



## Kimberly Ann Tavares

May 15, 1965 - February 25, 2020

Kimberly Ann Tavares passed away suddenly at the age of 54, on February 25, 2020 at the McLaren Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. She was born on May 15, 1965 to Thomas and Vivian Tavares in Agana Guam South Pacific. Beloved mother of Cory Tavares. Loving sister of Eva (Richard) Reilly, Michael (Joni), William (Sheila) and the late Thomas. Predeceased by her parents Thomas and Vivian. Dear auntie of 9 and great auntie of several nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her extended family, friends and co-workers. Kimberly immediately after high school began her career at General Motors, she attended GMI Engineering and Management Institute earning a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering and later a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering through Renselaer Polytechnic Institute. She was a Facility Area Manager of 19 General Motor plants all over the United States. A memorial visitation for Kimberly will be on Thursday March 5, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until an 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service and a 11:30 a.m. sharing a memories of Kimberly at the Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
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## Memorial Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Sharing of Memories

MAR 5. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wasik Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 05, 2020 at 09:22 AM

KD

“ I am devastated, so I cannot imagine what Cory and Kim's siblings have been going through the last 3 years. I lost touch with Kim only about 6 years ago, after almost 30 years of maintaining contact after college. I deeply regret getting busy with my job and moving from Indiana to Orlando, as I didn't know the time we met in Shipshewana with our kids would be the last time I would see her. I was just looking her up to try to meet for her birthday next month.

We were roommates for several years in college at GMI. She was always wise beyond her years, and had no problem telling things how they actually were (cutting through BS in a measured way, LOL). I will miss her intelligence, big smile, and especially her hearty belly laughs. I hope you are at peace, my friend.

She was so successful at GMI and GM thereafter, but her biggest joy and accomplishment was being Mom to Cory. Cory, I will try to find you, to express my condolences directly. My deepest condolences to you all.

Kelly Domino-Hoffman

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**Kelly Domino-Hoffman** - April 05, 2023 at 10:09 PM

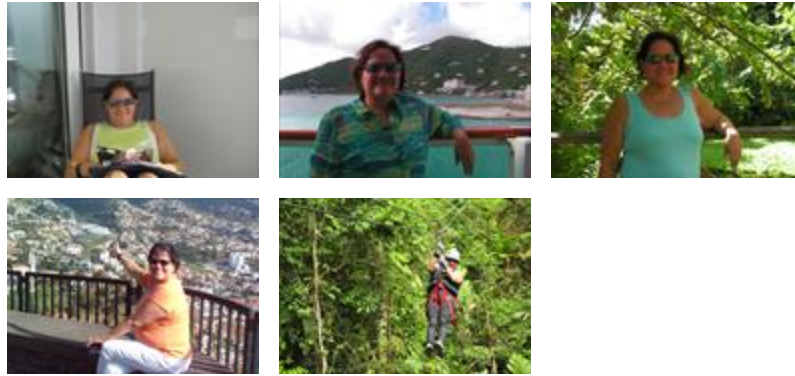
SP

“ Just found out about Kim's passing. I met her when she worked at Van Nuys Assembly in California. I convinced her to take a job at the Tech Center in Warren, Michigan. We worked together for years. A very smart and talented woman. Most of all, she was a true friend. I will miss her dearly. Steve Phillips

Steve Phillips - September 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM

DK

“ 38 files added to the album Some of Kim's Travels



Debbie Kost - March 05, 2020 at 08:37 PM

DK

“ Debbie Kost sent a virtual gift in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares



Debbie Kost - March 05, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DK

*I met Kim almost 26 years ago, and we quickly became friends. We were both mechanical engineers and we worked for General Motors in different areas of the company. What really sealed our bond, however, was Kim's love for travel. Her passion for travel became a joy for both of us. It was awesome! About 4 months after meeting her, Kim and I were on a cruise ship. Through the years, we shared many adventures in the United States and around the world. The list is very long, and so are the stories. My last trip with Kim was this past November. We took a Transatlantic cruise and explored the Canary Islands along the way. When I suggested we ride camels through the desert....Kim was all in...."Absolutely!" she said. She had a spirit of adventure that I found truly refreshing.*

*Of course, being friends with Kim was about much more than the vacations. Her wit, her dedication to her profession, and her sincere kindness to others spoke volumes about her character. Through the years, we supported and encouraged each other to be the best versions of ourselves. I am truly honored and blessed to have been her friend. Now she travels on angel wings instead of airplanes, she cruises with those she loved who have left this earth, and she is Home with Jesus. Aloha, my dear friend.*

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**Debbie Kost** - March 05, 2020 at 08:11 PM

CM

*“Wow. I approach today with such sadness, it all just doesn't seem real. Kim was my first boss when I hired in full time to General Motors. She was already an accomplished woman with lots of responsibility but took the time to take me as the newbie under her wing and provide her guidance and mentorship. She quickly became a friend and I got to know Cory as well. I took my first work trip with her and she always made me feel like family. Even in more recent years we still would go to the cider mill in the fall with our families and enjoy life on a beautiful day. Kim was a kind heart and a beautiful soul and loved Cory so very much. I know she is still with us all continuing to help guide, just as she did in life. Heaven gained a great soul. We will all certainly miss you Kim. Sending our love to Cory and wishing you eternal happiness my friend.*

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**Candice Messing** - March 05, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ 126 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 05, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Kimberly Ann Tavares*.



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March 04, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ *Our trip to Hawaii in 2002 with Kim was wonderful. We had a great time viewing beautiful sites and shared a huge dinner with many of her family!*



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**Leticia Maly** - March 04, 2020 at 08:29 PM

LM

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**Leticia Maly** - March 04, 2020 at 08:30 PM

LM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Leticia Maly** - March 04, 2020 at 07:43 PM

LM

*Black Beach, Hawaii*

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**Leticia Maly** - March 04, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LM

“ *Kim was my co-worker and friend. She traveled to Hawaii with me, my husband and son to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary 15 years ago. I was there last week celebrating our 40th anniversary when I got the phone call Kim was on her way to the hospital and that she passed away. I'm shocked and saddened by this terrible news. My deepest condolences to her family who I'm sure are going through impossible pain at this time. Aloha my sweet friend. You'll be in my heart forever!*

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**Leticia Maly** - March 04, 2020 at 07:40 PM

AB

“ *ANDREA BRADACS lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares*



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**ANDREA BRADACS** - March 04, 2020 at 02:25 PM

BB

“ *Sharing our grief and shock of losing Kim so soon has caused a heartache more vast than the universe. We were blessed to visit with Kim just weeks ago. We were laughing at the details of her retirement plans and the trips she had planned for the next two years. She wanted us to join her when she was going to SoCal to visit with my 97 yr old Mom. My dear cousin Kim reminded me of my great Auntie Rose. She was confidant and mentor to the many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends around her. Specifically, she spent time coaching baseball for our three sons and mentoring their science projects. She had time for them when they were older too. They have fond memories of her still. We never parted company without hugging and sharing love, always wishing each other happy times until we met again. The hole in our collective hearts is enormous. The Lei we sent represents all the Bernases. Aloha Kim. A hui Hou, Mike and Julene Bernas, James and Jeanie Bernas, Joe and Jessica Bernas (Kai'a, Brooklyn, Melia, Noemi), and Kenny and Nataly Bernas (Victoria, Kenito)*



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**Bernas Bunch** - March 03, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ I had the opportunity to work with and for Kim over the last four years and she was an extraordinary person! Always kind, diligent, and caring in everything she applied herself too. If she had any faults I would say it was that she cared too much for the people she managed. She was an example of servant leadership, a mentor, and a friend. I looked forward to hearing of her post GM exploits, and I am so very saddened by her passing! My condolences to her family, friends, and those of us who worked along side her.

*A Hui Hou my friend!*

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**Joshua Varni** - March 03, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kimberly Ann Tavares.



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March 03, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ Kim, we will miss your beautiful and generous spirit. I will never forget going to NYC together to celebrate your 50th birthday with the girls. We had the most amazing time visiting Times Square and Central Park and seeing some great shows. We had so many laughs together. Thank you, too, for always being so kind to me personally. You are a great friend to so many and you will be dearly missed! Hugs, Kathy

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**Kathy Taves Reene** - March 03, 2020 at 09:11 AM

CC

“ *Wow Kim! We were expecting you to visit us one more time here in California before your retirement! Nathan and I just talked with you the night before! We are still in shock. Rest in Peace my friend. Carolyn and the Rancho Team*



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**Carolyn Cooper** - March 02, 2020 at 07:16 PM

DU

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about Kim,s passing. I had the wonderful pleasure of working with Kim for the past several years. I was the Lead Facility Manager for the Customer Care & Aftersales division, GM Canada. I retired last year and Kim was one of my staunchest supporters when I told her of my plans. We had many visits to Langley BC, Edmonton Alberta, My home plant - Woodstock, Ontario and Pointe Claire, Quebec. She was an excellent Manager, friend and one of the kindest person I have ever known. We enjoyed many meals / visits both away from home and my wife Deb and I enjoyed her company at our home. We accomplished some amazing projects, tasks and budget targets in our time together. She lead a great Canadian Team ! Kim was always very supportive of not only myself but our supervisors and managers in the Canadian field. She was a person who always gave excellent guidance, direction and advice when working through complex problems and troublesome scenarios. She always asked how peoples families were and she shared a keen interest in hearing those personal stories. She was such a caring person. To say she was the best " BOSS" I ever worked with would be an understatement. It is just so sad that her retirement plans will not come to fruition because I cannot think of a person who was more deserving of that new adventure in her life. I feel very comfortable in saying all of my past peers at GM Canada who had the experience of working with Kim, are deeply saddened by her passing. She will be greatly missed as a great mentor, manager and most importantly a "FRIEND". RIP Kim. Duane Griffith

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**Duane** - March 02, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Kim the last 2 1/2 years and I cannot begin to list all the things she taught me along the way. I was able to travel with Kim and do site visits and she always guided us through each plant, each city, each airport like an old pro. Saddens me that she will not be able to take the trips that she was looking forward to, but I know she has taken the best trip of them all to be with Our Lord and Savior. Condolences to the family and friends.

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**Jason Walker** - March 02, 2020 at 12:44 PM

MH

“ I am deeply saddened with the passing of Kim, she treated me like I was family. When ever I needed something for the plant she always would say to me " how can I not approve this for you Mike". Kim and I were just communicating a couple of days earlier, and she was telling me that she was retiring very shortly and had a lot of trips planned, Kim was so excited about the future. It's so sad that the good Lord has decided to take her home. I will sorely miss the bright face and great personality that Kim brought. It should make us all think that any given day will be our last, we all should live each day as our last. Kim rest in peace your friend. Mike Hockman

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**michael hockman** - March 02, 2020 at 10:49 AM

SD

“ Our family was very saddened to hear of Kim's passing. As our neighbor, the talks and laughter we shared across the fence will be greatly missed.

*With our deepest sympathy to your family!  
Paul, Shirley DiPirro and Family*



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**Shirley DiPirro** - March 01, 2020 at 03:18 PM

CB

“ *Very saddened to hear of Kim's passing as we were looking forward to sharing some time with Kim after her retirement from GM. During Kim's and Aunty Vivian's visits to Hawaii, we were always fortunate to get together to eat, perhaps watch a movie and just laugh at the world around us. Sincere condolences and love to the Tavares family.*

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**Clement Bautista** - March 01, 2020 at 06:41 AM

SO

“ Kim was a loyal friend who loved life and most of all her vacations. I still remember freshman year in college when we heard about the 'Hawaiian Girl' who lived around the corner. We couldn't figure out why anyone from CA and HI would want to come to Michigan to go to college. But, Kim made Michigan her home and was loved by many. We shared good times and bad times and through it all you could always count on Kim.

*Through Kim's love of traveling/vacationing, she introduced me to Mexico for the first time. My first trip to Cancun was with Kim and thanks to her, I had many more to follow :).*

*Visiting Australia and New Zealand was always on our bucket list and from that Cancun vacation was 'birthed' the vacation of a lifetime...4 weeks visiting Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, and HI. New Zealand was an adventure with hang gliding, white water rafting, and glacier climbing. I can still hear Kim saying, "I can't believe I am paying to climb a rock of ice and be cold". Then came our 30th birthday celebration in FI. We learned how to kayak and even though we were in the mangrove trees with only 2ft of water you could always count on Kim to figure out a way to fall in and tip the boat :). Anytime we did anything around water, she would be sure to sit next to someone who could grab a hold of her and keep her inside!*

*Kim was getting ready to start her next adventure in life and we were all looking forward to sharing it with her but the Lord obviously had other plans for her. She will be missed dearly and thought of often but Kim, we wish you many more new adventures in your new resting place :). We love you and you will always be a part of who we are.*

*Love always,*

*Sona*

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Sona - March 01, 2020 at 03:14 AM

RO

“ My cousin Kim was the same age as I am. She was preparing to retire and spend time with us in Hawaii on an extended basis. We were preparing to see her regularly at the beach. Just spent time with her this past Dec. she fought her way out of health issues and made incredible lifestyle changes which allowed her to enjoy her life even more. So proud of all that she has been able to do in her lifetime. The love she shared with her nieces and nephews, the guidance she provided for them and the inspiration that she was because she lived such a full life of possibilities. A life well lived no matter how short it was. She is one of the reasons why I am a mom today. Cousin, I love you and will miss you greatly. Enjoy your permanent vacation and please give uncle and auntie a kiss from all of us. RIP

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**Roxanne** - February 28, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ One of my fondest memories of Kim is when she and I along with a couple of other GM ladies performed our version of "Don't Mess w/Bill" at Bill Luther's retirement party. Kim played the "air saxophone" with great skill. She provided a lot of laughs for everyone. She was a great gal. She will be missed. RIP Kim!

*Rosemary Wolfe*

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**Rosemary Wolfe** - February 28, 2020 at 07:33 PM

NB

“ I am so grateful that I had the pleasure of having Kim as a colleague and friend for so long. Kim was visiting the Facility in Edmonton Alberta just 2 weeks ago and we had coffee and dinner together. Kim shared her plans for retirement including visiting the four states that she had not yet made it to. In typical Kim fashion she was including friends and family throughout her trip. Kim was a positive influence in my life personally and professionally. She will be missed. My deepest sympathies to her family for her loss.

Nicholas Batchelor - February 28, 2020 at 06:20 PM

WA

“ So happy that I had the good fortune to meet Kim and to share in a two of her adventures crossing the Atlantic. Although we only knew each other for a couple of years we created memories that I will forever cherish. My deepest condolences to Cory and her family and friends. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Wanda - February 28, 2020 at 05:53 PM

NG

“ I first learned of Kim as the voice over the cubicle wall. I later got to know her to be a fun person with a kind heart. She will be missed. Strength and peace beyond all understanding is my prayer for the family during this troubling time.



Nichole Gilbert - February 28, 2020 at 04:20 PM

RS

“ *Richard Neil Smith lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares*



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**Richard Neil Smith** - February 28, 2020 at 02:56 PM

JM

“ *Kim was an amazing client but even more than that a friend. She was always available to lend a helping hand. The processes & procedures she implemented for our team made our jobs much easier and organized. I enjoyed our work travel trips and checking out the sites & restaurants along the way which I will definitely miss. Kim was a great hostess opening up her home and cooking for our JLL team on many different occasions. She will definitely be missed by all of us and I will forever treasure the memories I made with her. Prayers for Cory, Miranda, Chase and the entire family. Rest Easy my Friend! You will be greatly missed.*

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**Jonna Martin** - February 28, 2020 at 02:24 PM

MM

“ *Matt Muller lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares*



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**Matt Muller** - February 28, 2020 at 02:14 PM

MB

“ *Mark Benson lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares*



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**Mark Benson** - February 28, 2020 at 01:36 PM

MC

“ *Maryse Comtois lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares*



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**Maryse Comtois** - February 28, 2020 at 01:15 PM

MC

*A donation to the Heart and AVC foundation will be done in her memory. She will be dearly missed. She was a good friend who loved life and laughter.*

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**Maryse Comtois** - February 28, 2020 at 01:18 PM

HA

“ *Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences to Kim's family. I will cherish my memories of her, and miss our conversations. I am praying for comfort for all that loved her during this most difficult time.*

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**Heather Anthony** - February 28, 2020 at 01:13 PM

MI

“ Miguel lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares



Miguel - February 28, 2020 at 01:09 PM

HA

“ Heather Anthony lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares



Heather Anthony - February 28, 2020 at 01:06 PM

GB

“ Ginny Basner lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares



Ginny Basner - February 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sean Joyce - February 28, 2020 at 12:59 PM

SJ

*Kim loved to share any awards or recognition for employees. Here is a picture from our facility in Fort Worth, TX.*

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**Sean Joyce** - February 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Martz lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Ann Tavares*



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**Bonnie Martz** - February 28, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DP

“ *I have only known Kim for the past year, as I am a recent addition to the CCA GM Family. In the year that I have come to know Kim, we had developed a great rapport and friendship that I will treasure always. One of the things that will stick with me always is her Mantra: " Pack Light, Travel Large". She will be greatly missed for her many contributions to our sites and our lives in general. My condolences to her son Cory and family members. She talked of her family often and with fondness. She made a mark in my life, and will be treasured always.*

*Donna Prust, GM Canada Team Member*

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**Donna Prust** - February 28, 2020 at 12:17 PM