



Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia

February 23, 1957 - October 17, 2021

Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia

2/23/1957-10/17/2021

Age 64, was welcomed into Heaven by the Lord on Sunday, October 17, 2021 after a long, hard fought battle with cancer.

Kim fought her cancer with everything she had by going through chemotherapy, having surgery and immunotherapy. Kim was blessed to have even survived her surgery as she had complications and was there for a month.

This was the second time Kim had cancer in her life. She had Leukemia in her 20's. With her faith in God, she enjoyed her "second chance" of life.

Kim went on a dating site online when online dating first started, and her niece Jenny thought she was crazy. She met Darrell 'D' Malizia, her husband and they hit it off right away. Kim always took a chance and it worked out for her.

Kim's favorite times were enjoyed with 'D' and her dogs, Murphy and Maxwell. She enjoyed cooking, where she was the pizza winner in a contest with her husband and friends. Kim loved working in the yard growing beautiful roses, something her mom also did. Kim enjoyed traveling with Darrell. They went to California to see the Redwoods, tasted wines in wine country, took in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, gambled in Las Vegas, flew in a helicopter to the Grand Canyon and enjoyed visiting Mexico.

Skydiving was also something Kim enjoyed. She was the one who wanted to go at first and Darrell went along because Kim wanted to do it. They both fell in love with it.

Spending time with family and friends was always on Kim's mind. She really valued her relationships with her family and friends. When Kim wasn't out and about, she enjoyed watching T.V. mysteries like Law & Order, Criminal Minds, Blue Bloods and and murder mystery movies on Lifetime.

Preceded in death by her parents Gilbert and Mildred Kelley (nee Smith).

Survived by her loving husband of 23 years, Darrell 'D' Malizia. Loving mom to her dog babies Murphy and Maxwell. Her sister Peggy Gamblin, brother Richard Kelley (MaryAnn), Sheila Orwat (Ray) and Mark Kelley (Deborah).

She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews whom she loved very dearly. She is survived by many friends and colleagues who might as well be considered family.

A celebration of Kim's life will be held on Saturday, November 13th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Delgado Funeral Home, 400 Landau Ave. Joliet, IL 60432.

Kim's family would like to thank Lightways Hospice in Joliet for their affectionate care both at home and at their facility. Besides expert nursing care, Lightways provided massage therapy and music therapy to Kim. Kim shared her heartbeat and chose the music for her memorial video. They were a Godsend to her husband Darrell and her niece Jenny. The family asks that you please consider a donation to this organization in honor of Kim.

https://lightways.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwiNSLBhCPARIsAKNS4_dScGaLqWoCOa_njsYiCa_FQdn5KFpVKVA0_Vxxt69MT2oLi-sqqtAaAvrIEALw_wcB

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **13**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - November 13, 2021 at 03:00 PM

MV

*Enjoyed the memorial service for Kim Kelly!
Good job Pastor Dave
Good to see the family by video
Maureen Vlcek*

maureen vlcek - November 14, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia*

January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *26 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - November 13, 2021 at 02:46 PM

TF

“ *The Jansen-Daley Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia.*



The Jansen-Daley Family - November 09, 2021 at 03:16 PM

MD

“ It is said that it takes a village.....And I am borrowing this phrase to describe the teamwork that materialized as our beloved Kim lived her final months. Many wonderful souls, unknown to each other, banded together to bring comfort and assistance to Kim and her family during life's greatest challenge. While I miss my dear friend, I am reminded of the many special people who helped in small yet massive ways. From calls and visits with Kim's family, Pastor Dave and Mary Fitz, Linda mowing the lawn, Tom driving and driving and driving some more, Claudia stopping by to chat, helping around the house, Lauren sending soup, Erin in Kim's room when family had gone home for much needed rest, and many others unknown by me but known to God. I don't have words powerful enough to depict and recognize Darrell's and Jenny's unwavering support and comforting presence with Kim. They both filled their roles admirably and I know that Kim found solace with them at her side. Rest in peace Kimberly Kay. I love you. Marilyn

Marilyn Jansen Daley - November 09, 2021 at 03:08 PM

JN

Marilyn thank you so much for everything you've done for Kim. You have been there for so many years. I appreciate you being here for Kim, Darrell and I.

Jenny Nallen - November 13, 2021 at 10:13 PM



“ Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia.



October 31, 2021 at 04:21 PM

PS

“ We met well over 35 years ago and shared so many memories. We spoke often of retiring and sitting in our rocking chairs on our porch together. Until we meet again and sit in those rocking chairs, I (and Mike) will hold you in my heart on earth. And, I am glad your earthly suffering is over - you now have peace. Phyllis Skrysak

Phyllis Skrysak - October 27, 2021 at 04:20 PM

JN

Thank you so much Phyllis. ❤️

Jenny Nallen - November 13, 2021 at 10:09 PM

JN

Thank you so much Phyllis ❤️

Jenny Nallen - November 13, 2021 at 10:10 PM

PH

“ *Phyllis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia.*



Phyllis - October 27, 2021 at 04:11 PM

LG

“ *Lynn Ann Zazzara Grabavoy lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Kay Kelley-Malizia*



Lynn Ann Zazzara Grabavoy - October 27, 2021 at 09:15 AM

MF

“ *We shared so many wonderful days together, in play and at work. I am blessed that you came into my life. Rest well, my friend, and I will see you in heaven, Love, Mary*

mary fitzgerald - October 26, 2021 at 09:51 AM

SO

Thanks Mary. Kim loved and respected you so much. She spent many hours praying for you and your family. We all have been blessed to know you and your family these years.

sheila orwat - October 30, 2021 at 01:50 AM

JN

“ *I love you so much Auntie Kim Mom. I will miss you so much, but I am glad you are not suffering. Until we meet again in Heaven ❤️*

Jenny Nallen - October 25, 2021 at 11:04 PM