



Kimberly Ann Harrick

June 11, 1969 - July 16, 2020

Kimberly Ann Harrick died peacefully, surrounded by family, of pancreatic cancer on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the age of 51. She was born in St. Louis, MO on June 11, 1969 to parents Edward (predeceased in 2017) and Karen (Wimmer) Harrick. Kim was a devoted daughter to Ed and Karen, sister to Beth (Scott Hess) and Stephen, and aunt to Xander. She is survived by a loving extended family, treasured friends, and cherished godchildren and chosen nieces/nephews. An educator until the end, Kim showed all of us how to live and die with courage, grace, and love. Kim completed her early education at St. Boniface (1983) and Edwardsville High School (1987) before earning her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and MAT and EdS advanced degrees at Webster University. Kim enjoyed a full and vibrant career committed to education. After teaching internationally during a stint in Saipan, Kim settled in the Rockwood School District. At Ridge Meadows she taught 2nd grade where she was honored as Teacher of the Year (1996) and with the Districtwide ROSE Award (1999). In 2002 she traveled to Alaska when she was selected Teacher on the Trail for the Iditarod. She worked across the district for a few years in Instructional Technology before serving as Assistant Principal at Ridge Meadows and subsequently at Uthoff Valley where she ended her career. She was a frequent Rockwood summer school administrator, and she also taught online college courses at Webster University. Her students are her testament to a life well-lived. Kim lived life with gusto and embraced traveling and outdoors adventures throughout her life. She loved hiking and the outdoors, whether conquering Yosemite's Half Dome, filling her spirit with MOBOT's beauty, tramping in New Zealand's Tongariro National Park, being awestruck at Olympic National Park and Hoh Rain Forest, experiencing Old Faithful or traversing Matanuska Glacier in AK. She also traveled to Hawaii, Canada, England, Finland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, and Sweden. Kim was a pillar of strength, courage and integrity who loved her people fiercely. Her mark in our hearts is indelible. Loyal to her abundance of friends and loved ones, she built us up with her limitless positivity, reminding us of our strengths and loving us unconditionally. Grateful in life's every small joy, we will miss her robust laughter and generous hugs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Canterbury Incorporated in Shrewsbury at <https://CanterburyInc.org/>, Wash U's Catholic Student Center at

<http://www.WashUCSC.org/>, Rockwood Gives Back at <https://www.rsdmo.org/community/giveback/Pages/default.aspx> or a charity of your choice. If you'd like to see some of Kim's self-penned biographical sketches, including Iditarod's Teacher on the Trail bio (circa 2002) and Webster University's faculty bio, check out. <http://web.archive.org/web/20020601202052/http://www.iditarod.com/kim-01-16-02.html> <http://www.webster.edu/education/about/kimberly-harrick.html>

Cemetery

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

6901 McKenzie Road

Saint Louis, MO, 63123

Comments



“ Hi! I had the honor of being one of Kim’s nurses. We had a very special bond. Kim is amongst the most genuine people I know. She always asked about my kids and the new things happening in my life - and she always had a bag of chocolate + knew your favorite. Kim exuded joy and kindness. She is truly missed.

Best,
Briana Williams

Briana Williams - August 25, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ Hi!
My name is Mary Wuletich & I am a friend of Kim’s Aunt Brenda Cavendish. I haven heard so much about Kim from Brenda, that I feel like I know her! Kim is a terrific loss, and at the same time she has provided so many happy memories for her family & friends. I will keep all of you in my prayers; I will especially pray that the many good memories of Kim sustain all of you as you cope with her loss.

Mary I. Wuletich - July 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Weber & Rodney Funeral Homes - July 20, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Karen, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!

Thinking of you, Jo Wall (Formerly from Dr. Walter Osika's office)

Jo Wall - July 19, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ I am in awe of my beloved friend and the rich weave of life she created: a strong, and vibrantly colored cloth of connection, joy, and love.

I feel blessed beyond measure to have decades of memories to call upon for solace. I served as Kim's mentor during her first year of teaching at Ridge Meadows. Kim quickly became my life coach. I often chuckle about the role reversal and appreciate my great fortune.

Kim modeled authenticity, integrity, generosity, and gratitude. She sought adventure and truth, and her passion for life was contagious. She orchestrated beautiful experiences for us all, gaining her energy from creating connection in small, cute ways or authentically deep and soulful ways as the situation dictated.

Kim was my chosen sister and such a welcome member of my entire extended family. She blessed us all with her love and embraced Elena and Edie as her own. She coached them and complimented them in the best ways, allowing them to recognize their own strengths and build upon them---what a gift!

As I grieve, I lean into Kim's own words, letting us all know, "It's okay. I have no anxiety. I have led a good life!" She truly did have a BIG life so well lived. She embraced us all and made an indelible mark on everyone who knew her. She made the world such a better place. I am in awe!

With Love, Kathy Wheeler

Kathy Wheeler - July 19, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ I was so fortunate to meet Kim, in the mid 80s, and we shared so many memories together. Her energy and enthusiasm for life was so contagious and my life is better having known her. I know her spirit will live on, and I will carry a part of her with me. I want to send my heart felt condolences to the Harrick family. Please know that I am thinking of you during this difficult time.

Love,
Jimmy

Jim Robson - July 19, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ I am so grateful for my friendship with Kim, whom I met in the mid 80s. We shared so many special moments together. I will never forget her amazing courage and positive energy. She truly touched so many lives. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Harrick family. I am thinking of you and with you in spirit.

Your Friend,
Jimmy

jim robson - July 18, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ Kim was a special person! I told her I was interested in buying a new car, and the next time I saw her she had printed out a pamphlet showing the latest reviews! My condolences to her family, she will be missed by all!

Tim Fyle - July 18, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ To the most positive, amazing, selfless person I ever met. She has been a priceless precious friend to me since the 5th grade. We love you Kim so very much and know you are in a better place. Thank you for your love, endless support, and kindness over the years. You will live in our hearts forever. Much love to Karen, Steve and Beth. She is smiling down on all of you now.

The Houston and Weber family.

June Houston - July 17, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ I met Kim when she was interviewing to be the Teacher on the Trail for the Iditarod in 2001. I was immediately awed by her huge smile and welcoming nature. I was the TOTT at the time and was excited when she was named my successor. I've always thought fondly of her. I was shocked to hear of her passing. I feel like the world is not as bright today without her shining light. My deepest condolences to her family!

Diane Nye - July 17, 2020 at 05:08 PM