



Marilyn Kim Carpenter

July 11, 1959 - March 6, 2024

Marilyn Kim Carpenter, 64, of Fort Collins, CO, passed away on March 6, 2024, her family is profoundly saddened.

Kim was born on July 11, 1959, to Tom W Carpenter, Jr and Dorothy May Dowdy in Amarillo, TX. Kim graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1977 in Dallas Texas. She then went on to study classical guitar at the University of Arkansas where she graduated with a degree in Musical Education.

She went on to have two children, Julie Moreno, 41, and Christy Buffington, 39. Kim was an exemplary mother and human being. She embodied the best of qualities:

unconditional love, strength of spirit, and an unending generosity to everyone. You could always be yourself around her.

While her daughters were in school, in 2001 she completed her Master of Education with a certification in school counseling from the University of Texas at Brownsville.

And began her career as a school counselor.

In 2015, Kim retired after serving as an Educator in the state of Texas for 23 years. She then moved to Fort Collins, Colorado to spend her time in the mountains and with her.

grandchildren, Lola 10, and Caroline, 6. Besides spending time with her grandchildren Kim loved to read, watch movies, hike, play the guitar, and mahjong with her friends.

Kim is survived by her stepmother; Elaine Carpenter, brothers; Tres Carpenter (wife Peggy Carpenter), Kenny Carpenter (wife Joni Carpenter), children; Julie Moreno, Christy Buffington, grandchildren; Lola and Caroline, sons-in-law; Franco Moreno and Nathaniel Goertz, nieces and nephews; Cambra, Jesse, Sierra and their children and grandchildren.

Her departure leaves a hole in the hearts of her entire family and countless others who loved her deeply. The family appreciates your support during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Fort Collins Symphony, an organization she felt strongly about.

<https://fcsymphony.org//support/>

In typical Kim fashion, there are no services planned. A celebration of life will occur, but details have yet to be determined.

Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - March 11, 2024 at 09:31 AM

LW

Kim was one of my favorite people on the planet and such a beautiful, bright light in my life! We've shared our lives and love of music since high school. I will love her and miss her forever. Wishing all of her family love and comfort.

LaVonne Wesley

LaVonne Wesley - March 11, 2024 at 02:11 PM

JC

I first met Kim when she was 16 years old (when I first got together with her brother Kenny) and she's been part of my life ever since. Such a dear heart: warm, friendly and quick with a laugh. Kim was living her best life with Julie, Franco and her granddaughters. And she is gone much too soon. We are so sad to lose her. May Julie and Christi find comfort in knowing how much Kim was loved.

Joni Carpenter - March 12, 2024 at 10:25 AM

JR

I'm sorry to hear of Kim's passing. I enjoyed working with her at the Dalhart Unit

John Reichert - March 24, 2024 at 04:43 PM