



Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary

January 18, 1964 - October 14, 2018

Have you ever met a lady who sparkles like a bright star on a dark moonless night? Have you ever met a lady who bubbles like champagne, whose laughter is irresistible, who is joyful over the ordinary, playful when working hard, cheerful when others are down, who dances when others are lethargic, who brings joy to the sorrowful and turns frowns upside down wherever she goes?

Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary was all of those things, and much, much more.

Kim, a highly intelligent person, could more than hold her own in any conversation with anyone, anywhere, at anytime, and leave them laughing with her wit and sense of humor. She had a loving heart and a joyous spirit, and irresistible energy that shined like full moon in a cloudless sky. She always had a kind word to say, a joke to share, a song to play, and a story to tell, and you couldn't help but love her. Kim would love you right back, and once you were her friend, you were her friend forever; she never turned her back on anyone, no matter how much time had passed she was always happy to see you again.

Kim, or Kimmie, or Blondie, was a wonderful friend, a wonderful mother, and a wonderful wife; those who knew her loved her. A dedicated mother who adored her children, she was also thrilled to be a grandmother and looked

forward to watching her granddaughter grow up, and she spoke of her often, sharing photos and stories of her sons and her granddaughter with friends, coworkers and acquaintances. She loved her family, her brother and sister, her beloved grandparents, her in-laws, her nieces and nephews, her cousins and aunts and uncles; her extended family on every side always had a place in her heart and her thoughts.

Kim loved music, and loved to dance to her favorite songs; she was a ferocious reader who intensely devoured books. Kim was highly artistic and creative, whether it was doodling while she was on the phone, painting on a canvas, sketching in a book, creating delicious food in the kitchen, or working on projects around the house; she had a keen eye for details and a fruitful imagination filled with ideas and projects, improvements and plans. Whether it was painting a room or reupholstering a chair, hanging artwork or placing a knick-knack "just so" in the perfect location, she strove to make things better, prettier and more efficient for her family, home, and friends. Kim loved the holidays and the changing of the seasons, and enjoyed decorating her home for the occasions, with a sharp eye and a creative imagination.

Kim was a dedicated employee, whether with K-Mart as a young wife and mother, or with the Wake County Public School System in the Child Nutrition Services department for 25 years, rising from part-time cashier to Manager to Training Specialist, helping, teaching, and encouraging others. Kim loved to help others and loved making the children happy, and often was greeted years later in a store by a young adult who fondly remembered her as "the Lunch Lady", and had never forgotten what a wonderful lady she was, how nice and friendly she was, and how much she made them feel special. Kim had special gifts, and she brought them wherever she went, making others feel special and important and knowing that she really cared for them and wished them to be happy. Many a young child told her years later that they had never forgotten how special she made them feel, and that she was the nicest Lunch

Lady ever. She took great pleasure in their pleasure, but that was just the way she was.

Kim always took great pleasure in pleasing others, and strove to make other people happy. She had unique talent for making other people feel special, and for sharing and spreading happiness wherever she went.

Kim Leary will be mourned deeply and missed dearly, as she was beloved by many. She touched people's lives wherever she went, and turned strangers quickly into friends; her irresistible cheerfulness was a crystal chandelier in a darkened room, bringing light wherever she went. The world is a lesser, sadder, darker place because of her departure.

Kim was preceded in her passing earlier this year by her beloved mother Elaine and her father Christopher, and is survived by her husband Michael, her sons Sean, Keegan, and Tristan, and her granddaughter Jolene; she is also survived by her much-loved sister Jennifer and brother Christopher. She loved her whole extended family, including her daughter-in-law Ashley, her in-laws Curtis and Sybil, and her lifelong friends whom she loved so much.

Kimmie, we will miss you until the end of days. Thank you for being the wonderful woman, wife, mother, and friend you were every day, and although we will always mourn you leaving us all far too soon, we will always be eternally grateful for your presence here on the mortal plane, spreading laughter and joy wherever you went, brightening our days like a beautiful rainbow following a summer rain. You were a bright shooting star in a dark winter sky, brightening our cold dark world with your dazzling breathtaking brilliance for too brief a time. We will always be grateful for the blessings of having you in our lives. You will live in our hearts, thoughts and memories forever. We will be eternally grateful for your presence as we mourn your loss,

and thankful for the time you spent with us. We love you.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Michael Leary lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Michael Leary - July 15, 2025 at 02:46 PM

ML

“ *Kim, you still come to me in my dreams at night, and you are in my daily thoughts and prayers. We all miss you awful, and you are in our conversations and memories, your photos are in our homes, and your life continues to touch us all. Thank you for sharing your life with us all. We all will always miss you.*

Michael Leary - July 15, 2025 at 02:45 PM

BR

“ *On this anniversary of the day of your passing, know that you are forever loved, missed, and remembered. Your beautiful spirit is in your children, your husband, your friends and all who have met you. May you continue to rest in Heavenly peace. Taken too soon, but your spirit remains with us eternally.*



Bonita Z Rose - October 14, 2024 at 03:47 PM

ML

“ *I miss you soooooooooooooooooo much Honey!!!!*

Michael Leary - April 08, 2021 at 09:34 AM

ML

“ *Michael Leary lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Michael Leary - May 16, 2019 at 08:21 PM

ML

“ *My sweet funny intelligent beautiful wife, I miss you terribly every day and every night.... not an hour goes by when I do not think of you... my heart is still broken... I miss you so damn much Honey. I will never be the same. I still can't believe that you're gone. I still can't accept that you've left me forever. I will miss you as long as I breathe.*

Michael Leary - May 16, 2019 at 08:21 PM

ML

“ *Kimmie, I miss you every day and every night. The holidays this year were not the same without you. I love you very, very much, and always will, forever and ever.*

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:17 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Hinton lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Debbie Hinton - November 15, 2018 at 11:05 AM

ML

Thank you Debbie.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:18 AM

LB

“ *To my dear cousin, Mike, sons and all family:
We are sending our love, comfort, prayers and condolences for your recent heartbreaking loss.
May God's promises and your good memories help get you through this painful time.
Love always,
(Cousin) Lisa Barham and son Baxter.*

Lisa Barham - October 23, 2018 at 01:55 PM

ML

Thank you very much Lisa. Love You!

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:18 AM

HL

“ *You and the family are in our thoughts We wish we had seen you guys more.*



Holly Littell - October 20, 2018 at 11:47 AM

ML

Thank you very much Holly. Kim thought the world of both you and Jim. You are wonderful friends, always have been.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:19 AM

DM

“ *Dianne Mazzola lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



dianne mazzola - October 19, 2018 at 04:04 PM

ML

Thank you Dianne.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:19 AM



“ *We will be holding a memorial "Celebration Of Life" for family and friends tomorrow evening at Kim's sister's home in Angier, NC tomorrow, Saturday evening, 10/20/18 starting at 4:00pm. Please feel free to contact Kim's husband Michael or her sister Jennifer for additional information if you would care to join us.*

Curtis Leary - October 19, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *Shari White lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Shari White - October 19, 2018 at 03:14 AM

ML

Thank you Shari. I appreciate your kind gesture.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:20 AM

DW

“ Drew Weiss lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary



Drew Weiss - October 19, 2018 at 12:45 AM

ML

Thank you Drew. You are a great friend.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:20 AM



“ In memory of Kim, please don't send flowers, but instead in memory of her loving spirit and gracious heart, please "Pay It Forward" by doing a nice thing for another person, give food to someone who is hungry, give to someone in need, comfort those who are sad, be a friend to someone who needs a friend.... Kim always had a giving heart and a loving spirit, and would rather you help those in distress, be there for a friend, lend a helping hand to a stranger, than worry about flowers. Give and love, dance and sing, live and laugh, make love and experience joy, and have peace and harmony and love in your life. That is what Kim would wish for you. Have love, peace, harmony, and joy, and live for every moment, because the show ends all too soon, and leaves you clapping your hands and yelling for an encore.... but there is no encore, no second show... the curtain closes...

Curtis Leary - October 19, 2018 at 12:03 AM

MH

Well said ! You know her like a book

Monica Hauser - October 19, 2018 at 08:39 PM

ML

Thank you Monica Hauser, you are a wonderful friend, and Kim thought the world of you.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:12 AM

AS

“ *You will truly be missed Kim!*



Ashley - October 18, 2018 at 09:20 PM

ML

Thank you Ashley for your kind, sweet words.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:21 AM

BP

“ *To Mike and family. May God shed his ending love over you during this most difficult time. Kim was a great woman and as you said, always a joy to be around. Her smile and jovial nature will never be forgotten.*



Bob and Brenda Pulverenti

Bob and Brenda Pulverenti - October 18, 2018 at 09:03 PM

ML

Thank you very much Brenda and Bob. You are wonderful friends and Kim thought very highly of you both.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:16 AM

JM

“ *Jan Miller lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Jan Miller - October 18, 2018 at 08:14 PM

ML

Thank you very much Jan. Kim thought you were awesome from the moment she met you.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:15 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Gomes lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Debbie gomes - October 18, 2018 at 05:42 PM

ML

Thank you very much Debbie. Kim loved you very much.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:14 AM

BS

“ *Bernice Marilyn Stever lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Bernice Marilyn stever - October 18, 2018 at 05:01 PM

ML

Thank you very much Bernice.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:14 AM

MB

“ *Michele Burmer lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Michele Burmer - October 18, 2018 at 04:27 PM

MB

I will forever miss my beautiful, long time friend Kim!! There are no words to express the sadness of her passing. She was a great friend with a huge heart. Even though many miles stood between us - when we chatted - it was like we just saw each other yesterday. Nothing can erase the wonderful memories we shared over our many years of friendship !! Gone but not forgotten. Now or ever! She left a huge impact on everyone who was graced by her presence. Rest in Paradise my friend. Your suffering is over, while ours has just begun. I love you Kimmie!!

Michele Burmer - October 18, 2018 at 04:32 PM

ML

Thank you so much Michele. You are a beloved friend, and Kim loved you very much.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:13 AM

SW

“ *I'm so sorry, Michael, for the loss of your wife. You wrote a beautiful obituary about your loving wife.*



sonya widdowson - October 18, 2018 at 04:22 PM

ML

Thank you very much Sonya. I deeply appreciate your kind, sweet words.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:14 AM



“ 37 files added to the album Memories Album



Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - October 18, 2018 at 02:39 PM

TD

“ *Kim was my very best friend for years. Her passing breaks my heart. I am so sorry for Michael, Sean, Keegan, Tristan, and the rest of Kim's family. May the memories of this beautiful person comfort you in your time of grief and sorrow.*

Terri Dowd - October 18, 2018 at 10:34 AM

ML

Thank you for your kind, sweet, loving words and gestures, Terri. Kim loved you very much, and you have always been a truly wonderful friend for Kim, me, and our whole family for many years. I truly appreciate you very much for all you have done for us.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:23 AM

TD

“ Terri Dowd lit a candle in memory of Kim O’Shaughnessy Leary



Terri Dowd - October 18, 2018 at 10:31 AM

ML

Thank you very much Terri. You are a wonderful, beloved friend.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:24 AM



“ I’m so sorry for your loss. The world lost so many beautiful people this week, but I felt blessed to know them. Peace be with you.

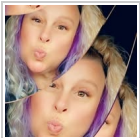


Anne Freitas - October 17, 2018 at 11:24 PM

ML

Thank you very much Ann Marie for your kind, sweet words and gestures.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:24 AM



“ Tabitha Moshier lit a candle in memory of Kim O’Shaughnessy Leary



Tabitha Moshier - October 17, 2018 at 10:33 PM

ML

Thank you very much Tabitha. I appreciate it.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:24 AM

DD

“ *Denise Dimarsico lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Denise Dimarsico - October 17, 2018 at 08:54 PM

ML

Thank you very much Denise.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:25 AM

BR

“ *Bonita Rose lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Bonita Rose - October 17, 2018 at 12:55 PM



I love you big sister

Christopher Oshaughnessy Jr. - October 17, 2018 at 02:11 PM

ML

Thank you very much Bonnie. You have always been a great friend.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:25 AM

BR

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to your family. I count myself lucky and honored to have met Kim years ago, when Sean was a little Cub Scout. He definitely was an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind child with definitely one-of-a-kind parents. Kim and I hit it off pretty quickly, as she was "that" kind of person.....someone you could spend hours talking, laughing with. Someone who was smart, helpful and a true devoted mother and wife.....and friend. No tears can remove the sadness I felt when I learned of Kim's passing.....no words can express my sorrow and shock....They always talk about "a better place"....I know she is released from her pain and illness. But now the world is a less "better place" because Kim has left us. Thankfully we have good memories, good stories to tell, good moments to remember.....As the song goes.....In the Arms of the Angels.....yes, one more angel to watch over us....Fly now Kim, fly through the heavens.....We will never forget you, nor stop loving you. ~~~Bonnie

Bonita Rose - October 17, 2018 at 12:54 PM

ML

Thank you very much Bonnie, for your sweet kind words and memories.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:26 AM

“ Kim was dancing when I first laid eyes upon her, and she instantly fascinated me; I guess I fell head over heels at first sight. Observing carefully, I stood in a strategic location so she would accidentally dance into bumping into me; this "chance" meeting led to a conversation with an enchanting young lady, and I was thrilled when she gave me her phone number. An instant friendship led to a relationship, and I was the happiest man on Earth when she agreed to become my beautiful bride. We traveled together, enjoying life and adventures, for about 2 years before settling down in a little apartment; when we were about to have a little one, we bought a small house that we filled with love and life.

The years flew quickly by, and our three wonderful boys, Sean, Keegan, and Tristan, have grown into fine young men, and Kim loved them each deeply. The oldest is now a father himself, and Kim loved her beautiful granddaughter Jolene very much. Time flew by all too quickly, but Kim made the moments count, loving the holidays and the changes of seasons, the mountains and the beaches, the moon and the stars, the sunshine and the rain. She decorated our home for the holidays, and made the moments count. She was artistic and creative, feminine and soft while also being strong and tough, with a brilliant mind and the heart of an angel. She was frugal but not a cheapskate, loved silver more than gold, aquamarine more than diamond, turquoise more than rubies, and her family more than any material riches.

Kim was very intelligent, with a bright mind that devoured books and loved detective shows while abhorring violence; she had a wonderful sense of humor and an irresistible laugh, and was the life of a party as well as brightening up every workplace. A dedicated worker, she was meticulous with a keen eye for detail, always caring about quality control and customer satisfaction. She cared about her people, and always had a ready ear and a shoulder to cry upon, whether regarding work or personal matters.

Kim was a bright shining star who bubbled like champagne with

what she called "Joie de Vivre", full of laughter and delight, and stories and songs. She loved music and loved to dance, and had very eclectic musical likes and tastes, from Rock to Country to Pop to Classical. She had an "ear" for music, and enjoyed a gift: for years could instantly tell what new song was going to be a hit and what band would become stars; she often said that Music Promoter or Manager was her true calling,

Kim brought joy to the hearts of everyone who met her, and once you were her friend, you were a friend for life; you may have chosen to move on, but you never moved out of her heart. She would speak of someone whom she had not seen for years as if she saw them only yesterday, and if she ran into an old friend, she treated them as if the years apart had never existed. She truly cared for others as she cared for herself, and loved her family unceasingly and deeply.

Kim loved animals, and always wanted to have pets, which we had, dogs and cats and snakes and more. If she had her way, she would have had a menagerie of happy animal friends. She happily spoke and shared memories of pets long gone like they were just here yesterday, and loved sharing stories of her childhood dogs. Her cats Sabrina and Annabel Lee will miss her, but they're probably glad that she currently didn't own a dog.

Kim will be missed by all who knew her, and all that loved her will mourn her loss until the end of days. Taken from us all too soon, she will live on in our hearts and memories, memories of the fun she brought to us all and the joy she shared with us every day.

I miss her terribly.

The years flew by on eagle's wings, and everything left all too fast.

I loved her before, I love her now, and I will love her forever.

Kim, I will see you in my dreams...

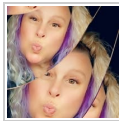
Til Death Do We Part,

I love you Kim,

Your loving husband,

Michael

Michael Leary - October 16, 2018 at 10:58 PM



*Very Beautifully said n written.... Just as Beautiful as Kim was n always will be! We love you Michael!
Hit me up we're here for you n yours!
Tab n Doug Moshier*

Tabitha Moshier - October 17, 2018 at 10:32 PM



Such beautiful words about a beautiful woman. She'll be missed by all.

Anne Freitas - October 18, 2018 at 12:21 AM

PT

She lives on in you

Patricia Turner - October 21, 2018 at 09:05 AM

ML

Kimmie, I miss you so much, every day, and every night...

Michael Leary - December 02, 2018 at 01:36 PM

ML

I love you and miss you, Kimmie, and not a day or night goes by when you are not in my thoughts and my heart.

Michael Leary - January 04, 2019 at 07:27 AM

ML

“ *Michael Leary lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Michael Leary - October 16, 2018 at 09:32 PM

CL

“ *Curtis M Leary lit a candle in memory of Kim O'Shaughnessy Leary*



Curtis M Leary - October 16, 2018 at 09:31 PM