

## MARY "KIM" PHILLIPS SCOTT



Mary "Kim" Phillips Scott, age 68, of Gibsonia, formerly Franklin Park and Whitehall, passed on April 26, 2024. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on July 11, 1955, daughter of the late John Klacik, Jr. and Antionette Lennick Klacik. Beloved wife of Gary H. Scott. Loving mother of Amy E. Walls (David) and the late Benjamin John Phillips. Dear grandmother of Blake and Makenzie Walls. Sister of Carol Diulus (Peter). Aunt of

Dana Greer (Adam) and Jonathan, Step-mother of Ryan Scott (Reshma), Amber Scott-Johnston (Matt), and Sondra Maddich (Brian). Step-grandmother of Vihaan, Shriya, MaKai, and Makena. Sister-in-law of Mark Scott (Julie) and Cindy McConnell (David).

Kim was blessed beyond measure when Benjamin John Phillips was placed into her life in 1986. Although Benjamin preceded his mother in death, he was a bright light in the lives of all he knew, and the pride and joy of his parents and family. Kim was blessed once again in 1988 when she welcomed the arrival of Amy Elizabeth, a sweet baby girl who completed her family. Amy's devotion and dedication to her mother's care was admired by many. Kim remarked many times, "Every mother should have a daughter who is a nurse." Amy and her husband, David, blessed Kim in 2018 and again in 2022, with the arrival of Blake Benjamin Walls and Makenzie Marie Walls. Kim's role as their "Kiki" was the joy of her life.

Kim's relationship with her sister, Carol, her most treasured confidante, and her brother-in-law, Peter, defined the meaning of sisterhood and family values. Their son, Jonathan, was an inspiration to Kim, and led her to a passion of championing for those with special needs. Carol and Peter's daughter, Dana, followed in her aunt and mother's footsteps in teaching, and was described by Kim as a "second daughter." Kim's role of godmother to her sister's children went above and beyond. She was also looking forward to becoming a great aunt to baby Greer.

Never a hair out of place, Kim was the epitome of class, style, and grace. Kim and her husband, Gary, met in high school and remained friends for their entire lives. Upon beginning a relationship, Kim gained a second family she adored, complete with three "bonus" children and four grandchildren. Kim and Gary enjoyed their many adventures together, including many trips to her favorite spot, Hilton Head Island, in the prime of their lives. In addition, many times were spent with dear and loving friends at happy hours, dinners, and on vacations.

Kim earned a Master's degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh after graduating from Slippery Rock University. A passionate and devoted schoolteacher, her love of learning and teaching reached far outside of the classroom. Described by her former students as warmhearted, thoughtful, and funny, Kim maintained relationships with those she taught over her years of teaching. Her dedication to education led her to teach at St. Canice, St. Albert the Great, and St. Alexis School until her retirement.

Friends will be received Tuesday, April 30th, 3-7 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS & SONS FUNERAL HOME**, 1600 Stone Mansion Drive, Sewickley (Franklin Park/Wexford). Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish. Interment will follow at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cemetery, Bethel Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Good Samaritan Hospice, Wexford (Memo - WIPU, 146 Neely School Road, Wexford, PA 15090) or Brother Andre's Café (164 Washington Place, Pittsburgh PA 15219) are appreciated.

Kim's legacy of love, kindness, and dedication to her family and community will forever be cherished and remembered.

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