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Kent students, community mourn long time Roosevelt teacher Karynn Barlow

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Karynn Barlow, a teacher at Roosevelt High School in Kent, died Sunday, Feb. 27.

Counselors were sent to Theodore Roosevelt High School in Kent this week after [Karynn Barlow](#), an English teacher at the school for 22 years, died

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over the area were dispatched to the school on

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Monday to help students and faculty deal with the loss.



A [GoFundMe](#) page, launched within a day of Barlow's death, had raised more than \$33,000 for Barlow's family.



"Karynn was not only loved as a wife, mother, daughter, and sister but as a teacher and friend to many people in her community," stated a post written by Mike and Tara Geiger, who organized the campaign. "For those that knew her well, they knew her as a generous and caring friend and person that only wanted what was best for everyone else. The love of family and friends meant everything to Karynn and that was always on display."

Karynn Barlow was a Portage County native

A native of Portage County, Barlow was a graduate of Roosevelt and Kent State University, and taught English at her alma mater for 22 years. She and her husband, Benjamin, have two children, Carson and Myah.

"Karynn was such a wonderful person," Love said.

"She was a friend to all. She cared so much about the students and teachers of our high school."

Karynn Barlow was active in Expedition Academy program

In addition to teaching English, Barlow previously was involved in the high school's Expedition Academy, a program that combines academic instruction with outdoor experiences.

In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by her parents, Philip and Janice (Carson) Westerman of Kent; sister, Natasha Bowlds (Dan) of Laurel, Maryland, sisters-in-law, Heather Barlow-

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and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Australia.



A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Riverwood Community Chapel, 1407 Fairchild Avenue in Kent. The Rev. Paul Sartarelli will officiate.



The church will stream the service on [YouTube](#).



Memorial contributions may be made to Open Arms Adoption Inc., 11 River Street, Suite B, Kent, OH 44240 or on the agency's [website](#).

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