



## Kimberly Ann Larsen

June 1, 1978 - June 28, 2018

Kimberly Ann Larsen, age 40, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 28th, 2018 at her home with loved ones at her side after battling breast cancer with amazing courage, grace and dignity. She was born June 1st, 1978 in Atlanta, Georgia to Lawrence and Carol Langteau (nee Cosgrove). As a child she lived a short time in Smyrna, Georgia and Wilmington, North Carolina, and then her family eventually settled in Franklin, Tennessee where Kim grew up in an idyllic neighborhood. She was a graduate of Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tennessee. After attending the University of Tennessee for her freshman year of college, Kim decided to make a big change and move to Breckenridge, Colorado to experience mountain living, snowboarding and other exciting adventures with good friends from Tennessee. She then moved to Denver and earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work at Metro State University, and eventually earned her Master's in Social Work from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. She married David Jan Larsen on November 6th, 2010 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Kim had a passion for helping those that are less fortunate, and worked at multiple organizations that assist the homeless such as the Samaritan House in Denver, The Catholic Charities Mission in Fort Collins and most recently at The Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope in Fort Collins. She was a strong advocate for those less fortunate, and always had a smile for everyone she met. She put the needs of others ahead of her own, and was always there to listen to and support family, friends, co-workers and clients. She had a huge heart, and had a genuine love of people and made a major impact on the many lives she touched.

Kim was an avid traveler, and enjoyed new experiences and visiting new places. She was the trip planner in the family, and always spent time researching and organizing exciting excursions. She has traveled to many countries around the world, and had a knack for making sure people were enjoying themselves on our trips. She was so truly selfless in all that she did.

She is survived by her husband of 8 years, David, and his parents Jan and Joan Larsen; his brother Paul Larsen (Becky); her parents, Larry and Carol Langteau; her sisters, Erin Langteau (Bryson Gutierrez) and Hayley Nagel (Lee); nieces Allison and Rachel Larsen and Reagan Nagel; nephews William Nagel and Thomas Larsen, and many aunts, uncles

and cousins. A private memorial to celebrate Kim's beautiful life will be held on Thursday, July 12th, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope to go towards their garden that Kim loved.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To my dear friend I will miss your sweet smile. May you rest in the arms of the angels. I have been blessed to be a part of your beautiful world. I know you are truly the best! You have touched my heart forever!!! Your kind heart will never be forgotten. You are my sunshine and will remain in my heart forever. I love you .you are most special. You are a true treasure to my heart. Peace to your family and Dave thinking of all of you .in my thoughts and prayers



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**Toni Mrowinski** - July 12, 2018 at 09:41 PM

DB

“ When we found out last winter that my mother had a terminal cancer diagnosis, I knew I needed to talk with Kim. When the opportunity eventually emerged, she opened her heart with fearless vulnerability, graciously helping me understand from her experience, what was helpful and what was not. Her gentle words gave me peace about the difficult road ahead. In that moment it was like she reached out to gently hold my heart in her hands, affirming that I already knew what I needed to know.

*The gift that she gave me that day was the courage to face my fears and be fully present with my Mom as she wrote the last lines of her life's story. At the time I had no idea that both were so near the final page. My mom passed away just a few hours after Kim.*

*In life and in death, Kim is a testimony of compassion: the courage to be in the presence of pain and then to do something skillful to address its source.*

*We will miss you, Kim. You were deeply loved and you are sincerely missed.*

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**Dustin Barrington** - July 09, 2018 at 03:47 PM

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“ My heart is heavy. Kim was such a fighter. The thing I greatly appreciated about her was how easy it was to talk to her, especially about difficult conversations (even when we might not have agreed) she always listened openly and she was always present. Kim was a very fair person, always seeing both sides of an issue before making up her decision. Kim was not one to hold grudges. She was professional, kind, compassionate and trustworthy. There were many qualities that Kim had that I admired fondly.

When I decided to go back to get my masters degree, Kim helped me receive funds from a Sisterhood group that you had to be referred to in order to receive the funds (this was a personal connection she had). That money helped make it possible for me to go back to school. This community will miss Kim, her vision, her understanding of equality, her empathy, her passion, her heart! Love and Light.

Whitney Reid

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Whitney Reid - July 09, 2018 at 11:33 AM

TR

“ Kim supervised me 2.5 yr. of my 3 yr tenure as Charities' Veterans Case Mgr. She was an extremely fine and caring person and leader. I have met few better. The Fort Collins community owes her a great debt for her care of the homeless and her compassionate leadership of their caregivers. Deepest condolences to Dave and family.

Terry Russell, retired clinical social worker

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Terry Russel - July 08, 2018 at 07:30 PM

JG

“ Kim was always so openly friendly and warm- I regret that I only got to know her for a short time. She seemed to have such a positive impact on everyone she met, including myself, and encouraged me to become part of the Murphy Center for Hope team.

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Jon Geller - July 07, 2018 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ I know Kim will be missed by family and friends. My condolences to Larry and Carol.

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Doris Horsley - July 07, 2018 at 07:36 AM

JM

“ Kim was a special person. Her passion for her work was and will continue to be an inspiration to me and all who knew her. When I first met her I had just moved to Fort Collins and was just starting out in my career. She took a chance on me and gave me my first job. She taught me everything I know about being a compassionate supportive social worker. I know I would not be where I am today without her support. Kim was always there to talk things out with. She always listened and made you feel like your opinion mattered. Although my heart is broken at her passing, I will always remember the lessons she taught me. I will continue her life's work of helping those in need. My deepest condolences go out to Dave and her family.

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**Jackie Marks** - July 06, 2018 at 11:54 PM

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“ Kim was a spark of Light that touched so many. Not just the folks that she served, but all of the Homeward Alliance staff, friends and strangers. She had such an authentic way of helping people by meeting them where they were at in their lives. She was truly an amazing Social Worker and demonstrated those qualities every day to all. I learned so much from Kim through observation. She also had such a good sense of humor that I will truly miss! I am proud to have known Kim and grateful to have gotten the opportunity to be good friends with her. She will be forever a part of me! May Peace, Love, Healing and Light be with her family and all who knew and loved her!

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**Linda Nuss** - July 04, 2018 at 10:59 AM

 Nola  
Krajewski

“ I am so very sorry to hear that Kim has passed. I knew Kim as a fellow student at CSU's MSW program, through work connections, and in book club. I enjoyed knowing her and know how missed she will be by those closest to her. My heart goes out to her family at this time. Please know you are in my thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Nola Krajewski

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**Nola Krajewski** - July 03, 2018 at 09:58 PM

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“ To the family my heart and condolences go out to you all. Kim was a great supervisor and mentor, she was very easy to talk to and she always listened to any idea I had to make my work place a better place. Her energy was one of great care and compassion. her smile was comforting and bright. I have nothing but great memories and experiences of and with Kim, she will be missed. Thank you Kim for being such a great mentor, supervisor and most of all thank you for being a beacon of light of such humanity I'm sure you will shine bright from the heavens. Rick Torres.

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**Rick Torres** - July 03, 2018 at 06:17 PM

KJ

“ Kim's passing has left a hole in our hearts as well as the entire Murphy Center and Homeward Alliance team, our many volunteers and most importantly the people in need in our community that she spent her life serving. It was a privilege and honor to serve alongside Kim. She inspired and motivated me and everyone who knew her to work with a sense of diligence and urgency to help the people that walked through our doors at the Murphy Center. I will always remember Kim with her radiant smile and calming presence that she never failed to show no matter what the circumstances. The world lost a truly wonderful person. Our heartfelt condolences to your family and our prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Ken & Nancy John

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**Ken & Nancy John** - July 02, 2018 at 07:16 PM