



Kimberly Rae Schaefer

February 1, 1976 - March 13, 2015

Schaefer, Kimberly Rae. Friday, March 13, 2015. Cherished daughter of Thelma Jean Schaefer (nee Shaw) and the late Frank Schaefer. Loving Sister of Angela Schaefer (Collin Cox). Loving mother of Connor Johnson. Dearest best friend of Daniel Johnson. Loving partner of Tim Eveker. Our dear niece, cousin, and friend to many.

Kimberly was a sign language interpreter, certified at the MICS Master level. She provided interpreting services throughout the state in a variety of situations including medical, legal, business and post secondary education and performance. She mentored newer interpreters and students and had a knack for being able to encourage and build skills like no other mentor. Her passion was performance interpreting. She was well known, and requested throughout the area for her skilled interpretations of plays, concerts, and festivals. She was an amazing interpreter, trusted colleague, and treasured friend.

Funeral Service Friday, March 20, 1:00 p.m. at the Hutchens Mortuary, 675 Graham Rd. Florissant. Interment Private. Visitation Thursday, March 19, 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Gateway Pet Guardians or Lung Cancer Connection.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **19.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ I just found out about the passing of Kimberly, and I'm shocked and saddened by the news :-(The video of her, signing along with Pearl Jam's 'Given To Fly' is such a wonderful video, and always makes me smile. She will be remembered. My heart felt condolences go out to her family and friends.

Laura - January 19, 2017 at 09:12 PM

D(

“ I just happened to stumble upon this looking for something else and I cannot put into words how sad this makes me feel. Kimberly was babysat by my mom from the time she was 8 weeks old up till toddler years and was a huge and important part of our family. My parents thought of Kimberly as their own and we all loved her very much! I still have pictures of her that I look at and I find myself smiling from ear to ear! She was such a beautiful girl and so easy to love! RIP Kimberly 💖

Dawn VanScoyk (Boone) - June 29, 2016 at 07:54 AM

DH

“ I can't count the many times I have watched the video Given To Fly! I am a Pearl Jam fan! I work in the public schools with special ed students and have taught Sign Language for yrs. No matter what I was doing, when this video came on I would stop and watch! Totally inspiring! I lost my dear 19 yr. old Nephew suddenly some years ago and always play this song as a tribute to him! My thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of Kimberly during this most difficult time! I was greatly saddened to hear of this news! May she fly high with the angels<3

Deborah Hatch - March 13, 2016 at 07:08 PM

EA

“ Remember showing whole family over xmas Kim's craft on PJ DVD. Halfway thru song not a dry eye in the room. And now as I try to process the news of her passing-again not a dry eye...

erik abrahamson - December 13, 2015 at 07:59 PM

LM

“ You were fortunate to have Kimberly in your lives. We were fortunate to have Kimberly in a 5 minute video clip- which changed our lives. Thank you for raising such a beautiful, charismatic daughter. All my sympathies to Kimberly's family, friends, and partner. We only caught a glimpse of the wonderful person you lost.

L McConnell - May 30, 2015 at 08:16 PM

SR

“ Susan Ramm-Stager lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Susan Ramm-Stager - April 12, 2015 at 06:52 AM

EH

“ Saddened to read the news about Kimberley. I am another pearl jam fan as a lot of the posts are. I just wanted to leave my condolences to her family.

emma hardy - April 04, 2015 at 05:13 AM

LI

“kimberly made signing cool. i can't tell you how many times i have watched her in the "given to fly" video, but was moved every time by how she danced to and interpreted the music. my condolences to the family and friends, and know that she has touched the pearl jam community forever.

Lisa - March 27, 2015 at 07:35 AM

SH

“Saddened to hear of Kim's passing, like many others I too am a long time Pearl Jam fan & her visual interpretation of Given to Fly added a totally different dimension that will last forever in the memory of fans worldwide who never knew her.
R.I.P Kim

Steve Hughes. UK

Steve Hughes - March 26, 2015 at 04:54 PM



“Kimberly touched the hearts of so many of us who are Pearl Jam fans. Her memory will forever live with us. Watching her perform "Given To Fly" on stage with the band is a truly transcendent moment. I never met her, but she touched my life and I will never forget her. I have no doubt that she was an incredible daughter, mother, friend, and partner. My deepest sympathy to her family. I hope you can take just a little comfort in knowing how much she meant to those of us in the "Jamily." She is now one of those who are given to fly...

Lori McClure-Wade - March 26, 2015 at 03:36 PM



Sally
Cook

“ Sorry very sad to hear. Like a lot of these post, I too was touched by her signing "Given to Fly" it was absolutely beautiful. She will always be there for all of us to remember her beautiful soul and remember we will. She is a part of a very special family here in cyber world. Go dance and be free for now you are an angel with wings.

Sally Cook - March 26, 2015 at 02:15 PM

TS

“ I never met Kim, I only know of her from her amazing performance of Given to Fly! Its easy to see she was a passionate person making the world a better place just by enjoying it! After hearing of her passing and learning more about the effect she had on so many peoples lives... I shed my tears now wishing I could have met her! I guess I can say Im glad to know such beautiful people like Kim do really exist in this crazy world of ours! To Kim's family know even though shes physically gone she will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of many people for a long time to come! Every time I hear that song I will remember Kim because She truly is a human being who has been given to fly!

Tim Steffen - March 26, 2015 at 01:51 PM

MT

“ Maarten Van Tol lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Maarten van tol - March 26, 2015 at 01:49 PM

JM

“ *A human being that was given to fly. May those touched by you be blessed.* ”

Jeremy Miller - March 26, 2015 at 01:27 PM

JF

“ *Jodi Frye lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer* ”



Jodi Frye - March 26, 2015 at 01:27 PM

JF

“ *Her signing of Pearl Jam's "Given to Fly" brings pure joy to everyone who sees her doing what she loves. She gave us the gift of seeing music. Hearts and thoughts to all her family and friends who are in pain. May you find some comfort and peace in knowing how many people's lives Kimberly touched.* ”

Jodi Frye - March 26, 2015 at 01:26 PM

TS

“ As a life-long Pearl Jam fan, one of my most favorite moments from the band was watching the video of Kimbelry when she was at the St. Louis, Mo show Signing for the Hearing Impaired people who were at the show. I had no idea that such a wonderful thing existed where someone would interpret the lyrics, sound and emotion that is easily experienced from someone who has use of their hearing, the way she did. She blew me away and it was one of the most beautiful moments I've ever witnessed, even if I wasn't there in person to experience it. I've shared that video on Facebook so many times through the years, its impossible to count. I was truly saddened to hear of her passing and my heart goes out to her family and friends who were actually lucky enough to know such a beautiful person. May she always be Given To Fly.

Tim Berry of Charleston, SC - March 26, 2015 at 01:20 PM

AJ

“ She touched so many hearts when she took the stage with Pearl Jam and danced with Eddie Vedder. This truly brings tears to my eyes. May she rest in peace. Prayers to all of her loved ones.

Ann Jacobson - March 26, 2015 at 09:21 AM

 Elisa Carr

“ I'm so sad to read this as will my 12 year old son. He and his father and I have watched her on the Pearl Jam DVD for so many years. It is absolutely one of the most memorable moments of their career. God bless her and those she left behind.

Elisa Carr - March 26, 2015 at 08:07 AM

SR

“ *I'm from Brazil and a Pearl Jam fan ... Kim touch us all in the DVD 'Touring Band 2000' and touches every time I see her ... May God comfort her soul ... R.I.P.*

Sérgio Rodrigues - March 26, 2015 at 07:38 AM

MN

“ *Thanks for all the good you have donerest in peace sweetie*

m noel - March 26, 2015 at 02:46 AM

TA

“ *And sometimes is seen a strange spot in the sky
A human being that was given to fly...*

Tatiana - March 25, 2015 at 11:45 PM

TA

“ *Tatiana lit a candle in memory of Kimberly
Rae Schaefer*



Tatiana - March 25, 2015 at 11:44 PM

JE

“ *Thank you for being an amazing part of one of the best times of my life! Your signing was beautiful, Pearl Jam 2000. Praying for the family, for your son! Rest in peace and thank you for all of your beautiful communication!*

Jennifer English - March 25, 2015 at 11:38 PM

TM

“*Rock on Kimberly. As a fellow Pearl Jam fan, your on stage experience was one of the first documented moments that many of us super fans will always hold close to our hearts. Enjoy a smoke in a tree while you rest in peace.*”

Theo's Mom - March 25, 2015 at 10:29 PM

EC

“*She showed me what music looks like, it was amazing and heart touching, may she rest in peace.*”

Eddie Cancino - March 25, 2015 at 10:23 PM

NA

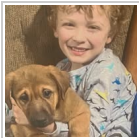
“*Thoughts and prayers to the family. I saw her sign a song of one of my favorite bands and it was absolutely amazing. May she rest in peace.*”

Nancy McDonald from Arkansas - March 25, 2015 at 08:57 PM

MC

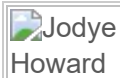
“*My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kimberly Schaefer. So very sorry for the loss of this vibrant young woman. Watching her passionately interpret one of my favorite songs of one of my favorite bands was a joy. I know she would smile at the fact that so many here cherish that memory. Sending you all love, peace and most of all strength to get through this difficult time.*”

Michele Castrellon - March 25, 2015 at 08:32 PM



“*So sorry for your loss. What a special person Kimberly was. Her signing at the Pearl Jam concert is such a touching and wonderful performance. Wishing you all comfort and peace*”

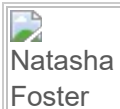
Lianne Quailer - March 25, 2015 at 08:20 PM



Jodye
Howard

“ *My sincerest condolences to Kimberly's family and friends. Her sign interpretation on "Given To Fly" has always been dear to my heart. A brief glimpse to a beautiful performance and sparkling personality that shone on stage. She will be greatly missed. Wishing the family love and comfort during this difficult time.*

Jodye Howard - March 25, 2015 at 08:11 PM

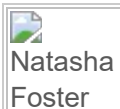


Natasha
Foster

“ *Natasha Foster lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Natasha Foster - March 25, 2015 at 08:10 PM



Natasha
Foster

“ *Kimberly touched so many when she interpreted Given to Fly on Pearl Jams 2000 DVD. Hearts and thoughts....*

Natasha

Natasha Foster - March 25, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ *So Sad
Never forget seeing her performance with Pearl jam on DVD one
my fav parts ever
RIP
Kimberly Rae Schaefer*

Scott Fraser - March 25, 2015 at 07:39 PM

ST

“ *touched many souls interpreting 'given to fly'...in my thoughts....*

stu - March 25, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Kimberly's family and loved ones. I still get goosebumps watching her sign "Given to fly". The most beautiful performance ever of that song.*

One day you'll see a strange spot in the sky, a human being that was given to fly - Eddie Vedder

Colleen Tobin - March 25, 2015 at 07:36 PM

LC

“ *Lois Cesarano lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Lois Cesarano - March 25, 2015 at 07:33 PM

LC

“ *Seeing Kim sign on Given to fly always brightens up my day evening or any time ..my sincere condolences to your family.....<3*

Lois Cesarano - March 25, 2015 at 07:31 PM

SW

“ *My heart thoughts and prayers to the family of Kim. She has touched many lives through out the Pearl Jam Family. The beauty of her signing during Guven to Fly was amazing. Gone to soon* 💕💕💕

sue whalen - March 25, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ *Like a lot of people before have said. I didn't know Kim but when I saw her interpretation of Given to Fly, I was I. Awe of her. Like many of us, we are connected through our love of music. My condolences to your family.*

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Steven Freire - March 25, 2015 at 07:26 PM



EC

“ *If I'm ever having a bad day, I'll watch the video of Kimberly on stage with Pearl Jam. Without having any direct involvement in my life, she impacted it so greatly. I will continue to watch her for the rest of my life x*

Els Cocking - March 25, 2015 at 07:22 PM



AD

“ *Fly High Kimberly! Be well wherever you are!*

Alex D - March 25, 2015 at 07:21 PM

LK

“ *Liz Kagansky lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*

Liz Kagansky - March 25, 2015 at 07:16 PM



LK

I only know of Kimberly from her from her moment of signing for the crowd at a Pearl Jam concert during the song Given to Fly. The best way I can explain how she made me feel during that moment is that she made me happy. Happy to be a Pearl Jam fan, happy to see such emotion in sign language.. just happy.. I saw this video long ago but ever since I saw it I have always pictured her. I don't know if she knew that she had the big affect on strangers but I wanted to let the people that knew and loved her know that she touched many people through her sing and positive energy. I am truly sorry for your loss am lifting up prayers and positivity for her friends and family.

Liz Kagansky - March 25, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Kim. Her performance of "Given to Fly" is one of the most amzing and beautiful things I have ever seen. I am sure she will be sorely missed.*

George Walsh

George Walsh - March 25, 2015 at 06:52 PM

 Alicia Teepee

“ *Alicia Teepee lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Alicia Teepee - March 25, 2015 at 06:39 PM

 Alicia Teepee

“ *I'm so sorry to hear that Kimberly has gone so soon. I didn't know her personally, but as a hearing impaired person and a Pearl Jam fan I was in awe of her. Lots of love from the UK, Kim, to you and your family. Sleep tight x*

Alicia Teepee - March 25, 2015 at 06:37 PM

DC

“ Donna M. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Donna M. Chavez - March 25, 2015 at 06:28 PM

DC

I did not know Kimberly personally but I will never forget her dancing with Eddie Vedder on Touring Band 2000 during Given To Fly! It was a dance I will never forget! May she rest in peace dancing with the angles. My deepest condolences go to her and her family and friends.

Donna M. Chavez - March 25, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I saw her signing at a Pearl Jam concert. It was fabulous watching her. She is way too young to be gone. My sympathy and prayers to her whole family.

Linda Holbrook - March 25, 2015 at 06:27 PM

KE

“ So sorry for your loss. Did not know her personally but her interpretation of Pearl Jams "Given to Fly" was beautiful. She was inspiring to thousands who saw that performance. Easy to see why she was so sought out for performances.



Kelly - March 25, 2015 at 06:21 PM

NA

“ *Now Kimberly is helping others in heaven!
Infinite love to her family.*



Nadia - March 25, 2015 at 06:13 PM

DA

“ *Didn't know her but saw the PJ video, she
was amazing! sorry for her loss. From México
one of her fans :), with love to her family.
Daniela.*



daniela - March 25, 2015 at 06:04 PM

TC

“ *The Cawveys lit a candle in memory of
Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



The Cawveys - March 20, 2015 at 11:23 PM

ME

“ *Maurice Egeston lit a candle in memory of
Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Maurice Egeston - March 20, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kimberly Rae Schaefer.*



March 19, 2015 at 12:20 AM



“ *Byron Key lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Byron Key - March 19, 2015 at 12:11 AM



“ *Laura Clark lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Laura Clark - March 18, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ *Angie I'm so sorry for your loss and will be here for whatever you need.*

*XO
KIM*



Kimberly Rayford - March 18, 2015 at 05:06 PM

SR

“ *Shani Robinson purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Kimberly Rae Schaefer.*



Shani Robinson - March 18, 2015 at 02:14 PM

AB

“ *Allison Busby lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Allison Busby - March 18, 2015 at 01:36 PM

JA

“ *I am so sad and sorry to hear of Kimberly's passing. I always remember the night's at Applebee's as we prepped for shows at the Edison. Also all the shows we did together: Groovelily, East Village Opera Company, Parsons Dance, and the numerous performers and artists we met. I'm flying out of town Thursday afternoon, so I will miss both the visitation and the funeral. She will always have a special place in my heart.*

John Adams - March 17, 2015 at 05:57 PM

SK

“ *Shannon Knubley lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Shannon Knubley - March 17, 2015 at 02:28 PM

LM

“ *Linda Mullans lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Linda Mullans - March 17, 2015 at 01:57 PM

EC

“ *I will miss to my sister Kim! Your heart in my heart forever!!! Prayers for my sister Kim and your family! I love you!*

Enrique Martinez Cruz - March 17, 2015 at 07:55 AM



“ *Prayers go out to all of Kim's family and friends. She will always be in our hearts.*



Steve Shelton - March 17, 2015 at 12:26 AM

CH

“ *Cindy Huddleston lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Cindy Huddleston - March 16, 2015 at 11:38 PM

MW

“ Mike Willis lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Mike Willis - March 16, 2015 at 10:21 PM

HC

“ Harold Cory lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Harold Cory - March 16, 2015 at 09:55 PM

CF

“ Cory Family lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Cory Family - March 16, 2015 at 09:54 PM

TF

“ The Cory Family lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



The Cory Family - March 16, 2015 at 09:54 PM

KW

“ Karen Wade lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Karen Wade - March 16, 2015 at 08:14 PM



“ Shannon Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Shannon Montgomery - March 16, 2015 at 05:31 PM

VK

“ Vicky Kopec lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer



Vicky Kopec - March 16, 2015 at 05:22 PM

VK

Jeannie, my deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Vicky Kopec - March 16, 2015 at 05:25 PM

MA

“ We are so sorry for you loss,Let us know if there is anything we can do.Or love and prayers are with you and your family.

MarieCalcaterra - March 16, 2015 at 02:32 PM

MC

“ Jean, Connor and Angie, We are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest condolences to you and the entire family and friends of Kimberly. God bless you all as we pray to God to help you all during this very difficult time. Mike and JoAnn Carrico

Mike Carrico - March 16, 2015 at 02:10 PM

ND

“ Nancy D. purchased the In Memory Heart Shape d Music Box for the family of Kimberly Rae Schaefer.



Nancy D. - March 16, 2015 at 02:02 PM

NM

“ My condolences to Kim's family and all that were close to her. I met Kim at FVCC and she was always kind, smiling and supportive. I know she will be deeply missed but left lots of laughter and smiles to all those she was around. Prayers to her family and close friends.



Nancy Medearis - March 16, 2015 at 01:40 PM

ME

“ She's always a joy to be with. She was an incredible lady and truly the top of the line interpreter here in this country. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Mark Edghill - March 16, 2015 at 01:21 PM

TB

“ *Teresa Brosch lit a candle in memory of
Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Teresa Brosch - March 16, 2015 at 01:04 PM

SG

“ *Sarah Gagliano lit a candle in memory of
Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Sarah Gagliano - March 16, 2015 at 01:01 PM

LE

“ *Connor & Dan so sorry for your loss, Your In Our Thoughts &
Prayers. God Bless the entire family during this time.*

Laura Eagan - March 16, 2015 at 12:05 PM

ST

“SO many memories. How to pick one? I remember being 8, Kim 7, racing our bikes. I wasn't allowed in the street, she was--I was FLYING. So was she. I remember looking over and seeing her neck and neck with me, then looked back at the sidewalk to push even harder--I was not going to let her win. I heard a bang. I looked over again and saw nothing. I turned around, and there was Kim...sprawled on the hood of a parked car. Oops.

Kim was/is the first best friend I ever had. I miss her and regret we parted ways...which is life sometimes. Her spirit and love for life were what made her a difference maker in the lives around her. We are all a bit worse off for losing her...but Frank has his buddy to hang out with again. :)

Stan - March 16, 2015 at 10:48 AM

AB

“My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Yours in Alpha Sigma Alpha

Angela Bauldree

angela bauldree - March 16, 2015 at 10:30 AM

NB

“Angela and family - We are so sorry for the loss of your sister. May your family feel comfort in wonderful memories and the love and friendship of your friends and colleagues. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Nancy Bass
Missouri State Council of SHRM*

Nancy Bass - March 16, 2015 at 09:57 AM

MJ

“ *Mark Jodlowski lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Mark Jodlowski - March 16, 2015 at 09:52 AM

NL

“ *Jean, Angela and Connor - there are no words of comfort that we can provide you. We can't imagine your world right now. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers. May you feel God's arms around you as you say good bye to Kim. She is an amazing person and she will be missed by all. God bless and keep you close. Nancy & Jerry Lippard*

Nancy Lippard - March 16, 2015 at 09:23 AM

NL

“ *Nancy Lippard lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



Nancy Lippard - March 16, 2015 at 09:10 AM

DK

“ *Dottie Kious lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Rae Schaefer*



dottie kious - March 16, 2015 at 09:02 AM