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*A very sincere thank you to everyone for your friendship to Kim through the years and for sharing with us your very kind expressions of sympathy and words of comfort. Your presence, whether in body or spirit, has meant so much in helping us Celebrate the Life of our Wonderful Wife and Best Friend, Mom, Grandma, Sister, and Aunt.*

With Love,

Eric – Erica and Aaron – Emily, Jordan, and Harper – Elisa and Dane  
Gloria – Brad, D’Anne and Mason – and All of the Family

IN LOVING MEMORY

*Kimberly “Kim” Ann Samuelson*

December 20, 1966 ~ October 24, 2023



*Then [Nehemiah] said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'*

Nehemiah 8:10



### *Prayer Service and Sharing of Memories*

Friday, November 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Crookston, Minnesota  
Led by Pastor Greg Isaacson

### *The Memorial Service Honoring Kim's Life*

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Crookston, Minnesota  
The Rev. Greg Isaacson, officiating

### *Processional Hymn*

"On Eagle's Wings"

### *Obituary*

Read by D'Anne Johnson

### *Eulogy*

Marlys Balstad

### *Special Music*

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" by Kim's RBJ's Family  
George French, accompanist

### *Scripture*

Isaiah 25:6-10  
Nehemiah 8:10  
Steve Johnson, reader

### *Gospel and Sermon*

Matthew 14:13-21  
The Rev. Greg Isaacson

### *Urn Bearers*

Mason Johnson and Tracie Bristol  
and Kim's Beloved Nieces and Nephews

### *Honorary Urn Bearers*

All Past and Present Employees and Customers of RBJ's

### *Recessional Hymn*

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

*Kimberly Ann Samuelson*, 56, a well-known, lifelong Crookston, MN resident, known affectionately as Kim, passed away late Tuesday evening, October 24, 2023, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. She was born on December 20, 1966, at Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks, ND, the daughter of Roger and Gloria (Thompson) Johnson. Kim was baptized at the Walle Lutheran Church in Thompson, ND and confirmed in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Crookston.

Her education began at Carmen Elementary School before graduating from Central High School with the Class of 1985. During her high school years, she worked alongside her father at his restaurant known as RBJ's in Crookston. While attending UND for a short time, Kim continued to work with her father until his passing in 1987. She then took ownership of RBJ's and operated it with dedication and passion until the present time. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, Eric E. Samuelson, on June 24, 1989 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. As a farmer's wife, she knew the best way to help the boys get their work done was to keep their bellies full. Kim embraced her role as a mother with utmost devotion and cherished her three daughters, Erica, Emily, and Elisa. Family was of utmost importance to Kim and Eric, and she created lasting memories while hosting family events and holiday gatherings. Her love for her precious granddaughter, Harper, was evident through every batch of baked goods she lovingly prepared for her.

Her restaurant became a beloved gathering spot for the community. For the early rising men it was a favorite spot for morning breakfast and meetings during which most of the world's problems were solved. Mid-morning was reserved for the ladies who would gather to visit over coffee and rolls. Throughout the rest of the day, Kim and her dedicated team energetically served their regulars and those passing through town. Working in her restaurant was not just a career for Kim; it was her greatest passion and favorite hobby. She poured love and care into every dish she made, always striving to create memorable dining experiences for all who visited.

In addition to her dedication to her family and business, Kim was deeply committed to serving the community. She supported more organizations than could be listed here, leaving an indelible mark on each one. To sum it up succinctly, she was a large part of everything that made Crookston thrive!

Known for her genuine compassion and unwavering support for others, Kim touched many lives with her own. She consistently offered a helping hand to those in need, going above and beyond to make a positive impact. Her remarkable generosity and warm-hearted nature will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Kim's proudest accomplishments showcased her entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to the Crookston business community. In 2020, she was

honored with the Entrepreneur of the Year award by the Crookston Chamber of Commerce. She also received recognition for outstanding career achievements from the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in 1988. Additionally, Kim garnered multiple wins at the annual community chili cook-offs, while humbly accepting the accolades of her community of friends.

Kim is lovingly survived by Eric, her beloved husband of 34 years; their 3 daughters and sons-in-law: Erica and Aaron Macalus of Otsego, MN, Emily and Jordan Fonteyn of Crookston, MN, and Elisa and Dane Sypnieski of Baxter, MN; her pride and joy, granddaughter, Harper Joy Fonteyn and a Baby Grandson Fonteyn coming soon. She also leaves her mother, Gloria Johnson of East Grand Forks, MN; brother, Brad Johnson and his wife, D'Anne and their son, Mason, of Oklee, MN; and from Eric's side of the family, step mother-in-law, Juanita Samuelson of East Grand Forks; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Mary and Jeff Volk of Bemidji, MN, Marlys and Scott Balstad of Fosston, MN, Robert and Tiffany Samuelson of Crookston, Charlotte and Chris Palmer-Samuelson of Bellingham, WA, and Paul Unruh of Mandan, ND; along with many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends. She has now been reunited in Heaven with her father, Roger Johnson; grandparents, Gullick and Elvina Thompson and Berthold and Clara Johnson; parents-in-law, Bob and Ramona Samuelson; and sister-in-law, Margaret Unruh.



*Kim's memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, loyal customers, and anyone who had the pleasure of being a part of her extraordinary life.*