



## Kimberly Martin-Nadeau

June 12, 1957 - August 10, 2024

North Hampton - Kimberly Martin-Nadeau left this world as we know it on August 10, 2024, due to a sudden illness. Kim was born June 12, 1957, in Exeter NH. She was the daughter of the late Joanne Hobbs Martin and the late Laurence Alden Martin.

Throughout Kim's educational years she was a respected competitor in both sports and academics. Kim attended North Hampton Elementary School, where she won the school's Oratorical Contest for her speech on "Women's Lib". At Winnacunnet High School, Kim played field hockey (her sport), basketball and track & field. She was the co-editor of the class yearbook with her friend Val (Robinson) Johnson. Kim was a member of the National Honor Society and the school's math team. She was voted by her classmates as "most intellectual" and "most likely to succeed". She continued her education at UNH (Class of 1979) and earned her degree in Communication Disorders. She graduated magna cum laude in 1980, from Ithaca College with a master's degree in Speech Pathology.

Kim returned to New Hampshire and worked at the Centre School in Hampton and then began her own private practice. Kim had a passion for working with children with autism. It was Kim's gift as a professional speech pathologist that allowed her to guide hundreds of students in improving their speech and gaining self-confidence as they did so.

Kim married her loving husband of 43 years, Arthur A. Nadeau (Jo-Jo) on December 12, 1981. They were blessed with a daughter, Heidi Anne Nadeau in 1986. As a young parent she served her community volunteering as a support professional for parents of children with autism, volunteer-taught toddler classes at the North Hampton Town Hall, was a board member of the North Hampton Youth Association and coached recreational youth basketball.

Kim was an avid sports fan. She enjoyed most sports, but Kim knew the rosters of the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Celtics. She and Jo-Jo would travel throughout the northeast to watch the UNH ice hockey team. But her favorite sport to watch was any sport that Heidi was playing. She was Heidi's biggest fan. Kim and Jo-Jo attended many of Heidi's sporting events from elementary school all the way through Heidi's career at Penn State University. They attended many, many events which brought Kim great joy.

Kim was a life-long member of the United Church of Christ in North Hampton. She taught Sunday School and Labyrinth Appreciation. Kim was a believer in volunteering and would suggest to any of us to volunteer our time.

Kim is predeceased by her grandparents, parents and her brother, Glenn Martin. Besides Jo-Jo and Heidi, Kim leaves behind extended family, nieces: Kara Martin Duarte, Lauren Mackay, Marissa Mackay Taylor, Suzanne Smith, Marie Dubey, DA Winslow; Nephews: Aaron Mackay, Cailean Mackay, CJ Winslow and Daniel Nadeau as well as many friends. She was proud to say she was born, raised and lived her whole life in North Hampton.

A Celebration of Kim's Life will be held at the United Church of Christ, 295 Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton on September 7, 2024, at 3 PM. Please no jackets or ties. Jeans are appropriate. If you play baseball, wear a uniform shirt; if you are a hockey player, wear your sweater; if you are an official, wear

a polo; or if you are a coach wear your game-day gear.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to either:

UNH Hockey Arena Renovation Project by clicking here (<https://unhwildcats.com/sports/2023/8/17/unh-hockey-renovation-project?sidearmRedirect=true>) or mail to the UNH Foundation, Elliott Alumni Center, 9 Edgewood Road, Durham, NH 03824

Or

Penn State Women's Track and Field by clicking here (<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/f/2csx/n?vid=16xqna>)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

United Church of Christ  
295 Atlantic Avenue  
North Hampton, NH 03862

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Dear Jo-Jo and Heidi, Hugs for you at this sad time. Kim touched my life many long years ago when she did some of her early professional learning at the Rehab in Portsmouth. She and I have kept in touch through Christmas cards and on Face Book. What a wonderful, caring lady and friend who blessed my life with her kindness and caring. Thank for for sharing her with me. Love, Mary

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**Mary Fontaine** - August 22, 2024 at 03:03 PM

TM

“ Tracey L Macarty lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Martin-Nadeau



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**Tracey L Macarty** - August 21, 2024 at 05:59 PM

DM

“ It was quite a shock hearing of Kim’s passing and I’m so heartbroken for Jo-Jo, Heidi, and all who knew her. A beautiful soul gone too soon. Kim and I go way back to my teaching years in the early 90’s. Kim always had the most loving, gentle, respectful and kind way of connecting with her young students and staff alike. She brought peaceful and calmness to our classroom. Kim had a special gift of making connections with children, especially those with autism and other developmental delays. She made a difference in the lives of so many children. I’m forever grateful to her for being a mentor and role model guiding me during those years in my teaching career.

Kim and I communicated annually, though hadn’t seen each other in quite a few years. Always ending our messages with “we have to get together soon.” Regrettably now, that won’t happen. I’m reminded that tomorrow is never promised and making the time to visit with friends when we say it is so important.

*RIP my friend.*

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**Denise Monroe** - August 21, 2024 at 09:50 AM

JO

“ To JoJo and Heidi- My deepest sympathies to you both. I will always have fond memories of Kim's hospitality to all the kids who grew up on the beach with your cottage as a second home. Kim was a perfect hostess to a bunch of rowdy kids and they all thought the world of her. May memories be a great comfort to you now.

*Jan O'Keefe*

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**Janet O'Keefe** - August 18, 2024 at 07:09 PM

SL

“ I grew up on the beach in the summer with both Kim and Glenn. They hold a very special place in my memory....from body surfing, collecting sea glass, to walking to “Popes” for an ice-cream. Kim was always kind and thoughtful. Loved how she loved North Hampton. Her dedication to children and their success was admirable.

JoJo and Heidi... terribly sorry for your loss. She was taken too soon, but no doubt will be with you forever. 🙏

Susan Lawlor

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Susan Lawlor - August 17, 2024 at 08:27 AM

LL

“ JoJo and Heidi, I think I’m still in shock to hear of the passing of Kim...She was a wonderful human and will be missed by our North Hampton community. Sending sincere condolences to you both and your extended family.

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Leah LaChance - August 16, 2024 at 07:13 PM

KP

“ JoJo and Heidi, We are sorry for your loss. Kim was a gift to our family. She impacted our life in so many different ways. It began as Speech Pathologist for Sarah and quickly morphed into friend and mentor. She exemplified love and service in everything she did. Kim was often the first one to respond to Sarah’s invitation to attend God’s Baby Closet Shower /Benefit. She attended all the events over the years and spread her Love and Joy at each one. She made sure Sarah knew how proud she was of her volunteering and accomplishments. Kim’s bright light will never dim in our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, The Portrie Family

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Kate Portrie - August 16, 2024 at 07:27 AM

DM

“ Donna M Meyer Miller lit a candle in memory of Kimberly Martin-Nadeau



Donna M Meyer Miller - August 15, 2024 at 11:18 PM

DM

I am so sorry to hear this news. My thoughts & prayers go out to the entire family. Kim was a wonderful woman and always had a big smile on her face! May all your years of loving memories help ease the pain you are feeling and I am sure there are plenty to bring smiles & laughter as well.  
God Bless

Donna M Meyer Miller - August 15, 2024 at 11:33 PM

ML

“ Jo-Jo and Heidi, We were very sorry to hear about your loss. I myself grew up with Kim, went to school together, did sports at North Hampton, stayed in the same town all my life. Our kids grew up together. I will miss our talks at the post office, or the bank, seems we always saw each other there. lots of good memories, sorry you had to leave us so early. may you rest in peace.  
Mary Lambert

mary Lambert - August 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BP

JoJo and Heidi, I am so very sorry for your loss. I grew up with Kim and share in your grief . I remember birthday parties at the cottage on the beach, school plays and spelling bees with Kim, and above all her kindness and friendship. She will be missed. Rest in peace Kim 🙏❤️

Betsy (Chevalier) Peck - August 15, 2024 at 11:22 PM

CS

“ Kim was a great long life time friend. She had a huge heart and loved the ocean, her family, friends, and beloved cat Lila. So many great memories. Day trips from Boston to Portland. Mediation, yoga, walks to the beach and back, UNH hockey games, museums, beach cottage, and endless talks on the phone. Will miss her so much. My deepest sympathy to JoJo and Heidi.

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**carol stover** - August 15, 2024 at 07:52 PM

PT

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Jo-Jo & Heidi.

*Kim was so very giving to our family. She taught Matthew in pre-school, and then taught him privately for many years. She never taught privately to make money, although she could have done very well if she had made that her focus. Kim made it possible for ordinary families to afford top notch private tutoring, which children with Autism desperately need.*

*Thank you, Kim, for your Unconditional Love. You taught me the importance of those words. Something every mother should know, yet not all of us do.*

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**Peggy Tipton** - August 15, 2024 at 07:17 PM

DC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May your memories bring peace and comfort.

*Brian & Dottiann Chevalier*

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**Dottiann Chevalier** - August 15, 2024 at 06:12 PM

SE

“ *My deepest sympathies to Kim's family for your loss.  
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most  
difficult time.*

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**Sara S Eames** - August 15, 2024 at 03:30 PM