



Mary Kim Barnes

January 23, 1973 - January 25, 2021

Mary Kim Barnes, age 48, of Spring Lake passed away Monday, January 25, 2021 at North Ottawa Community Hospital. She was born January 23, 1973 in Vietnam and was adopted to Sandra Kail and Michael Barnes.

Whatever we thought we were doing for Mary Kim she returned tenfold, she spread joy and love into the world like no other. Truly an amazing gift sent from God. She has returned to heaven now but there is no doubt she will still be impacting the lives of all that knew her.

"We thought we saved you, but you saved us! You taught us about inclusion, happiness, and love. Your body may have failed, but your mind and spirit were all there. Your laugh was infectious and so beautiful. You left this world so much brighter! Rest in peace baby girl. Love you to the moon and back."

She is survived by her mom, Sandra (Steve) Babbitt; dad, Michael Barnes; siblings: Jeffery (& Amy) Barnes, Shawn (& Amy) Barnes, Rebecca (& David) Schmidt, Greg Barnes (& Rebecca Westover), Jessy (& Brian) Snyder; her care givers, Angela Helmer and family and all of her house friends.

A private service will take place. Interment will take place in Spring Lake Township cemetery. Memorial contributions in memory of Mary Kim may be given to [Indian Trails Camp]<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E329854&id=1>. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

Cemetery

Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road

Spring Lake, MI, 49456

Comments



“ Mary Kim is one of my students that I think of often and will never, never forget. She was so happy in spite of her limitations. Heaven has gained a special angel.
Jean MacDonald - Ledsworth

Jean MacDonald Ledsworth - February 03 at 05:41 PM



“ I remember her beautiful smile too. I was her bus driver for a short time at OAC and never forgot what a joy she was.

Marilyn Jones - February 03 at 11:28 AM



“ I was so shocked yesterday when I heard sweet Mary Kim had passed. She was always the life of the party during the years she lived with my family. I remember how she would mischievously give away secrets, and what fun we had playing games. Her infectious smile would always attract attention, and she loved nothing more than being the center of attention, brightening the lives of everyone she met. I send my sympathy to her loving family and all those her cared for her.

Kathy Messenger February 3, 2021

Kathy Messenger - February 03 at 11:20 AM



“ Mary Kim was my foster sister for most of my childhood. She moved in when I was maybe 7 or so and lived with us until my mom retired when I was in college to care for my dad who had cancer. She was a joy to be around and her smile really did light up a room! She was sharp as a tack, and despite only being able to verbally say "yeah" and shake her head no, she could communicate passionately and clearly anything she wanted. I am so sad to hear of her passing, and my deepest condolences to her family!

Rachel Shank - February 03 at 11:19 AM



“ I had the honor to be Mary Kim's dental hygienist for many years. I was sad to hear of your loss. Her sweet spirit for life made a lasting impact on me! Mary and I were the same age and she taught me how important it is to embrace life and be grateful for all the blessings you are given. Angela & Mary's bond was always a sweet thing to witness. I will pray for comfort for you as you navigate this loss but also praise God for this sweet soul that rests with Him! ~Rene' Nutt

Rene Nutt - January 31 at 12:53 PM



“ I met Mary Kim when I worked in Ottawa County. I remember her smile would light up a room. Those who loved her will certainly miss her. My condolences to her family and friends.

Rhonda McPherson - January 31 at 06:39 PM



“ I met Mary Kim when she first start CBE, then I became her care taker until I retired and my daughter Angele Helmer took over as her care taker. Mary Kim brought a lot of folks into our lives, she never forgot a person in her life. we would run into someone she knew just about anyplace we went. She always had a smile on her face and you couldn't be sad because she needed to know why. one day her brother Jeff stop to see her he kept looking the door window Mary and I were cleaning fish tank but she saw him and she would yell out but when I looked up he wasn't there I am saying to Mary Kim what I don't see anyone when I happen to look up at the right time Mary Kim was laughing so hard and so excited had to tell her to come up for air. She was a joy to many people. She will be missed dearly.

Fredrica (Fritz) Schiele - February 02 at 11:34 AM



“ I received the gift of working with Mary Kim at OAC nearly 30 years ago, as her substitute teacher for 2 months. Getting to know her and her abilities on a computer, which she enjoyed, was an inspiration that has carried me through my career and beyond. Her beauty inside and out made it such a privilege to know her, she has definitely served her purpose of making great contributions to this world,

Alice Gutierrez (Kamps at that time) - February 03 at 05:40 AM



“ I was good friends with her foster sister many years ago, but I will never forget Mary Kim's joy! Joy like that is such a blessing! I'm sorry to hear that she is gone.

Sarah - February 03 at 08:13 PM