



Kelly Rene Mullins

October 26, 1959 - October 3, 2022

Kelly R. Mullins of Minneapolis, MN passed peacefully but unexpectedly Monday October 3, 2022 due to sudden complications of her type 1 diabetes and influenza.

Kelly was born October 26, 1959 in Huntington, WV, the daughter of Camille A. Smith and Donald W. Mullins, Sr. She arrived in this world six weeks premature, tiny but mighty in her will to thrive. She spent her childhood in Cincinnati, OH and lived her entire adult life in Minneapolis, MN.

Kelly was one hell of a single mom who conquered a multitude of obstacles to raise an extraordinary daughter, Alexaundra. They were absolutely devoted to each other. Alex was the best thing that ever happened to Kelly, she would always say, and this incredible young woman is a testament to the exceptional person Kelly was.

Although she held a college degree in polysomnography (the study of biophysical changes during sleep), her true passion and career calling was working as an Early Childhood Educator. The little ones were drawn to her like a Pooh Bear to honey, and they all held a special place in her heart.

A talented artist, Kelly was a master at crafting all types of miniature characters from fantasy realms - enchanting wizards, dragons, fairies - as well

as unique jewelry pieces, beautiful treasure boxes, and graceful guardian angels. It brought her joy to gift her loved ones with her creations.

She adored being in the company of trees and the forest was her cathedral.

She was known to be a wedding singer, flower arranger, poet, bartender, pool shark, gymnast, competitive swimmer, child of nature, dancing queen, compelling story writer, tough cookie, big softie, and best friend of every child who ever placed their little hand in hers.

Kelly is survived by her daughter Alexaundra Jagmin and fiancé Brian Holland; mother Camille Smith; siblings Don Jr. and GiGi; nephews Sean, Shane, and Dominick; and closest friend Kristina Gronquist and daughter Sofia. She was preceded in death by her father Don Sr., whom she is no doubt on Cloud Nine to be with again (you can see them up there on certain days), driving him bananas into eternity. She is forever beloved by her family, well-respected by her colleagues, and will be greatly missed by family and friends all over the country.