



## Kimberly Dow Rumble

August 7, 2020

Kimberly Dow Rumble (Hessick) passed away on August 7, 2020, holding her husband Steve's hand. Born on May 6, 1954 in Redbud, Illinois, Kim grew up in New Athens. She is the third of four children, and daughter of Howard Henry Hessick and Verona Kathryn Hessick (Dow). She graduated from SIU-Carbondale in 1978 with a Masters in early childhood education and subsequently taught with Head Start for more than 30 years. She married Steve, the love of her life, in 1978 and had two children, Mandi and Zach. Kim led a successful, meaningful life and her greatest love was her family.

Biological mother of two, Kim mothered infinitely more. Everyone that was lucky enough to know her knows of her kindness and the selfless caring she gave to every relationship. Kim was present for every school event for her kids (no seriously, EVERY EVENT - and there were a lot! The kids were very busy and Kim was very involved) and became such a pillar in her kids' lives that many of their friends came to look to her as an additional mother - well past their school years.

She was dependable in a way that few people could have the power to achieve and more than her direct family relied on her. She had a way of helping, even before you realized help was needed. But she was always right - It was inevitably better with her help... and guaranteed to be more fun.

Kim had a passion and talent for developing people. From her career in early childhood education, she understood the power of building connections and how those connections could play out over a lifetime. She didn't stop with kids. She strived to help those she loved become the best versions of themselves through love, encouragement and support. She was always willing to be a sounding board for ideas, and offered thoughtful suggestions.

Kim brought enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and humor to every relationship. She was a master of Pinterest crafts, and was often the life of a party... And wanted to help you make the party too, because remember - it was going to be better with her and with her Pinterest skills anyway.

We are all lucky to have known her and experienced the breadth of her love.

Kim's legacy of humor and kindness lives on with her husband Steve, kids Mandi and Zach, grand babies Ellie and Wally, siblings Mike and Kathy, many other family members, infinite friends and coworkers. She loved them all.

Kim didn't want a memorial because she didn't want people to be sad. So instead, please join us in Lakeridge, VA on October 2, for an outdoor, COVID-style barbecue with her favorite sangria. (Meaning, stop by sometime between 3 and 7 and eat a hot dog and share your favorite story of Kim). Email [Mandi.d.richmond@gmail.com](mailto:Mandi.d.richmond@gmail.com) for location information, or to contribute a story to a book we're making for Kim's grandkids.

A subsequent memorial will be held in New Athens sometime in the future – let Mandi know if you'd like your email added to a list for notifications.

Please make a donation to a charity of your choosing in lieu of flowers.

# Comments

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“ Dear Steve, Mandi, Zack, Mike, and Kathy:  
We are so terribly sorry to hear about Kim's passing. She was a beautiful woman who paved the way for so many others. May she rest in peace and may your family find solace in the knowledge that she left this world a much better place. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Laurie Wirth-Melliand and the Wirth family

Laurie Wirth - August 28, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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“ Kim and I went to grade school 1st-8th...we were cheerleaders 6th-8th. Spent many of nights at her house after ball games, going to the town theater, Halloween fun, the creme, homecomings, etc....we always had a great time! A dear friend, that I have been blessed to have known...you will be greatly missed! Till we meet again...RIP Kim! My thoughts and prayers to all the family at this sad time

Karen Vanelli...Schreiner - August 25, 2020 at 09:04 PM

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“ I've known Kim since we were toddlers. We lived across the street from each other for many years as children. As adults, we communicated and visited when she was home.  
Kim adored her family. It is very sad to here of her passing. God bless you all.  
Love, Jean (Gary) Beggs and family

Jean Beggs - August 24, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ Steve & Family, Mike, Kathy  
Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of such a great soul. Will always remember the fun & laughs we shared the last time she was in N.A. Rest In Peace, Heaven is blessed with another Angel.

Jon (Aug) & Ruth Ann Hanft - August 23, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Kim and I were friends back in the day. She was such a great friend. Many fond memories hanging out with her. A bright beautiful smile has left us and joined the angles in heaven. Thoughts and prayers to the family



**Rochelle Kunkelmann** - August 21, 2020 at 10:23 PM



“ Steve & Family, Mike & Kathy

Our heart is broken for your loss. Will always remember the fun & laughter we had on her last visit to N.A., but heaven is aglow with her laughter, smile & has truly gained a treasured angel.

You are all in our thoughts & prayers

Jon ((Aug) & Ruth Ann Hanft

**Jon (Aug) & Ruth Ann Hanft** - August 22, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends.

**Chiyoko Gussin** - August 21, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ There are so many memories that I have with Kim. There are the nights I spent at her house and she spent at mine. The wonderful slumber parties. I am so glad to be able to call her my friend. She was so witty and funny. Always so glad to get message that her and Steve would be here for a visit and quickly making arrangements to have lunch or dinner together with friends. I will miss you my friend and will be looking forward to meeting again. Love you my friend.

**Pam Hammel** - August 21, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all the family. Went to grade school 1st-8th with Kim. Cheerleading 6th-8th. Spent many a nights at her house after ballgames, practices, the movies in town, homecomings, etc...We always had a lot of fun. She will be greatly missed. Till we meet again, rest in peace my sweet friend

**Karen Schreiner Vanelli** - August 22, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ Deepest condolences from P.E.O. Chapter U Fairfax VA. We share your loss and grief. Kim wasn't in our chapter long, but she immediately was a shining light and jumped right in to help. She brought us such joy and energy and fun. Our sincerest thanks go to Joette for recommending her for membership. We miss her so much. And we look forward to seeing her again in Chapter Eternal. Beth Cothron for Chapter U

**elizabeth cothron** - September 14, 2020 at 08:11 PM