



Kimberly Kay VanMatre

October 19, 1962 - November 21, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Kimberly Kay VanMatre

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU

829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Kimberly Kay VanMatre, 63, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2025, after courageously fighting cancer since 2014. For more than eleven years, Kimberly faced every surgery, every treatment, and every setback with unwavering grit and determination. She kicked cancer time and time again, showing a strength that inspired everyone who knew her.

Kimberly was born on October 19, 1962, to Jerry and Dorothy Schlegel. From an early age, she displayed the kindness, intelligence, stability, and generous spirit that would define her life. She was beautiful inside and out—smart, forgiving, stable, thoughtful, honest, gracious, and giving. She touched countless lives through her warmth, loyalty, and unwavering love for her family and friends.

She married the love of her life, Mark VanMatre, and together they built a life filled with devotion, adventure, and steadfast partnership. Kimberly was a dedicated and loving mother to her daughter, Stevie Edmond (Chris), and she never missed an opportunity to support her —whether as a room mother, Girl Scout leader, or the enthusiastic fan cheering at every soccer, basketball, and volleyball game. Her commitment to her family was constant and immeasurable.

Kimberly brought joy and energy to everything she did. She was a competitive fisherwoman, motorcycle enthusiast, dancer, and traveler who embraced every adventure with enthusiasm and an open heart. Professionally, she was an exceptional bookkeeper, serving her father, several restaurants, and later managing her own rental business with honesty, skill, and integrity.

She is survived by her husband, Mark VanMatre; her daughter, Stevie Edmond (Chris); her father, Jerry Schlegel; her mother, Dorothy Rowland (Jerry); her brother, Kevin Schlegel (Lynn); her sister, Stacy Meyr (Darren); her nieces, Grace, Anna, and Elise; her nephew, Joshua; her mother-in-law, Donna VanMatre; and her sister-in-law, Susan VanMatre.

Kimberly's deep faith in the Lord carried her throughout her long journey, allowing her to remain the loving, giving, and gracious woman who blessed the lives of so many. Her strength, compassion, and radiant spirit will be remembered forever.

She was truly one of a kind-and she will be missed beyond measure.

There will be a private celebration of life for the family at a later date.

Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Charles and Beate Holshouser purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kimberly Kay VanMatre.



Charles and Beate Holshouser - December 02, 2025 at 12:49 PM

SC

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Kim will forever hold a special place in my heart. Her outgoing joyous ways about her are precious memories. I'm thankful to have been her friend.

Scott Clifton - November 27, 2025 at 08:21 PM

KT

“ Mark and Stevie I am praying for the family, Kim was such a sweet person She truly was my friend.

Kathy Thomas - November 26, 2025 at 12:29 PM

GK

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers and comfort to the family

Gina Kaminsky - November 24, 2025 at 11:59 PM

JF

“ We have been so blessed to know you and Kim. God is good.

Janet Fiedler - November 24, 2025 at 10:08 PM

SO

“ Mark, I am so very sorry for your loss. Kim was such a sweet person. Lord, please hear our prayers for Mark and family.....



Susie O'Connell - November 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM

DS

“ I have known Kim since childhood. My favorite memory is of the year our moms made Elf costumes and we were on Jerry's float in the Christmas Parade.
My sincere sympathy to the whole family.

Donna Schuette - November 24, 2025 at 07:31 PM

RO

“ Kim was so full of life. She had the biggest laugh and gave the best hugs

Rosalie - November 24, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CS

“ I have known Kim since she was a little girl. Always so sweet, kind & loving. Praying for her family. I'm so sorry to be reading this.
Cara Sprigg

Cara Sprigg - November 24, 2025 at 02:59 PM

NM

“ My wife and I met Kim and Mark a couple of years ago, and there hospitality is wonderful. Kim really took charge in fishing and Mark loves her so much, my only regret is not meeting them earlier in life cause they are full of life and wisdom. Kim you are missed and we will keep Mark on his toes down in Florida. Rest in peace, love the Mathis's. ❤️

Nicholas Mathis - November 24, 2025 at 11:46 AM