

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF



Kimberly
ANN
STRONGS

APRIL 1, 1973 - FEBRUARY 19, 2021

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

WAKE: 9:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

SERVICE: 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH
3147 W DOUGLAS BLVD
CHICAGO, IL 60623

FR. LARRY DOWLING, OFFICIATING PASTOR

ORDER OF *Service*

Remarks

Reading of the Obituary

Opening Song
St. Agatha Choir

**Blessing of the Body
and Placing of the Pall**

Opening Prayer

First Scripture Reading

Lector:

Responsorial Psalm
(23rd Psalm Sung by Choir)

Second Scripture Reading

Lector:

Gospel

Homily

Solo

Prayers of the Faithful

**Presentation of the Gifts
of Bread and Wine
Presentation Song: (1)**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion
Communion Song: Joi Basley

Final Commendation

Closing Song (1)



THE LIFE & LEGACY OF *Kimberly Ann Strong's*

Mrs. Kimberly (Kim) Ann Strong's, the oldest of two children was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 1, 1973, to Carl Spencer, Sr. and Annie B. Roman. Her mother preceded her in death.

Kim's faith in God was strong at an early age and she was later baptized into the Catholic Faith at St. Agatha Catholic Church where she served as a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister. Kim enjoyed the soulful signing of the S.A.F.E. and the Adult Choir. She remained a member until her passing.

Kim attended George W. Collins High School and was a very outstanding student. She was honored and featured in Who's Who Among American High Schools Students in 1989-1990. Kim was a member of the Honors Society as well as a Principal Scholar. She was a member of the Science Club, Math Club, Computer Club, English Club, and the Cheerleading Team. Kim went on to attend Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale, Illinois where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Advanced Technical Studies and an Associate's Degree in Applied Science – Computer Information Systems in August of 1996.

In 1988, while attending George W. Collins High School, Kim met the Love of her life Derrick Strong's, Sr. They went on to SIU together and after graduation in 1996, they were married on September 12, 1998, and to this union two children were born, Derrick Strong's, Jr. and Kennedy Ann Strong's. Kim and Derrick were together for 32-years and remained hopelessly in love until she took her last breath.

During her college years Kim dreamt of becoming a member of the AKA Sorority. That dream came true on March 19, 2000, when Kim joined the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Lambda Mu Omega Chapter, She served with dedication on several committees, including NPHC, Step Team, Regional Conference, Joint Founders Day, and Dawson Senior Citizens. Kim perpetuated the purposes and ideals of Alpha Kappa Alpha by culture and by merit through her work and community service. Kim took much pride in being an Alpha Kappa Alpha woman and the bonded sisterhood she had with her beloved Ships and Sorors.

Kim loved troubleshooting and fixing computers. She worked as an Information Technology Administrator at CHA Housing, Imprint Systems, Department of Aviation, S.A.F.E., Minsky McCormick and Hallagan, PC. She worked at Freight Car America until her health failed her.

On Friday, February 19, 2021, Kim made her transition into eternal life with her husband and family by her side.

Kim leaves to cherish her memories: a loving husband of 22-years, Derrick Strong's, Sr., two beautiful children, Derrick Strong's, Jr., and Kennedy Ann Strong's; her father, Carl Spencer, Sr. and (step-father) David Carter, Sr.; one brother, Carl (Ike) Spencer, Jr. from Springfield, IL; one step-brother, David Carter, Jr.; two nephews, Daze C. Spencer, and Samuel Spencer; two sister-aunts, Vickie Roman, and Reneshia Sturdivant (Keith); seven aunts, Josie (Ronald) Morrison, Tanzella (Leroy) Dawson, Cathy (Roger) Roman, Avis Roman, Mary Ann (Bernard) McLaurin of Florence Mississippi, Alice Roman, Gladys Roman; two uncles, Timothy Spencer, Sr. of Georgia, and Reggie Roman of Saginaw, Michigan; one brother-in-law, LaBaron Strong's, Demond Strong's—preceded her in death; five sisters-in-law, Hermise Eskridge, Lizzie Eskridge, Corliss Strong's, April Strong's, and Nicole Shawnda Strong's; one godson; four goddaughters; and a host of special cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and Sorors.





FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

TRIBUTES *of Love*

To my beautiful wife words cannot express how much I love and miss you. I loved you since the first day I saw you. You are responsible for happiest days of my life for 32 years. I am so proud to be your husband. Thank for our two beautiful children. You will forever be my wife, best friend, lover and the prettiest girl I ever laid eyes on. Rest peacefully love and I will see you soon.

-Your D. Strongs

*Mommy thank you for showing me what strong really is.
I love and miss you, my Bestie.*

-Kennedy "Beautiful"

Kimberly Strongs, my beautiful mother. She was EVERYTHING, there literally was no task she couldn't complete. I wouldn't be the person I am today without her in my life. Our many conversations and inside jokes will live on forever. She was the most powerful woman I've ever met, during her battle she showed great strength and tenacity. She always said she never wanted her medical complications to stop or prevent her children from enjoying life and I believe she did that to the fullest. You were the best to ever do it, thank you for everything Ma, I LOVE YOU.

-DJ "Handsome"

*Love is a bond that death cannot part,
Gone from my arms but will forever be in my heart.
Rest on my sister.*

-Love Always Rita



*If roses grew in Heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch for us.
Place them in our Sister's arm
And tell her they are from us.
Tell her that we love and miss her dearly
and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold it there for a while.
Remembering her will be so easy for us to do because, we
do it every single day.
But there is an ache in our hearts that will never go
away.
Our BOYS brought us together, our BOND make it
forever!
Forever in our hearts,*

*Love your Football Mom/Sister's
Shanda, Inga, Tiffany & Richelle*

*Good byes are not forever,
Goodbyes are not the end,
They simply mean I'll miss you until we meet again.*

-Tyra

*To my forever sister and my forever friend.
Friendship and sisterhood transcends death. You
were a part of my life for 34 years. This one truly
hurts my soul my friend. Memories that we have
made will never be forgotten. I will cherish them
forever. I am better for knowing you, better for loving
you, better for the bond that we shared. May you one
day be waiting to welcome me to Heaven with open
arms. You were such a beautiful soul both inside and
out. Your smile was illuminating and your love for
people was so authentic and pure. Your strength was
unwavering your fight was incredible. Until we meet
again take your rest my beautiful sweet friend. I
Love you so much and miss our talks. Thanks for
loving me.*

*You have fought the good fight,
You have finished the race You have kept the faith
2 Timothy 4:7*

*Love you Always
-Catina Harris*



*Kimberly Ann you were my peace that
brought me joy. A selfless and thoughtful
sister friend. Just like Martha to Jesus knew
how to pause and give undivided attention
and minister. Thank you for showing me how
to love, be a wife, and be a fighter. I'm
grateful for your presence in Saneit's life
since the beginning. You said I was your
guardian angel, please be one to all of us. I'll
be listening for your "Kimmeee." I love you
dearly, Kimlona #BF4L*

*Our beloved cousin Kim. You were the tree trunk
that supplied everything your cousins needed to
blossom and grow in life. For most of us, you have
been there our entire lives - answering the questions
we were too afraid to ask, leading by example in
teaching us lessons in life and love, being available
to chat, laugh and giggle about things that didn't
matter and things that did. You helped shape us
into our current selves and because of that your
legacy will live through us. And while it's tough
saying goodbye we will draw strength from the smile
that you always managed to have and was gracious
enough to share. We love you collectively. We love
you individually. We love you eternally.*

- Your Spencer Family Cousins

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Pallbearers

*Roger Roman, Jr.
Andre Roman
Victor Roman*

*Labaron Strongs
Willis Dawson
Rodell Dawson*

*Carl Spencer, Jr.
Lamar Eskridge
Donavan Eskridge*

*Derrick Strongs, Jr.
Timothy Specer, Jr.
Dominic Eskridge*

Honorary Pallbearers

Acknowledgement

The family of Kimberly Strongs would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness during this time. We truly thank you for the many phone calls and messages of support.

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