FEBRUARY 4, 2002

☞ Loving, selfless, gracious and compassionate mother, friend and humanitarian, pure and unwavering in her dedication to her children, Satya and Ellie, her family, friends and community, as well as peoples around the world.

☞ Integral member of The Farm community, Summertown, TN based in spiritual commitment to simple living and self-reliance –teacher, paramedic, midwife and community organizer.

☞ Served as Director and Board member of Plenty International world wide relief organization. Advocate for indigenous communities and empowerment of women, she spearheaded projects promoting economic links and technological training. Worked with Pine Ridge and Round Valley Indian Reservations, De Colores, IWED (Indigenous Women's Economic Development) and developed joint project of Florida State University and FAVA/CA (Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action) on the Carib Reserve in Dominica.

☞ At the Christic Institute, she dedicated her efforts to the Karen Silkwood case and Three-Mile Island, working to protect the health and safety of the public from nuclear dangers.

☞ Co-founded the Bhopal Justice Campaign and worked tirelessly to help the people of Bhopal, India to obtain justice and compensation for their injuries as a result of a massive chemical accident which killed thousands of people.

☞ Active champion of arts and the media, including Highways performance space, Electronic Cafe Int'l, Electronic Frontier Foundation, FAIR, American Oceans Campaign and Rainforest Action Network.



IN REMEMBRANCE, CELEBRATION AND APPRECIATION

FEBRUARY 10, 2002

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within. May the blessed sunshine shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great peat fire, so that the stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend.

And may the light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the two windows of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm, and may the blessings of the rain be on you—the soft, sweet rain. May it fall upon your spirit so that all the little flowers may spring up and shed their sweetness on the air. And may the blessings of the Great Rains be on you, may they beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there many a shining pool where the blue of heaven shines, and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the Earth be on you—the great round earth, may you ever have a kindly greeting for those you pass as you're going along the roads. May the earth be soft under you when you rest upon it, tired at the end of a day, and may it rest easy over you when at the last, you lay out under it; may it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be off from under it quickly and up and off, and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you all and bless you kindly.

Traditional Irish Blessing

COMMUNION

Meditation

Irish Blessing

"Amazing Grace"

Stories, Songs, Poems, Memories

Drum Circle

Closing