



Kimberly Frances Rucker

October 27, 1963 - October 29, 2022

Kimberly Frances Rucker, of Bend Oregon, passed away on October 29, 2022, surrounded by her family, after a 25 year battle with multiple sclerosis. Kimberly was born on October 27, 1963, to Bruce and Betty Markell in Bend, Oregon. She graduated from Bend High School in 1981, and started working as a clerk at St. Charles Medical Center, while she was attending Central Oregon Community College to complete her associate degree. She graduated from Central Oregon Community College in 1983, and began working at St. Charles Medical Center in medical records as an accredited records technician. She then became a coding supervisor, and continued to work for St. Charles for forty two years

In 1981 Kimberly met Lawrence Rucker in Bend, Oregon. They married on January 14, 1984, and went on to have two children, Rachel, and Emily.

Kim loved being outside in the sun, working in her yard, camping, being at the lake, going to the coast, playing games, taking walks with friends, crafting, reading, decorating for holidays, and being with her grandson.

Kimberly was preceded in death by her father, Bruce Markell, and her mother,

Betty Markell. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Rucker, her daughter Emily Rucker Schenk, her daughter Rachel Rucker, and her brother Stephen Markell.

Services will be held at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home on November 4, 2022 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, in honor of Kim, to help other people living with multiple sclerosis, and promote their vision of having a world that is free of multiple sclerosis. www.nationalmssociety.org

Tribute Wall



“ 7 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 03:15 PM

RA

“*Kimmy is my best friend, starting at Bend Senior High where we met. We became fast friends. Our husbands were good friends and our families all grew up together boating, camping and many other activities. Kim and I went through the medical record program at COCC. We did all our directed practices together at several hospitals throughout Oregon The first was Sacred Heart and McKenzie Willamette, the second was Roseburg Mercy medical center and Douglas community hospital. We shared absolutely everything together. Many night calls on the phone for an hour and a half. I ended up having systemic lupus and it was a grueling process getting diagnosed. Kimmy help me every step of the way. And then she got diagnosed with MS. I tried so hard to help her every step of the way for the next 30 years as she did me. It was an absolutely unbreakable bond. We simply understood each other, Loved each other and supported each other. There was rarely, rarely a day that went by that I didn't talk to Kim once but probably twice. She was family and so is Larry Rachel and Emily. Rachel was always ready to go. My son Jace and her were best friends. Whenever we went to their house she wanted to come home with us or if we went to their house Jace wanted to stay home with them. One time when Kim and Larry were moving I offered to take Rachel for the day, because her and Jace had so much fun. Rachel kept complaining that the back of her neck itched and she kept coming over so I took a flashlight and a magnifying glass and looked at the back of her neck and what I saw was a big fat bloated many-legged tick. Rachel hated bugs! I knew better than to say anything. So, as there were no cell phones, I put the word out as best I could and immediately took Rachel to urgent Care where the doctor promptly removed the tick! I have more than a thousand memories of Kim and me and our families spending time together raising our families. I am beyond blessed to have her as a best friend for life. We promised to each other that our relationship does not end. In life and in death are incredible friendship remains, now she's looking out for me in heaven and she will greet me when I arrive.*”

Rhonda Adams - November 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was blessed to know and work with Kim for 40 years. She was the sweetest person, smart and someone I always trusted to help me and get things done. Even while she struggled through her MS, she did it with strength and good spirit. Since I retired last year, I was sad to hear of her passing today. Wonderful lady, she touched many lives. 💕🙏

Jan B - November 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Kim was not only my sister in law but a coworker. She was always there for me with work advice or life advice. I miss our phone calls. She was the kindest soul I've ever known and will miss her deeply. I'm so happy you have a new body and have peace. Prayers to the family during this difficult time.

Tami Rucker - November 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Kim very long, but we worked together on a project at St. Charles. She was always kind and supportive.

Chris Goers - November 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My sweet sister in-law Kim. Our lives have been intertwined From the day you Wed Larry in 1984 till now. We were blessed to bring in the first Rucker grandchildren, Rachel and Kiley 3 weeks apart! We have shared Christmas, birthdays and gatherings throughout the time our little ones arrived. Once our Girls were out of the house we made a point to try to get together, especially during the Christmas Holidays. You have been such a blessing in our lives. I'm so grateful for all the years we had. You are a beautiful soul. Now you are free of this heavy cross you carried for so long. May you be embraced in Christ arms till we see you again. From all of the Ruckers North.

margaret Rucker - November 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ The world lost a beautiful soul. She was always such an inspiration of courage and positivity. I never heard a complaint from her and as her hairdresser that's really something! I will try to keep that in mind myself as I go through my trials and tribulations.
Until He calls we will miss you Kim❤️
John 5:28,29

Gayle Pennavaria - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Kimmie is woven into the fabric of many of my childhood memories. We had such fun going to the Bend Plaza, always stopping by the Carmel Corn Shop for candy, swimming for hours at Juniper Park pool, for only 25 cents!, playing croquet and board games while eating fudgesicles, having backyard sleepovers in her parent's tent trailer and talking about everything and nothing at all until the early hours of the morning, sledding down the hill by Bend Senior High football field, hiking up Pilot Butte and sliding down by way of cinders - once was enough for that! Kimmie and I were typical Bend teenagers - cruising up and down 3rd Street on Friday and Saturday nights, eating at Dandy's Drive Inn, celebrating a little too much sometimes after BHS football games and on several occasions taking her parents' car out for joyrides, without their knowledge, or so we thought. Today these memories bring a smile to my face and tear to my eye, for now I am the single custodian of the wonderful memories. My sincere condolences to Larry, Rachel, Emily, Kyle and Everett, may happy memories give you peace and comfort throughout the days to come.
Love and Hugs, Karrie

Karrie Meglitsch - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Kim inspired me the most by her perseverance for so many years with MS I am sure she had good and bad days, but I never heard her cry "woe is me" through it all. What an inspiration that is for all of us when we have trials and tribulations in our life.

James 1:12 Blessed is the person who perseveres under trial, because when they have stood the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised for those who love him

Steve

Steve Markell - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Markie,*

We were in 8th grade when we met. We've lived a lot of life had lots of laughter, and great love for each other the way only young girls can. Though miles and circumstances created distance, you were always near to my heart.

Our children are close in age, and I'm incredibly grateful you too experienced the joy your grandbaby brings.

My thoughts are with Larry, Rachael, Emily, Everett, and other family and friends during this time. You couldn't have asked for a more devoted friend than Rhonda. You're in peace, and where the angels live❤️

*Your forever friend,
Bertie*

Tracie Hebert Myers - November 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thank you for being an amazing friend for 46 years. I love you.
Bertie (Tracie Hebert Myers).*

Tracie Hebert Myers (Bertie) - November 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *My mom loved her baby grandson, Everett. He visited weekly and she always made sure he had fun news toys, snacks, and clothes.*

She helped me adjust to becoming a mom myself and I will miss her love & guidance forever.

We have a special angel watching over us forever.

From her daughter, Emily.

Emily Rucker-Schenk - November 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Kimberly Frances Rucker - November 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *So happy that Kim was part of our lives...sharing our sweet little grandson was such a precious experience. We communicated often about our little grandson, and other things too! We will really miss this. May she Rest In Peace.*

Liz Schenk - November 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM