



Ms. Kimberly Dawn Rath-Gailey

May 1, 1966 - January 5, 2018

Ms. Kimberly Rath-Gailey of Blackie, Alberta passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at the High River Hospital on January 5, 2018 at the age of 51 years. Kim is survived by her beloved husband Len Sklerek; her caregiver Val King; daughter Morgen (Kerry) Langner; son Mack (Tyler) Gailey; mother Carol Rath; sisters Carey (Byron) Blancher and Stacey (Shane) Jacobs; 5 grandchildren as well as her large extended family. Kim was predeceased by her father Raymond Rath.

Kim was born in Toronto, Ontario where she grew up spending summers at her grandparents' cottage in Picton, Ontario. Later her family moved numerous times across the western provinces as they followed her father's career as a crane operator, landing her in Okotoks, Alberta. Kim loved her Dodge Dart as a teenager, always driving too fast with the tunes blaring, showing her love of life from a young age. She worked for Channels 2&7 and the Ranchmans when she lived in Calgary. After meeting Len, they moved to Blackie where they built their dream home. Kim loved gardening, fly fishing, camping, and travelling with Len. Kim's illness never held her back, and she continued to cherish every moment of her life.

The family would like to thank the many individuals and groups that supported Kim over the years. Blackie TOPS group, Blackie Gladys UCW, Blackie Rebekah's, High River Hospital Long Term Care staff, High River Adult Day

Support as well as the many friends & neighbours that Kim and Len shared in the Blackie community. A very special thank you to Kim's friend and caregiver Val King for the enormous contribution that she made to Kim.

"Kim – you are free now to sing, dance and chase the rainbows and stars"

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the High River Hospital Foundation (560 9th Ave SE, High River, Ab, T1V 1B3).

A Celebration of Kim's Life will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 2:00 p.m. at the High River United Church (123 Macleod Trail). To send condolences and view Kim's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Kimberly Dawn Rath-Gailey*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 16, 2018 at 09:43 AM



OK...Len and Val... I watched... I cried... I laughed... Thank you for being so brave to share. Love you. Sam x

Sam Bell - January 20, 2018 at 12:26 AM



“ *Kim and I were great friends for many years, starting in grade 7. She was a true friend and I lost touch with her for the last 8 or so years and had no idea of her struggle. Always know that she was one of my true true friends that I will never forget. She was always such a fighter in her adversities!! Love you always Kim!!!*



Tracey Leishman-Whitehead

Tracey Whitehead - June 06, 2018 at 11:45 AM

DA

“ I got to know Kim over the past year as I brought my dog to the second floor to visit. She was always so excited to see Paxs and I and it brought me so much joy to see her face when she noticed us walking into her room! Paxs and I will miss you, Kim! Thank you for being such a joyful presence.

- Darby and Paxs

Darby - January 23, 2018 at 11:04 AM

SH

So sirry to hear. Kim lived with us for awhile as a teenager. We kept somewhat in touch. I celebrated with her on her 40th bday. Havent heard from her for a few years. Guess her illness was why. Very sad. Rest in peace Kim. Sharo Herr

Sharon Herr - January 27, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 17, 2018 at 08:00 PM

RF

“ Len, Val and family - sorry to hear of Kim's passing. I only new Kim for a short time; meeting her when I visited my mom, Ethel, at Sunrise Village. But even that short time was special. Kim had an immeasurable zest for life! She was a truly beautiful spirit. She always was a joy to be around, had that beautiful smile and yes that "infectious" laugh. She made sure you would feel good about yourself. I will also remember all her sayings, especially "your gorgeous" and "hunky dorey". Kim, you touched the hearts of many, including mine. You are now a bright shining star in the sky! Luv you.



Rosemary Flaman

Rosemary Flaman - January 13, 2018 at 10:39 PM

DG

“ I only got to know Kim when she moved to second floor where my mom resided but her smile, positive attitude and beautiful voice touched many hearts there. Condolences to all that loved her!

Deb Gross - January 13, 2018 at 10:15 PM

HJ

“ Condolences to Len, Val and family. Kim was a bright light in our clinic. I always looked forward to our visits. I could count on many laughs and smiles. Kim was not only an amazing patient but she was an even more incredible teacher. Thank you Kim, you will be missed. Heather RN.

Heather Jones - January 10, 2018 at 06:20 PM

LA

“ Kim and I went to High School together here in Okotoks.. I remember her house being full of puppies and lots of laughs. The Longhorn and Ranchmans were a lot of fun as well... we lost touch but by the looks of things she had an amazing life and a wonderful family . She will be remembered fondly.. Lynn Ardiel

Lynn Ardiel - January 10, 2018 at 03:37 PM

US

“ Unit 200 Longterm Care Staff lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Dawn Rath-Gailey



Unit 200 Longterm care staff - January 10, 2018 at 06:39 AM

VB

“ Sincere condolences to all those who held Kim so dear in their hearts & lives. My contact with her was brief, but beautiful! We came to visit and conduct Sunday Services on Second Floor every second month or so. Kim's presence, her enjoyment of the singing, and enthusiasm for the messages and prayers were so contagious! I was looking forward to seeing her again to find out how her Christmas celebrations went. She was so excited about going home. Didn't realize she was preparing for going "Home"! Indeed, may you dance among the stars, Kim! We'll all see you there! ~ Virginia Battiste, (Former Chaplain)

Virginia Battiste - January 09, 2018 at 04:42 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Julia Snow - January 09, 2018 at 04:24 PM

JS

Kim always had an infectious laugh, a smile and a joke!

Julia Snow - January 09, 2018 at 05:29 PM

SM

“ *Stacey McLaren lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Dawn Rath-Gailey*



Stacey McLaren - January 09, 2018 at 01:05 PM



Marie and I will miss Kim she was a live wire and always had a smile and a joke. She made the world a brighter and better place . May God Bless, R.I.P.

David Cedertra - January 10, 2018 at 08:35 AM

ML

“ Mom taught us all many things. Unfortunately there simply isn't enough time in a day to go over each and every one of them, so here's a few of her highlights:
First, the most appropriate response to anything requiring a “yes” response is simply “You bet your bottom dollar” or a resounding “Hell Yes!”
Second, if you don't like someone or something, the best response is “ya pecker head”
Third, fill the room with music and everyone will eventually cave and sing or dance along. So carry a harmonica with you at all times... you don't have to know how to play it. That part is a minor detail. Just play from the very bottom of your belly and the joy will follow it.
Fourth, always. And I mean ALWAYS carry an OHenry bar in your purse... you never know when you are going to get hungry
And lastly, never hold a grudge. This world is ugly enough. Let go, breathe, smile, dance and sing! Don't ever be afraid to yell out “YAHOO!!” When the Flames score a goal. Don't worry about the fish you lost. There is a bigger and better one waiting to grab your fly. Embrace laughter. Make it a part of your everyday. You honestly have no idea whose life you will change by simply smiling and laughing. Love unconditionally. Dance without fear and make sure that your laughter is infectious.
Mom... we will miss you. Each and every life that you have touched. Each path that you have crossed. You will be missed.

Morgen Langner - January 09, 2018 at 10:06 AM

JG

“ Judy Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Dawn Rath-Gailey



Judy Groeneveld - January 08, 2018 at 09:38 PM

RI

“ Rita lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Dawn Rath-Gailey



Rita - January 08, 2018 at 05:44 PM

RI

Second floor of High River hospital will miss you lovely lady. You are free now so fly and sing.

Rita - January 08, 2018 at 05:47 PM

BB

“ To Val and Len and Family - I got to re-know Kim on the 2nd Floor where my Dad is. She was such a joy - her laugh and her love to sing along whenever there was music. She knew the words to every song - amazing!! We miss her there already. And of course I never tired of her calling me "gorgeous"! Losing Kim will leave a huge void in your lives - she had such a vibrant personality. I pray the memories you have will give you comfort in the days, weeks and years ahead. I know you must have a zillion great memories! Betty Bridgett (Gerry Dozeman's daughter)

Betty Bridgett - January 08, 2018 at 02:32 PM

ER

“ Kim was such a wonderful bright light. Every time we met, without fail, Kim would spread her beautiful joy to all around her and it touched anyone with whom she came in contact. I instantly smile when I think about her and I'm honoured to have known her. You will be missed Kim.

Eleanor Robertson - January 08, 2018 at 02:19 PM

GL

“ Len and family,
"What we once enjoyed, we can never lose.
All that we love deeply becomes a part of us"
(Helen Keller).
May the love of those around you help you
through the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Grace Ledoux



Grace Ledoux - January 08, 2018 at 02:19 PM

SM

“ miss kimberly, so much i can say about her. i loved being one of
care aide's. she made everyday the best day. how much i'll miss
her, so many stories i still speak of often, they'll be deeply
cherished.
this woman lit up a room when she was present. she could make
anyone laugh. even when i brought cody (my spouse) to see her, he
noticed right away how vibrant and loveable she was. since moving
away, i'm so forever grateful for being able to spend time with her
the last 3 christmas's, this last one being the most precious and
meaningful.

every time i hear the phrase "honky dory", i'll think of her. rest in
peace kim, you'll be forever missed❤️

Val King , Len & Family, sending my love to you all. very sorry for
your loss. she was a gem, never will forget her. xo

shyanne maclean - January 07, 2018 at 11:38 PM

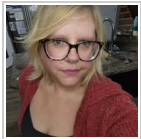


“ *A bright and shining light has moved beyond my reach. Shining bright over us all leaving her star dust sprinkled upon all the many hearts she has touched while she has been here. Thank you "My Lady K"*

Thank you for teaching me, for sharing your love and trust with me, for being my true and beautifully honest friend. I have been blessed to have you and I will see you again.....

Shine ... Shine ... Shine ... Oh and I LOVE YOU MORE 🌟💕💕💕

Val King "Vally" - January 07, 2018 at 11:36 PM



“ *Good bye Beautiful. To know you was to love you. You will be missed by all who knew you. I'll always remember our sing songs and your amazing laugh.*

Stephanie Grant - January 07, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ *Thank you, Kim, for gracing my life with yours! A patient I will never, ever forget, who brought me sheer joy with each of our meetings. My memories are of giggles, hugs and those lowered, mischevious eyes when we shared a joke. You taught me so much and humbled me. Your work here will continue with all that you gave us. Much love to all who shall miss and remember you.*

Sam Bell - January 07, 2018 at 10:16 PM

KR

“ I remember Kim surprising us with a phone call on a birthday just to chat for a bit, always sounding happy I her life, happy times with our families at the cottage on white lake enjoying water sports. Kim will be missed by all of us, hopefully she is smiling down at us all, knowing she was a large part of our lives.

Ken Rath - January 07, 2018 at 07:10 PM