



## Kimberly Helen West

August 9, 1948 - January 28, 2021

Kimberly Helen West passed away peacefully at the young age of 72 on January 28, 2021 in Ephrata, Washington surrounded by her family.

Kim was born on August 9th, 1948 to Merle “Windy” and Dorothy (Smith) West in Spokane, Washington. Her family which included her older brother Steve moved to Moses Lake in 1950. Kim attended Moses Lake Public Schools and graduated from Moses Lake High School in the Class of 1966.

After high school, Kim began working at Big Bend Community College where she met her first husband James Cowan. They were married in 1971 and moved to Cheney, Washington before landing in Ephrata, Washington. Later Kim returned to her hometown of Moses Lake. Kim and Jim had a daughter Amanda and son Kelly.

Throughout Kim’s life she was active in many organizations and took on several job roles. She was in Rainbow Girls as a young woman, worked as a receptionist, case worker for DSHS, bookkeeper, real estate agent, manager of a senior apartment complex, and was a proud small business owner. She was a member of Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, and the Moses Lake Elks Lodge of which she was the first female member. She was an entertainer and loved planning a party, she was an original “80’s lady”. Throughout her life she was a dutiful daughter, a loving sister, favorite aunt, and doting grandmother. Family meant everything to her. Kim was the primary care-giver for her mother during the last years of Dorothy’s life.

Kim struggled with dementia and diabetes over the years, but always stayed positive. For the last five months she had bravely fought cancer and remained hopefully. She loved to dance and continued to do so right to the end and always had a song to sing to make you smile and feel loved. Kim was loved by many and regardless of how you may have known her or been related to her, she was “Auntie Kim” to everyone’s children. To my children she was Nana, loved and adored. To me she was Mom, and she was awesome, the absolute best a kid could ask for. She will be missed every day.

Kim was preceded in death by her parents Windy and Dorothy West, son Kelly, and sister in law Nancy West.

Kim is survived by her daughter: Amanda (Jeremy) Anthony

Two grandchildren: Windy Scriven and Erich (Ebony Brisboy) Scriven

Three brothers: Steve West, Bill (Lucinda) West, Scott (Patti) West

Seven nieces and one nephew: Donna (Larry) Lytle, Andrew (Michele) Sonnenberg, and Alicia (John) VanKeuren , Amy (Eric) Breitenstein, Emily (Michael) Duvall, Stacie West, Rachel (Jake Makowski)

West.

Three “fur-babies”: TJ, Colby, and Cooper the Cat

Countless extended family and friends that loved her

Our family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Samaritan Clinic, Central Washington Hospital Med-Oncology, Assured Home Health, and Assured Hospice for their care of my mom.

A celebration of her life will be planned for later in 2021 when it is safer for all who loved her to gather.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation located @ 1031 W Broadway Ave, Moses Lake, WA 98837 their website is Home ([columbiabasincancerfoundation.org](http://columbiabasincancerfoundation.org))

# Comments

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“ Todd Bohne lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Helen West



**Todd Bohne** - February 07 at 07:17 PM

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“ Needless to say Patti and I are deeply saddened by the loss of my only sister and what a dear sister she was. We hold Amanda, Jeremy and their family close in thought and prayer. We hold Kim forever in our hearts.

**Scott West** - February 05 at 06:06 PM

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**Scott West** - February 05 at 06:02 PM

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“ Amy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Helen West



**Amy Thompson** - February 04 at 10:37 PM

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“ Cindy Alporque lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Helen West



**Cindy Alporque** - February 04 at 10:37 PM



“ Wonderful memories and stories of my forever friend. Good or bad times there was always a smile and we could find something to laugh about. Until we meet again  
“Trask”

**Terry Skeesick** - February 05 at 06:54 PM



“ The passing of this beautiful lady just broke my heart. This picture of her is just stunning and it matches her beautiful heart. So glad through Facebook I was able to reconnect with Kim after so many years from graduating together. Sending prayers to her family. Fly high with the angels sweet lady. I will miss you. Jana

**Jana Langley** - February 05 at 08:04 PM



“ Kim was always such a friendly person. Prayers for the family.

**Joan Lobie** - February 05 at 08:50 PM



“ Kim was a great gal and fun to work with during her time at DSHS. I am glad our path crossed. Fran Grant

**Fran Grant** - February 09 at 07:24 PM



“ Kim's passing breaks my heart. She was always a good friend and very special person in my life. Prayers go out to her family for strength in dealing with her loss. It gives us all hope to know she is now with her mom and dad and in a "better place".

Linda Brumet

**L.D. Brumet** - February 10 at 02:18 AM



“ Kim and I were friends the first time we met We had so much in common. We each had three brothers we also had thin fine gray hair were short With some extra padding here and their.she was a wonderful and beautiful friend and lady. She will missed by us all.my thoughts and prayers with you.

**Fran Mathenia** - February 11 at 03:36 PM