



Kimberly Nicole Shimota

April 27, 1964 - January 29, 2025

Kimberly (Kim) Nicole Shimota, 60, of Lakeville, Minnesota, passed away on January 29, 2025 after a 4-year battle against pancreatic cancer. Kim was known for being a kind, loving and selfless wife, mother and friend.

Kim was born to Charlotte and Eugene Gauthier in St. Paul, Minnesota. She grew up on Olson Lake in Lake Elmo where she has many fond memories playing outside with friends. In 1982, Kim graduated from Tartan Senior High School. Kim went on to attend and graduate from the University of Wisconsin - River Falls where she studied Broadcast Journalism. While attending, she met John Shimota and were married in 1990.

Kim and John had three daughters, Taylor, Samantha and Mari. Raising her daughters was one of her most prided accomplishments. Outside of raising a family, she assisted John in managing Eagle Marketing. In her free time, Kim enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She loved traveling with her family, as well as trips with friends and her husband. Her favorite places to travel included Italy, Hawaii and Key West. She also loved gardening in the springtime and was passionate about thrifting and creating jewelry.

Kim will be lovingly remembered by her husband, John Shimota, and daughters, Taylor Shimota Fisher (Andrew), Samantha Shimota and Mari Shimota. She is joined in rest by her father, Eugene Gauthier, mother, Charlotte Gauthier, and brother, Dennis Gauthier.

A celebration of life will be held on February 8 at Washburn-McReavy in Edina. The Visitation will start at 11am with the service following at 12pm. In

lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Kim Shimota's memory to Project Purple. Donations made through the link below, will help their daughter, Taylor, raise money for Project Purple while running the Chicago Marathon in October. Project Purple is a non-profit that raises money for research for early detection and curative treatments for pancreatic cancer, as well as provides financial aid to patients and their families currently battling pancreatic cancer.

<https://donate.projectpurple.org/fundraiser/5961988>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Kimberly Nicole Shimota in memory of Kimberly Nicole Shimota



Washburn-McReavy - February 08, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.



February 07, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.

February 07, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.



February 07, 2025 at 12:14 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.*



February 06, 2025 at 11:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.

February 06, 2025 at 11:58 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.*



February 06, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *The CommScope Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.*



The CommScope Team - February 05, 2025 at 11:22 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.



February 05, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.

February 05, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.



February 05, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Karin H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.

Karin H. - February 05, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Vicki S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.

Vicki S. - February 05, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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“ Jennifer & Nick Muller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kimberly Nicole Shimota.



Jennifer & Nick Muller - February 05, 2025 at 11:29 AM