

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
KARIN H. BAUSENBACH MD

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KARIN'S LIFE IN PICTURES

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JANO ALBEE, DR. CARRIE KNOLL,

ANTHOHY AIVALIOTIS

SONA HODAIÉ

THERESE FRATTO/DR. DAVID WILLIS,

MARION SHARP

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

TUPO FAMILY

SONA HODAIÉ

Karin H. Bausenbach, MD, 1953-2012

Passion. Curiosity. Laughter. Resolve. Dr. Karin Bausenbach embraced life with a positive energy and a spirited drive that forged caring and supportive connections with her patients, students, family, and colleagues. A developmental behavioral pediatrician affiliated with Kaiser Permanente Northwest and Portland's Northwest Early Childhood Institute (now the Children's Developmental Health Institute of the Artz Center), "Dr. Karin" fused her scientific knowledge with the art of healing -- medicine, for her, meant treating for the whole person with competence and compassion.

A physician grounded in patient-centered values, she completed her undergraduate education at the University of California at Berkeley, medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and her pediatric residency at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Following a non-traditional path to medicine, Dr. Karin entered Navajo Community College (AZ) as an undergraduate to study silversmithing and Native American culture. Moving to California in her mid-20s, her people-focused interests led to an RN degree, followed by eight years as a medical intensive care unit nurse at Oakland's Highland Hospital. At age thirty, she embarked on her MD training -- while raising two young children, Sona and Aslan, with her husband, Saifan Hodaie.

Moving to Portland in 1997, Dr. Karin worked for seven years as a primary care pediatrician at Kaiser Permanente's Rockwood Clinic. Diagnosed with colon cancer in 2004, she retired from Kaiser and directed her intense interest in the neuroscientific basis of pediatric development toward helping families address complex problems surrounding behavioral disorders such as autism, Asperger's, and ADHD. She combined her clinical practice with a newfound love of teaching neuroscience at Portland State University's Interpersonal Neurobiology (IPNB) graduate certificate program, Mt. Hood Community College, and the Multnomah Dept. of Public Health. Throughout her eight-year battle with cancer, her enthusiasm, positivity, and love never faded.

The Karin H. Bausenbach, MD Scholarship in Interpersonal Neurobiology has been established with PSU's IPNB Program to honor her deep commitment to explore how neural decision-making pathways are embedded in the fabric of our lives -- and to promote the healthy, adaptive, creative integration of individual and community relationships. Scholarship contributions be made through <https://www.foundation.pdx.edu/publicgift/ipnbscholarship.jsp> (include "Bausenbach Scholarship Pledge" in the comment box) -- or by mailing a check to the PSU Foundation, PO Box 243, Portland, OR 97207 (with a memo "Bausenbach Scholarship Pledge").