



## Kim Colleen Kay

June 20, 1960 - May 29, 2013

Kim "Colleen" Kay of Carson City, Nevada passed away Wednesday May 29th, 2013 peacefully in her home.

Kim Kay was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 20th, 1960. Daughter of Ingrid and Ron Ralston. Her identical twin Karen Landrus was not only her sister but her best friend. After moving to Nevada with her family in early childhood, Kim settled her roots in the Reno-Carson area where she enjoyed her days.

Kim was an exceptional cook but her heart of gold and overflowing generosity is what took center stage. Kim had a wonderful sense of humor that touched many family & friends she made where ever she went.

Kim wed her loving husband Christopher Kay on August 22nd 1998 and remained happily married until her last days. Although they never had children, Kim played an integral role as a motherly Aunt to her niece Michelle Farrell and grand niece Lily.

Kim was loved by all who knew her and will be missed dearly.

Kim Colleen Kay (6/20/60 – 5/29/13)

Kim Colleen Kay died, peacefully in her sleep, on May 29, 2013 from complications with high blood pressure (Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease). Born as Colleen Comba in the same hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii by the same Doctor nearly one year before Barack Obama 6/20/60, Kim was an identical twin with her sister Karen. By school age, they moved to Reno with their new father Ronald Ralston. It was then, her mother Ingrid gave Kim her surname and Colleen became her middle name. As the Ralston Twins, Kim and Karen went through the entire Washoe County School System attending Jessie Beck Elementary, Swope Middle School and Wooster High School (class of 1978). On the side, they appeared in T.V. commercials for their father's Artist/VOGUE Dry Cleaners also doubling as singing coat-check girls for Al Vario's local Restaurant. Kim spent her entire career working in the office setting; from receptionist to secretary to managerial/executive assistant. Kim was truly a valuable member to every company she worked for including Farmers Insurance, Bonanza Produce and ADT. As secretary for the UNR school of Social Work she earned a seat on the Staff Employee Council. Her most recent employer was Pro Group Management in Carson City her residence since 2004.

A Celebration of Life (w/host Michael J. Smith) was held Sunday June 23rd, 2013 at Autumn Funerals & Cremations. Featured speakers included Kim's niece and confidant Michelle Landrus Farrell plus Kay family matriarch Barbara Jane Kay. Also longtime friend Suzanne Snell Connell whose daughter Mariah played the bagpipes. Original songs were performed "live" by veteran singer/songwriters Marty Easter & John R. Long. Alan Redstone's performance Tribute to Kim is visible on youtube. Kim's spouse Chris Kay ended it all with a special pre-recorded version of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" also youtube.

Daughter/sister/niece/cousin/aunt/wife & best friend Kim Kay is survived by her husband Christopher John Kay and his nine brothers and sisters; also from Reno cousin Shirley Walsh and her husband Wally. From Truckee CA, niece Michelle Farrell continues on with her husband Bryan and their daughter Lily Audra Farrell. Finally, from Vancouver B.C on Kim's mother's side, Kim's aunt Audrey Pearson is joined by cousins Linda Fellingham and Jan Lasteen.

At sunset on June 11, 2013, Michelle Farrell joined Chris Kay for a special boat ride on Lake Tahoe. Precious cargo included her mother Karen's ashes from when she died in 2005: while Chris had Kim's recent cremains. In a moving send-off, the ashes of both identical twins were inner mingled into the powerful deep waters near Stateline, NV. Ashes to ashes dust to dust just as they came into this life so they left it together. In the arms of the angels may they both rest in peace, forever...

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kim Colleen Kay*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Kim Colleen Kay*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *I met Kim and Karen at Jessie Beck and we went all the way through Reno High together. I'll always remember Kim's quick smile and friendly eyes. I'm so sorry to hear about her passing. All my prayers and love to Karen and the rest of her family.*

**Bob Fulkerson** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so shocked and saddened to hear about Kim's passing in today's paper, 9/29. I met Kim and Karen in 3rd grade and they were my best friends for several years. They were such a big part of my growing up years that I will never forget their giggles and great friendship. My heart is heavy remembering Kim and wish I could have been there to pay my respects at her memorial service. Rest in Peace, Kim, with forever memories. Dianne*

**Dianne Brumley (Grundy)** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kim, dear Friend, - go peacefully over the rainbow. i will miss your friendship forever...*

**Phyllis Priester** - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Chris, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Kim, your partner in life.  
Our prayers are with you.

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**John Hope** - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM