



## Kimbra Suzanne Wilder Gish

August 5, 1973 - April 8, 2020

Kimbra Suzanne Wilder Gish, 46, of Henderson, Kentucky passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 7, 2020 surrounded by family at the Lucy Smith King Care Center of St. Anthony's Hospice. She was born August 5, 1973, in Middlesboro, Kentucky, the daughter of Lonnie and Helen Wilder. A 1991 graduate of Middlesboro High School, she completed a B.A. degree in English at Lincoln Memorial University in 1995 and a M.S. degree with ALA credentials in Library and Information Science in 1996 at the University of Tennessee. She was awarded an internship at the Eskind Biomedical Library of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Upon completion, she was invited to join the library staff and worked there a number of years as a Biomedical Librarian until moving to Henderson. She also enjoyed writing.

A sincere Christian, Kimbra loved the Lord and helping others. While volunteering at Camp Horizon, a camp for kids with cancer near Nashville, Tennessee, she met Darren Gish of Henderson, a volunteer counselor there. Darren became the love of her life and they were united in marriage on June 19, 1999. Kimbra was devoted to her husband and cherished her family, friends and fur baby Paco.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Darren Gish of Henderson; her parents, Helen and Lonnie Wilder of Middlesboro; mother-in-law, Kay Gish of Henderson and brother-in-law, Jeff Gish of Evansville, Indiana; two special uncles, Don and Paul Wilder of Harrogate, Tennessee; a special aunt and uncle, Mary and Fred Yeary of Charlotte, North Carolina; and a special cousin

she grew up with, James Carey of Cleveland, Ohio. She will be greatly missed by her many other family members and friends around the world as well as her Trinity Lutheran Church family.

Due to Coronavirus Pandemic restrictions, the family will have a private service at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The Reverend Mark Moog of Trinity Lutheran Church will conduct the service with music provided by Gina Hurt. Interment will be at Fernwood Cemetery. Celebration of Life programs will be held at later dates in both Middlesboro and Henderson, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 North Elm Street, Henderson, Kentucky 42420 or St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 South Green Street, Henderson, Kentucky 42420.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Fernwood Cemetery**

Henderson  
KY 42420

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kimbra Suzanne Wilder Gish*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Kimbra. Kimbra was a beautiful person inside and outside. I will always remember Kimbra from second grade. She was an outstanding student and was always kind to all of her peers. Lonnie and Helen you are in my prayers. God Bless and give you strength to endure this grief.* 💕💙



**Jacqueline, Malcomb, and Meghan Whitt** - April 17, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ *Your kindness, warmth and energy in supporting childhood cancer patients, survivors and their families touched and helped so many of us, Kimbra. We will always cherish your memory. Thanks for giving the gift of The Princess Bride to our whole family, too! Fly free and have fun storming the castle. See you there.*

**Anne Spurgeon** - April 13, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Carole Breakstone lit a candle in memory of Kimbra Suzanne Wilder Gish*



**Carole Breakstone** - April 12, 2020 at 10:14 PM

BI

“ *She was my little kid sister. I remember us swinging together on Grandma's front porch swing, telling each other stories, and talking about books. Eternal love from "Bubber."* ”

**Billy** - April 12, 2020 at 08:21 PM

BW

“ *she was a caring and wonderful person loved her husband family and of course her fur baby. She was a gifted writer and will be missed* ”

**Barb Witte** - April 12, 2020 at 10:09 AM

DE

“ *Sorry for your loss.* ”

**Danny estes** - April 12, 2020 at 02:22 AM

PD

“ *Pat (Sutton) Dozier lit a candle in memory of Kimbra Suzanne Wilder Gish* ”



**Pat (Sutton) Dozier** - April 11, 2020 at 04:13 PM

PD

*So sorry you are having to go through one of the most difficult times of your life. I feel for you and wish this had not happened to such wonderful people. God please touch this family and give them strength to endure such a loss. I love you!*

**Pat (Sutton) Dozier** - April 11, 2020 at 04:17 PM

MG

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. Thurman & Patricia Gilbert and Family



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**Marilyn Gilbert** - April 11, 2020 at 02:37 PM

PH

“ Dear friends, we are so saddened to hear of your beautiful daughter's passing. In our memories, she is an adorable and intelligent 3 or 4 year old. We had been praying for Kim to receive a miracle of healing during the time of your recent posts in regard to her healrh. Your broken hearts are in the Loving Hands of the Father. He will not leave you nor forsake you. We love you and we will continue to pray. Pastor James and Penny Hagy

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**Penny Hagy** - April 11, 2020 at 12:11 PM

CP

“ I shared many late night FB messenger conversations with Kimbra. She was so warm, kind, supportive and encouraging all while struggling with her own issues. It was evident what Darren, her parents and her mother in law meant to her. Endless family, friends and virtual friends are mourning the loss of Kimbra profoundly. Love to all.

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**Catherine Pipcho** - April 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

TF

“ *The Speaks family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kimbra Suzanne Wilder Gish.*



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**The Speaks family** - April 11, 2020 at 07:56 AM

DP

“ *So sorry for your loss. The loss of one of your own children is so unplanned and such a deep grieving process. God Bless and Keep You in HIS Favor.*

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**Dr. Betsy Perkins** - April 11, 2020 at 07:13 AM

TS

“ *I so sorry for you loss. I loved her so. We I'll miss her.* 🥹🙏

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**Tina sharp** - April 10, 2020 at 11:30 PM

RW

“ *God Bless you Mrs. Wilder and your entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you* 🙏 *Rochelle Woody-Daniels, Tori, Cemi, and the Woody Family*



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**Rochelle Woody-Daniels** - April 10, 2020 at 08:36 PM

DR

“ Kimbra had a way about her like no other. She was so kind hearted and it was easy to get to know her. We had a quick connection and even though I didn't have a lot of time to get to know her well, I feel as though we were lifelong friends. I'm going to miss her!! Love you Kimbra my sister in Christ.  
Deb- Trinity

Debra Ragan - April 10, 2020 at 07:54 PM

AA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Keeping all of you in prayer.

Angela Turner Ausmus - April 10, 2020 at 07:23 PM

RC

“ Prayers for all of you. May God wrap his arms around all of you during this difficult time. God Bless!

Ronnie & Carolyn Carter - April 10, 2020 at 07:15 PM

MD

“ Kimbra was such a kind soul. Praying for you all during this time.

Melissa Davis - April 10, 2020 at 06:55 PM

MJ

“ Saying prayers for Helen, Lonnie and Darren, May God say to Kimbra "Well done thou good and faithful Servant".



Mike Johnson - April 10, 2020 at 06:06 PM

BG

“ I met Kimbra while fighting cancer by way of a letter she sent me and she became one of my closest friends, I'll never forget her, my heart is broken.

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**Bill Gibson** - April 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

JU

“ My sweet friend. I am a stronger woman and survivor because of you. I know we'll see each other again someday.

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**Julie** - April 10, 2020 at 04:58 PM

DH

“ Our prayers are with the family during this terrible tragedy. We pray for peace and comfort from our Lord. Mike and Debbie (Johnson) Harris

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**Debbie Harris** - April 10, 2020 at 04:55 PM

JM

“ I went to Camp Eagle's Nest with Kimbra. I always have been so shy that it made it hard to make friends. I had no problem becoming friends with Kimbra. There were three of us, me, Kimbra, and Julie. We were pretty much attached at the hip. I can only hope Kimbra had some inkling of how important she was to not only me and Julie, but all the other kids, especially the younger ones that were new and scared. Every year there would be one or two that just latched on to her and she just scooped them right up without a second thought. I'm so glad that I was able to reconnect with her a few years ago. We never managed to coordinate an in person visit, no good excuse for that, we just kept saying someday, but it was wonderful to have her back in my life even if only on Facebook. My heart goes out to everyone who loves her. I know her passing leaves a huge hole in the world. I will miss her terribly.

Love and prayers,  
Jennifer (Emert) Mann

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**Jennifer Mann** - April 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM

LS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Helen and Lonnie! I didn't know Kim very well but I really enjoyed reading a lot of things she wrote on facebook. She will be greatly missed and I know your hearts is breaking just look to God for peace. Darren, I know that Kim loved you a lot and she has peace now. R.I.P. Kim

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**Linda and Elmer Sandifet** - April 10, 2020 at 02:42 PM

ST

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Kim's family and husband. She was always such a sweet girl in school.

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**Sarah Mayed Traynum** - April 10, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CF

“ Praying for you, Helen. Kimbra was a beautiful woman from all your words. Sending prayers for all of you.

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**Christy Fitzpatrick** - April 10, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ I remember my first visit. Because Kimbra's state is six hours behind the UK, although it took me about twenty hours to get there, I arrived in the early evening, absolutely exhausted. Having travelled before I knew that if I surrendered and went to bed as soon as I arrived, my internal clock would not get turned around. So I gave her instructions to keep me awake.

*Kimbra's response to that was to arrange for us to attend a Halloween party that very evening! I had two hours to book into my hotel and change into costume. (I was slimmer then and went as an elf.) When I arrived at Nashville airport, a hobbit lass (in green dirndl skirt and bodice, with false curls attached to her trainers) flew into my arms and hugged me so tightly I could hardly breathe. What others thought of the sight I will never know, because I was too busy hugging back.*

*I will always miss you, Kimbra.*

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**Vanessa Parry** - April 10, 2020 at 01:39 PM

PR

“ I loved Kim from the first time I met her as a baby. She and her family feel like family to me. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will greatly comfort her family. Thanks to the promises made by our Lord we KNOW we will see her again.

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**Pat Ridings** - April 10, 2020 at 01:16 PM

SS

*Helen and Lonnie, my heart breaks for your loss of Kim. I never got acquainted with her but she certainly had loving and kind and smart parents. May God give you peace knowing the impact she had with her friends and her love of God. Shelia Collins wants you to know that she is also praying for you. A Touch of Class will be delivering a remembrance gift from Shelia, Coy and I. Shelia & Coy Smith and Shelia Collins*

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**Shelia & Coy Smith** - April 13, 2020 at 03:32 PM