



## Kim Widebrook

October 3, 1953 - December 2, 2023

Kimberly S. Widebrook, 70 of Overland Park, Kansas passed away on Saturday December 2, 2023 at the Kansas City Hospice House in Kansas City. She was born Saturday, October 3, 1953 in Lexington, Missouri to the late Elmer and Bethany Stuerke. She was baptized in Christ on November 22, 1953 and confirmed in her faith on March 19, 1967 both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Higginsville, Missouri.

Kim graduated from Lafayette County C1 - class of 1971. She was in the National Honor Society, marching band, and a cheerleader to name a few of her activities. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri earning an associate's degree in 1973. She then attended Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Higginsville. On September 2, 1978 she married Mark Widebrook and they spent the next forty-five wonderful years together.

During Kim's professional career she owned and operated her family's corner Rexall Drug Store in Higginsville for eighteen years. She retired from OptumRx in Overland Park, Kansas. After retirement she worked part-time for Price Chopper, Costco, and John Duncan as a pharmacist at Pharmacy Alternatives for long term care.

Kim was proud of her ability to gain knowledge and experience from working in all aspects of the pharmacy sectors. It brought her joy to be able to serve her patients and customers, going above and beyond the call of duty. For

example, late night trips to fill an ill child's prescription or meeting and talking with physicians at the drop of a pin. She even delivered prescriptions to many houses. The patient was always top priority. Kim also volunteered on medical mission trips in underserved countries like Belize, Peru, and the Dominican Republic to name a few. Often she and the team worked in pharmacies made of tents, worked tirelessly, always remaining helpful and friendly, still putting the patients first.

Kim loved shopping with family and friends, especially Costco. She enjoyed going to the swimming pool, good restaurants, an old fashioned, red wine, and she would never turn down a chance to visit on the back deck. Kim was driven, organized, and was devoted to serving and helping others.

She loved the Moody Blues, went on several of their cruises and saw them in concert over 25 times. She and Mark also went on Flower Power cruises, featuring 60/70's Rock and Roll music legends. Along with travel, Kim loved Christmas. She also enjoyed watching the Christmas classic movies, as well as decorating for the holidays. There will be a void without Kim's physical presence.

Leaving those to cherish her legacy are husband, Mark Widebrook of the home; brother, Stacy (Diane) Stuerke of Naples, FL and nephews/nieces, Louis Stuerke (Frances Trenta) of Canton, OH; Alex (Justin) Hammer of Olathe, KS; Adam (Rachel Widebrook of Kansas City, MO; Katie (Steve) Winton of Springfield, MO; 7 great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her beloved Boston Terrier, Bingo.

The family has requested everyone wear their favorite Christmas sweater/sweatshirt to the service...as Kim would say, "Well, if it suits you!"

The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1501 Lipper St.

Higginsville, Missouri. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 AM. Inurnment will be in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville, MO. The service will be streamed live from the Immanuel Lutheran Church Facebook page.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the KC Hospice

House.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1501 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
[immanuellutheran@ctcis.net](mailto:immanuellutheran@ctcis.net)  
<http://www.ctcis.net/~ils/immanuellutheranchurch.htm>

## Memorial Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ The last time I was with Kim Widebrook was on a Rock Cruise in March, 2023. I was so saddened to learn recently she passed away. The last time we were all together we enjoyed dinner with friends & had a good time at Moody Blues' guitarist John Lodge's cruise party. She enjoyed traveling with her lovely husband Mark and enjoying a good concert. We met on a 2019 cruise & we always looked forward to seeing one another on our seafaring trips. Though she was stricken with that ugly “ C” killer, outside of her wearing a turban she had the brightest spirit! She told me, “ One good thing is I don't have to worry about my hair on this trip!” The doctors advised her against taking the last cruise & she refused to stay home! I am glad she didn't listen to them. She had an indomitable strength to live life until the end. She laughed a lot on this last trip and I marveled at her vigor. She was just a beautiful person! The heavens gained another star to illuminate the night sky. RIP Kim.

Denise Weir - January 27, 2024 at 02:02 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Roberta J Winjum - December 11, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kim Widebrook.



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December 07, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ Dennis B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kim Widebrook.

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Dennis B. - December 07, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ Thank you for being unapologetically you. You will always been an amazing Aunt and we were all better for having you in our lives. Whether it was a quick witty comeback, a loving comment or a nice dose of reality, you delivered every time. To say that Rachel and I will miss you is a major understatement. For a person like myself that typically doesn't run out of things to say or talk about, I'm just at a loss of words. I love you so much and I know we will see each other again soon. Thank you for always being there.



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Adam Widebrook - December 07, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kim Widebrook.



December 06, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Shawn and Marissa Abbott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kim Widebrook.

Shawn and Marissa Abbott - December 06, 2023 at 11:09 AM



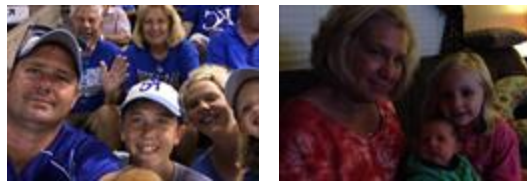
“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kim Widebrook.



December 06, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ The BEST Aunt and Great Aunt we could have ever been blessed with! You will live on in our fondest memories- until we meet again! I Love you!



Katie Winton - December 05, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Kim Widebrook.*



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December 05, 2023 at 09:07 PM