



Kimberly Port

December 14, 1959 - February 8, 2020

Surrounded by family, Kimberly Dawn Port passed away in the early hours of February 8th, 2020. Born the daughter of a Naval Senior Chief Petty Officer and a young homemaker, Al and Lorie Mittelstadt, on December 14th 1959, her early childhood years were spent living in numerous locations all over the United States. Active and athletic, she competed in track and field, and was the MVP of her high school volleyball team. Her coach praised her that this recognition was not only for her skill, but because she was the heart of the team, faithfully supporting and encouraging all her teammates. She graduated from Woodbury High School, Woodbury Minnesota, in 1977.

In 1978, Kim's family settled in Chico California. It was not long after that she met her best friend and love, Edward Lee Port. They were married on June 7th, 1980. Always wanting to be a mama, she had two children, Jolene and Jared, later adopting her daughter, Jess. She said that she always saw herself having "three J's." It just took a little longer to find her third "J" baby.

Just as she was a mama, Kim was a wise and patient teacher. After her own children were grown, she taught and homeschooled many others. She had a knack for personalizing lessons and teaching styles, finding a way to lift up each child she worked with.

Her gentle presence always exuded peace and calm to those around her. She knew how to truly listen, selflessly and with empathy, and those that spent time with her felt seen and understood. She made any holiday or gathering more special just by being a part of it. She was meticulous, using her keen artistic eye to tend to every detail. Her quick wit and beautiful smile could light up any room. It was always her desire to create a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy and feel included.

An excellent cook, she would tweak and amend any recipe she tried. Her cookbooks are filled with annotations on post-it's and colorful notecards, all carefully penned in her elegant handwriting. Family gatherings were not complete without her signature dishes -

especially her chocolate chip cookies.

Receiving a gift from her was a unique pleasure. She memorized everyone's special days and was unfailingly on time with cards personalized with her drawings, a sweet word or thoughtful verse. She scouted year-round to find thoughtful things for everyone in her life, squirreling them away for just the right moment. Each gift would come in the most beautiful and careful wrapping. And, it would rarely contain just one thing.

She loved buckets, brush pens, and cozy socks. She loved a sunny day, listening to the ocean waves, and working in her garden. Most of all, she loved spending time with her children, family, and good friends.

Kim's faith was the foundation of her life and the source of her strength. She had a sweet and enduring relationship with Jesus, who gifted her a beautiful heart to do all the things described above. Her love for her Heavenly Father only grew closer and deeper through the last five years, providing her the unwavering courage and tenacity to battle cancer. He was ever her refuge for peace and comfort.

Kim is survived by her husband and three children; her brother and wife, Doug and Beth; her brother Greg; her sister and husband, Alison and Craig; her parents, Al and Lorie; and her sister-in-law and husband, Judy and Mark; plus, many cousins, nieces, and nephews. All of whom she loved, inspired, and touched deeply.

Please join us in celebrating her life, Sunday, March 8th, 2020 at 11:00am at Butte Creek Country Club, 175 Estates Drive, Chico.

Events

MAR **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Butte Creek Country Club

175 Estates Drive, Chico, CA, US

Comments



“ I was so saddened to learn of Kim’s passing. There is Peace though knowing she is now with Jesus. I’m so very sorry Ed, Jolene and Jared so your loss. Kim was a very precious lady and friend. She had such a gentle spirit. I have special memories of time spent with Kim. In the 90’s we took a girls Trip together with Cheryl and Vikki to Manhattan Beach. What a fun trip. I also have fond memory of going to several Vineyard conferences with her and others. We experienced the power of the Holy Spirit at a whole new level. It was fun sharing these experiences with her. I wish I could attend the celebration of her life but I live in Washington now. She will be missed. I am glad we crossed paths Kim. Love you. I pray Gods peace and comfort for the family.

Kathy Varner - March 08 at 01:52 AM



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Vikki Reimer - March 04 at 02:09 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Kim. I will always be so grateful that God brought her into my life!

Vikki - March 04 at 02:19 PM



“ It was an honor to know this kind, lovely woman. My deep sympathy goes out to her family.

Jill Cawley - February 29 at 11:33 PM



“ My sweet Kimmer was a special one of a kind dearest friend! We go back to Woodbury Sr High days with volleyball teamwork, fun times, many laughs and shared secrets! We were in each other’s wedding, shared the joys of Motherhood & re-connected in the last 10 years! I will miss Kim very much as she was talented, faith filled, strong in family & awesome! Hugs to Eddie, Jo, Jared & families!



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Sheri Lattus - February 12 at 12:16 AM



“ Love these photo Sheri of Kim and you

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