



The Erin Copeland Building Minds with Books Project

The Erin Copeland Building Minds with Books Project, was started in 1995 to honor the life and memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Erin, who was killed in an automobile accident on June 25, 1993.

Books

From an early age books took Erin on magical journeys - through time and space, to different countries and into the adventurous and interesting lives of people and animals.

Our Birthday Party

Our party turns Erin's birthday from a sad day back into a day of joyfulness. Every year we open our home for a huge party!

We invite everyone we know and some that we don't. We invite them to donate a new or gently used children's book to Erin's Building Minds with Books Project.

We serve many of Erin's favorite foods and many people contribute goodies.

Thousands of Books, Thousands of Kids

Over the last 13 years, many different organizations have received Erin's Books. Inner-city Schools In Chicago & Florida and Various Community Groups such as Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, Boy's and Girl's Club of Chicago, The Kids Library at the Josslyn Mental Health Center, homeless shelters, abused women's shelters.

Erin

Twenty-nine years

Erin was a sweet, caring and easy-going child. As an adult, she was a deep thinker, a wonderful, creative artist, a lover of travel, adventure, nature and animals.

Erin graduated from Parsons School of Design, New York, with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

In May, 1986 Erin began work as a fashion designer of women's sportswear. Her designs were sold in boutiques and fine department stores such as Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdales. Her job was exciting and took her to places such as Honk Kong, South America, Japan, Paris, France and Milan Italy.

In February, 1992, after much soul-searching, Erin moved to Italy. After living in New York for 11 years she had grown tired of the fast paced competitive rat race, not to mention the dirt and violence of her adopted city. She was excited by the prospect of living in a different culture and learning a new language.

Before the move, Erin and her whole family, her parents, brother, two sisters, brother-in-law and nephew went on a week-long trip together to Disneyworld.

The tragic accident occurred on June 25, 1993. Erin was driving her imported red jeep near her home in northern Italy, to the grocery store, when she lost control of the car. It turned over and she was thrown from it. Please, don't forget to buckle up!

We, her family, lost so much when Erin died. She is never far from our thoughts however. The Erin Copeland Book Project honors her special spirit and celebrates her too short life.
