



Kimberly A. Adamczyk

August 5, 1974 - May 12, 2012

Kimberly Ann Adamczyk, 37, died peacefully on May 12, 2012, in her home in Southfield, Michigan, surrounded by a host of family members and friends who loved her dearly and whom she loved dearly, too. Formerly a resident of Clawson, MI, Kimberly graduated from Clawson High School in 1992 as an accomplished athlete and industrious student. She was a year-round participant in track and cross-country, and was awarded many medals that attest to her success. As a member of the swim team, she excelled throughout middle school and high school with numerous special friends. Kim was also very active in Explorer Post 1093, a high-adventure service group. Determined to achieve in her life, Kim graduated from Western Michigan University in the Class of 2002, with a degree in social psychology. In her professional work at Growth Works, she helped many children find a better path in life, and she loved them all. She will be truly remembered affectionately and missed exceedingly by her many co-workers. Kimmie loved to dance Detroit Ballroom, Chicago Step, and Salsa with her college "sister" friends. "Her closet is filled with six-inch heels and boots that she often wore to dance the night away!" said her mother Bette. "We'd often bet she could run a 100-yard dash in those heels--and win!" She loved the music of Prince and was a vibrant, talkative soul. The personal scrapbooks she put together reflect many of the jubilant parts of her life. In all her activities, Kim's infectious smile captured and touched many hearts everywhere. She probably has more "best friends" than anyone. Kim became a member of the Ball family as a teenager,

when she entered Clawson High. At first, she was a little shy, but before long she blossomed into a confident, poised young woman. "Indeed she touched our hearts and our lives," said Bette, "as she became a part of our family—and she was dearly loved by all. She brightened our lives and led us all to be better people. Eventually, she declared she was the 'baby of the family' and also the favorite." Kim's dear companion, Steve Chennault, has many fond memories of the life he shared with her. "Our eyes met from across the room during a birthday party and we've been connected ever since." They loved traveling together, spending time in California, going to Steve's family reunions in Georgia and the Carolinas, and visiting Kim's college friends in Chicago. Their beautiful home in Southfield, filled with serenity and tranquility, is privately tucked away "by nature's magic in the heart of the city," Kim would say—and she adored it! Tender memories of Kim will forever be remembered by the glowing, brilliant smile she always adorned—indeed a wonderful prime memory! Kim is survived by her mother, Bette Ball; Steve Chennault, her beloved companion of five years; Steve's parents, Steve and Barbara Chennault Sr.; Steve's children Ashley, Shelby, Stephen III; siblings Maureen Ball Scallen Tad, Morgan, Cormick, Debbe Cornell Waseya, Kiwedin, Akikwe, Beverly Dettloff Bruce, Betsy Severson, Bryce, Bridgette Brooks, Greg Ball Kristen, Dick, Kate, Mary, Lauren, David, Chris Ball Stephanie, Christopher, Abby; her dearest "sister" friends Dorinda Brooks DeAndre, DeAndre II, Toinette McClellan Gunn Lorenzo, Anthony Pilgrim, Julian, and Lavern Mandy Banks Larenz, Keionna, Amaya; her "brother by a different Mother" Sherman Harris and of course Neo, Sasha, and Marley, Kim's beloved furry cats. There will be visitation Friday 5-9 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon until the time of service 1 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorials to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or any animal rescue league are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

ST

“ I remember my Aunt Kim coming over when I was 8 years old and coloring with me in my coloring books. I remember her graduation from high school like it was yesterday. I looked for you every chance I got but didn't know where you were until now and it breaks my heart that you don't get to meet your great nephews and nieces. I'm glad reading the comments that you were a loving and caring person even after we lost touch. Stephen Tocco (son of Maureen Tocco (Barney) and grandson of Kathleen Barney

Stephen Tocco - March 11, 2024 at 06:02 PM

KA

“ I prayed it wasn't you leaving the hospital in the elevator-but your friend said it was. As a nurse assistant, I'm supposed to stay strong, but I couldn't get you & your courageous challenges out of my mind. At least in the short time I knew you, we laughed, cried & talked a lot. You shared your Pink Chiffon with me & I knew we were friends for life. I didn't get to thank you, but at least our last visit when I did your vitals, we laughed & hugged. You are truly an angel & you are now cured & cradled in the arms of our Lord. Forever friends, Karen Alexander, OCAII-Karmanos Cancer Institute-9WN.

Karen Alexander - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Oh Kimmie..it is breaking my heart to even be writing this!! I am gonna miss you so much..and I appreciate everything you did for me in the spring of 1999. You were an awesome woman and a fabulous friend. I am deeply saddened by your passing but and even more grateful you were in my life for these years..by the way..that tall lady with the beautiful smile is our mom..she is gonna take care of you and show you around!! Love ya Short woman..REST IN PEACE!! "J"

Jetaun J. Strong - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Kim, I will miss you, my friend. I keep your smiles and laughter in my heart, and I send my love with you. We will meet again in time. All my love, Rose

Rosemarie Simpson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My dearest condolence to the family, friends and her companion Steve. I can remember like it was yesterday when Kim entered our lives. My sister Lavern was so excited to be coming home from college with Kim in tow. Kim came with an open heart, loving spirit, and ton of conversations not to mention an empty stomach because every time she came to our house she always said Lavern I can't wait to eat your mama foodlol. I think that's why she use to leave Kalamazoo and be at our house in less than an hour. Kim was always there for you rather you was family, friend or enemy.I can recall a challenging moment in my life where Kim went above and beyond for me not because she was my sister best friend but because that was the person god created her to be loving, compassionate and caring. Therefore her love & acceptance for life will forever live within each of us. Celebrate the person we all knew her to be, she will forever be in our prayers & heart.

Doreen miah - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Kim. I was blessed to have her in my life as a friend, sister and roommate. I will always be thankful for the times we shared and the exposure she gave to this small town girl from South Haven. I remember all the trips to the 'D' in the red Mazda RX-7. Even though life and time happened to our circumstance, you will ALWAYS be one of the greatest people I have met in my life. Love you from the bottom of my heart and you will be deeply missed.

Torri Cloman-Washington - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Kim, you fought until the end and now you can rest. Your place in our hearts is cemented by your big, warm smile. We will miss you.

Stephen Johnson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Kim, I will always remember you and your smiles. You were a wonderful person. I will always remember the good times we had driving around for work. My condolences to Kim's family.

Migena Myftiu - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Kim, you brighted the room as you entered. Your smile & energy will be with us forever in our hearts & thoughts. You are a true Angel. Love you!! Thank you for sharing your life with us. Prayers and Blessings to your family where ever they are.

Charlotte & Chris Louwaert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I met Kim @Western Michigan, we were in the Kappa fashion show together. All I can say is, What A PRECIOUS PERSON! Kim was always so polite and always smiling! I'm so glad I had the opportunity to see her over the Christmas holiday! Sleep with the angels now, Kim. You will always and forever be missed! Your smile and spirit will never be forgotten!

Gretchen MayberryMcKay - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I'll always remember her Beautiful smile, a radiant girl & much younger cousin. My deepest sympathies to the Loving Ball Family.

Stuart Shankster - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I new Kim through her work with young people at Growth Works. She was an inspiring example of someone who cared about these kids and would pour herself into their lives. She had a far reaching effect on more peoples lives than its possible to imagine. She will continue to shine on us for sure!

Kathy Svoboda - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Kim was a strong, focused and wise young woman who loved people and life. Unfortunately, she's gone too soon. But her spirit will live on all around us. I'll always remember her having "solutions" for everything, recalling and repeating what she had learned from her mother, Bette, and sister, Maureen. They were her role models. And, Kim, you were everyone else's. You showed such courage, strength and hope throughout your illness. Your determination to fight cancer till the very end was remarkable. There was so much that others could learn from you. Even near the closing days of your life, you continued to give directions--e.g., pointing out the window as Steve Jr. cut the grass and trying to write notes to me and your mom. I will never forget the effect you had on my son Steve. He became a different person with you. You certainly understood him. Thank you for being in our family. I will always remember you and love you. Mimi Barbara Chennault Sr.

Barbara J. Chennault Sr. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ My heart and thoughts are with the family and friends of Kim. She was a great woman with a big heart! I am sad you are no longer here but the memories of you will live on with all of us forever. Rest In Paradise my friend! With Love, Lisa Parker

Lisa Parker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My dear Kim, you are truly a special jewel in the hearts of so many folks who knew you, felt the love you exuded through your presence. Mimi and I grew to love you remarkably, as you know, and we really felt of you as another daughter in our family. We're going to miss you, darling, and will remember you forever. Much, much love, Papa Steve Chennault Sr.

Stephen D. Chennault Sr. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Bette: I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter. My prayers are with you and with your family.

Melinda Whiting Renshaw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I can't believe that you're gone little sis. But I know I will see you again. Take care of us. We miss you.

Sherman Harris - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Steve Jr., We are sorry for your loss; Uncle Albert and Aunt Verne

Albert and Verne Chennault - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM