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In memory of Douglas J. Sprenkle Educator, scholar, colleague, mentor, and friend.

Karen Smith Wampler, PhD, passed away unexpectedly, just weeks before *The Handbook of Systemic Family Therapy* went to press. The handbook is dedicated to her lasting memory.

Karen served as Editor-in-Chief for all four volumes of *The Handbook of Systemic Family Therapy*. From the beginning, she had a vision of what our field needed to know to move into the future. Her work was finished in late November 2019, just in time for her next adventure in New Zealand and Australia. She was wise in her selection of Co-Editors for each volume: Rick Miller and Ryan Seedall (Volume 1), Lenore McWey (Volume 2), Adrian Blow (Volume 3), and Mudita Rastogi and Reenee Singh (Volume 4). She was grateful for the chance to work with each of these scholars and with her Assistant Editor, Leah W. Maderal. She was delighted and humbled to see "the book" grow to 106 chapters and 292 authors and co-authors. It cheered her heart—there was so much to know and so much to learn about systemic family therapy. She saw this work as her magnum opus, and it is.

Karen had a career as researcher and teacher, mentor, dissertation and thesis advisor, program director, and department chair that spanned 33 years. Her impact on the field of systemic family therapy lives on in these volumes, in her many research publications and chapters, in students she loved and trained, in colleagues who benefited from her wisdom, enthusiasm, and support, and in the many individuals and groups she touched with her kindness, generosity, intelligence, humor, and goodwill.

To paraphrase Shakespeare: "We shall not look upon her like again."

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