



Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney

September 12, 1979 - January 26, 2026

Kimberly Starr DeLaney, also known as Kim, passed away on January 26, 2026, in Concord North Carolina.

Kim was born in Shelby TN on September 12, 1979, to Frederick DeLaney & Shelia Ann DeLaney. She attended Science Hill High School in Johnson City TN, and went on to work as the Founder and CEO of the non-profit organization Tiny House Big Movement.

Kim enjoyed community service, advocacy, traveling & spending time with family and friends. Kim was known for her warmth and resilience. She was deeply devoted to her family and community. Her sayings included: "Be the change you want to see in the world." and "It takes a village!"

Kim was preceded in death by her mother, Shelia (Red) DeLaney, grandparents, Grandfather Troy freeman, Grandmother Mary freeman, Grandmother Claudine DeLaney; aunts and uncles, Aunt Elizabeth (Betty) Riddick, Aunt Teresa (Bugs) Rhea, Uncle Thomas (Tommy) Fields, Uncle James (JJ) Fields, Uncle Joe DeLaney, and Uncle John Allen DeLaney.

Kim is survived by her children, Zion Johnson and Harpar Surratt; her father, Frederick Delaney; her brother, Timothy DeLaney; her aunts and uncles, Aunt Deborah Perry, Aunt Taina Rosser, Aunt Jennifer Alexander, Aunt June

Norwood, and Uncle Reginald DeLaney; Nieces, Shante Coleman, and Timbra DeLaney; Nephew, Timothy DeLaney Jr.; and Sister Jordonna Shockley.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Interment

FEB 7 (ET)

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113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I was honored to meet Kim at a class that we shared together. She had an incredible spirit and drive. I thank God for have met her. Prayers continue for her family and for the awesome work that will continue in our community with Little Houses. God's peace and Blessings, Rev. Donald E. Anthony



Donald E. Anthony - March 20 at 11:02 AM

FN

“ First Baptist Church, Earl, N.C purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.



First Baptist Church, Earl, N.C - February 06 at 02:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.



February 05 at 04:56 PM

PS

“ From daycare to our 40s she never changed. She was always such a loving person, she wore a smile no matter what was going on and lifter others up. I will miss her dearly. She sent me a gift a few years ago that I wont share what it was but showed how true she was to not only her self but others. She knew I was going through a lot and that gift will always be one thing ill have to remember and laugh about. She is home now and not in pain

Pamela Stettner - February 05 at 12:08 PM

PS

Until we meet again my friend....love you always

Pamela Stettner - February 05 at 12:10 PM



“ Forever Starr ☐ You are loved and missed ❤️



Timbra DeLaney Ponder - February 05 at 11:56 AM

ML

“ Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney



Mary Latham - February 05 at 09:05 AM

NI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Niki - February 04 at 05:54 PM

FI

“ Friends at PHE INC. purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.



Friends at PHE INC. - February 04 at 08:06 AM

FI

“ Friends at PHE INC. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.

Friends at PHE INC. - February 04 at 08:06 AM

CT

“ Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney



Connie Thompson - February 03 at 06:18 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.*



February 03 at 04:08 PM



“ *Scott & Belle Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.*

Scott & Belle Taylor - February 03 at 04:08 PM



“ *Nehal N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.*

Nehal N. - February 03 at 09:05 AM



“ *I love you for life, Kimberly!!!! I will miss our crazy messages about all of our crazy childhood memories!!!! Fly high like an Eagle my friend and Rest In Peace. You are pain free now!!!! Praying for your children and all your family and loved ones ☐
Love Always, Sheleaberly*



Shelea Birks - February 02 at 08:14 PM

KS

“ *Blessed to have the opportunity to get to know you sis! Rest well Kim.*



Keshia Sandidge - February 02 at 07:56 PM

KS

“ *Keshia S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.*

Keshia S. - February 02 at 07:54 PM

FR

“ You will be greatly missed dear Kimberlaaaaay!! This was how I always greeted you & we would just share so many LOLs. You were a true champion of mite, dignity, drive, purpose & never let anything hold you back.

Through all your anguish with your health, the challenges of parenting, the thousands upon thousands of miles you put on yourself to ensure your career flourished & so many other attributes that go unheralded, puts you on a pedestal of what one can view as an amazing journey of life.

You conquered it all, did everything others couldn't or wouldn't. You stood your ground, raised your head high with pride & showed your children that anything is attainable with energy, effort & enthusiasm. You never gave up on anything.

Now you get to rest. Your earthly journey may have ceased, but your heavenly marathon now prevails. You now become the angel of guiding light for your loved ones. And your spirit is imbedded in every soul you touched.

We will all miss you dearly. Thanks for the many years of sharing your selfless personality. Your smile, your laughter, your joyful ambition will forever be remembered.

Prayers to Zion & Harper as they navigate their way through this loss. But they know you're right there with them through every step of their lives. You built for them a foundation that they will continue to build on.

God please watch over Kim's family & friends during this tough time as we know she's seated beside you now & basking in the joys of heaven without pain, anguish or worry.

Will miss you dear friend!!

Yours truly,

Franklin

Frank - February 02 at 07:39 PM

PS

“ *To the family of Kimberly Delaney, our deepest condolences are with you. May God comfort you during your time of loss.*

Pastor Michael & Dr. Aimy Steele - February 02 at 07:18 PM

LF

“ *Love you, Auntie Taina Rosser & Family purchased the A Life Loved Casket Spray for the family of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.*



Love you, Auntie Taina Rosser & Family - February 02 at 02:14 PM

LF

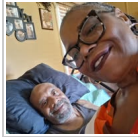
“ *Love you, Auntie Taina Rosser & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney.*

Love you, Auntie Taina Rosser & Family - February 02 at 02:14 PM

CJ

“ *Incredibly I'm kind and caring always cheerful, will surely be missed, RIP 🙏*

Carmichael Jones - February 02 at 01:32 PM



“ *My sister Kim
You always treated me with Respect. Even
though, I am not too much older than you, you
always called me Ms. G.
Well Kimmie, Ms G Loves You and I Know
You Are Safe and Whole Now!!
Rest Now My Sister*

Gidget Watson-Clark

Gidget Watson - February 02 at 01:16 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*

Linda Workman - February 01 at 05:44 PM



“ *Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*

Phyllis Askew - February 01 at 06:33 AM



PR

“ *Paulette Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Paulette Robinson - February 01 at 04:26 AM

PR

“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Paulette Robinson - February 01 at 04:25 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Louis Locke Jr - January 31 at 11:25 PM

AF

“ *Kimberly Starr..... you will always be in my heart* ❤️



ANGEL Fields - January 31 at 09:39 PM

PR

“ *Pamela R. Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Pamela R. Rollins - January 31 at 05:33 PM

JA

“ *Jennifer Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Jennifer Alexander - January 31 at 04:22 PM

BC

“ *Brandy Canada lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Brandy Canada - January 31 at 02:54 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Van Rollins - January 31 at 02:17 PM

JA

“ Jaymon lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Kimberly Starr DeLaney



jaymon - January 31 at 01:49 PM

JA

“ Jaymon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms.
Kimberly Starr DeLaney



jaymon - January 31 at 01:49 PM

CR

“ Sending prayers for comfort during this
difficult time.



Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - January 31 at 12:15 PM

DD

“ Delores Delaney lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Kimberly Starr DeLaney



Delores Delaney - January 31 at 10:01 AM

MR

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Mary Rollins - January 31 at 08:41 AM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Viola Patton - January 31 at 08:27 AM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Estelle Vaughan - January 31 at 07:58 AM

LW

“ *You have gained your wings*



Louise F. Wilson - January 31 at 07:53 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Melvin Drumgoole - January 31 at 07:30 AM

BB

“ *Belinda Bachman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Belinda Bachman - January 31 at 06:53 AM

BB

“ *My sweetheart* ❤️❤️❤️

Babby Barner - January 31 at 06:10 AM



“ *You will be missed beautiful soul*💜



Sherika Hamilton - January 30 at 11:26 PM

CW

“ My Sincere Condolences to the family!! Kim will be remembered both back home and here in Charlotte/Concord... 💖

Much Love, Charli Waden (Mathes) & family

Charli Waden - January 30 at 11:18 PM



The family is in my thoughts and prayers love you from Delores&John Harris ❤️

Delores Harris - January 31 at 06:05 AM

FL

“ Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney

Frazier Lyons - January 30 at 08:57 PM



DM

“ I can remember when you was a baby and your mom said Kim get your bottle and lay down I'm going to work and you would just smile 💖💖💖💖💖💖💖💖💖💖

Debra Mathes - January 30 at 08:30 PM



TB



Tonya Bradley - January 30 at 07:54 PM

SM

“ *Susan Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Susan Miller - January 30 at 06:48 PM

VA

“ *Vanice lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



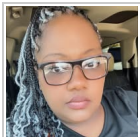
Vanice - January 30 at 06:34 PM

DF

“ *Doresa Fields lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Doresa Fields - January 30 at 06:32 PM



“ *Farrah Earl lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Farrah Earl - January 30 at 06:20 PM



“ *Keisha Charles Kisha lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Keisha Charles Kisha - January 30 at 06:17 PM



“ *Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberly Starr DeLaney*



Veral Neal - January 30 at 06:16 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to her kids and family. Thoughts and prayers for you. 🙏*



Toi Williams - January 30 at 06:14 PM