



## Kim D. (Foster) LeHew

November 30, 1965 - January 4, 2022

Kim D. (Foster) LeHew, 56, of Brimfield, passed away surrounded by her family on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at her home. She was born on November 30, 1965, in Peoria to William “Bill” and Carol (Schulthes) Foster. She married her best friend and love of her life, Rick A. LeHew, on September 19, 1998, at Weaver Ridge Golf Club in Peoria; he survives.

Kim took great pride in and loved being the mother of her daughter, Zofia, who survives, along with her sister, Janis (Dean) Waite-Hayden of Elmwood; and her brother, Tim (Jackie) Foster of Trivoli. Kim loved her family and always looked forward to their time together.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Kim graduated from Elmwood High School Class of 1983, then earned a degree from Illinois State University. She began working for Cullinan Properties as an administrative assistant on June 1, 1995 and last worked in commercial real estate.

Kim was known for her beautiful smile and positive attitude. She was a true leader in the community. In 2012, she chaired Wines & Polo on the Prairie for Easter Seals. For all who knew her, Kim was an inspiration of strength and kindness. She was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer in 2015, which later progressed to stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Throughout her courageous battle, enduring countless treatments and 5 brain surgeries, Kim never lost her will to fight and continued to remain active in the community. In 2016 she served as the President of the Board of Directors for the East Peoria Chamber

of Commerce, while also receiving the 25 Women in Leadership Award. The following year, she received the Cullinan Spirit of Hope Award from Hult Center.

In 2017, she started Kim's Kommandos, a fundraising team for breast cancer awareness, whose motto was 'Be Fierce.' That year, she was also named chairwoman of Susan G. Komen's More Than Pink Walk; a position she held for three years.

Kim's family invites you to join them in celebrating her life on Sunday, January 9, 2022, from 4-7 PM, with a time of reflection at 7 PM, at Weaver Ridge Golf Club in Peoria. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

To continue Kim's fight against cancer, the family has requested, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Kim's Kommandos c/o Susan G. Komen, 900 Main Street, Ste 160, Peoria, IL 61602. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Weaver Ridge Golf Club  
5100 N. Weaverridge Blvd  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kim D. (Foster) LeHew*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *I met Kim at a golf event. My mother was fighting breast cancer also so we talked about the awful disease. We immediately connected. She was a beautiful soul and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Perkins*

**The Perkins** - January 10, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Rick and Zofia,*

*Deepest sympathy to both of you.*

*Kim was so special to so many.*

*Sincerely,*

*Vicki and Gary Baumgarten* 🌸

**vicki Baumgarten** - January 09, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Rick, Zophia and the families of Rick and Kim. Although we did not know Kim personally we have experienced the battles of breast cancer in our life in the past. Kim was a courageous warrior and heightened the awareness and importance of breast cancer research and treatment. She has surely earned her eternal reward. Sincerely, Dr Chris and Mary Putman*

**harrison putman** - January 08, 2022 at 09:14 AM

KH

“ Kim was a warrior! Her courage inspired others! Her laugh was contagious. She was a bright light in family gatherings. She was well loved! My heart goes out to Rick and Zofia. I wish I could be at her celebration. I am in spirit. The picture I’m sharing is Kim as a flower girl in my wedding age 5. She was a beautiful child as well as an adult.... I always thought of her as a “little Aunt Carol” All my love Krystal❤️



Krystal Higgins - January 07, 2022 at 07:49 PM

AF

“ Rick and Zophia -  
God certainly has a beautiful angel in heaven. May Kim rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs to you both.  
Mike and Ann Ford

Ann Ford - January 07, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Kim D. (Foster) LeHew.



January 07, 2022 at 04:00 PM

PR

“ Rick & family,  
We are so sorry for your loss & are keeping you all in thought & prayer.  
Paul & Linda Robertson

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**Paul & Linda Robertson** - January 07, 2022 at 02:32 PM

BR

“ God surely blessed us all with Kim's life and love. Praying for you all..us all...as we cope with the loss of someone so special. It's comforting to know she will now forever be in Heaven after having lived a very good and meaningful life- positively and lovingly touching so many. Rick and Zofia- Praying hard for you- for peace strength and grace during this difficult time.

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**Bruce** - January 07, 2022 at 11:59 AM

CA

“ Rick and Zophia, I did not know Kim as long as most people, but I knew she was a beautiful person inside and out. I am so sorry for your loss! Sending prayers to both of you!  
Camille (Pabon) McCann

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**camille** - January 07, 2022 at 11:48 AM

RQ

“ Rick, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in theses hours of grief.

*Ron Quilhot, Foley Alabama*

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**Ron Quilhot** - January 07, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Heaven just got stronger and more inspirational. I am lucky to have known Kim and the entire Foster/LeHew family. God Bless you all. You are in my prayers.*

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**Jim Valla** - January 07, 2022 at 10:55 AM

DB

“ *Rick, it is with deep sorrow to read of your wife's passing. My heart and prayers go out to u and your daughter. With deepest sympathy, Doug Brodine*

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**Doug Brodine** - January 07, 2022 at 10:10 AM

GW

“ *Rick, and Zofia, This is a painful loss to all who were graced by her beautiful smile, but none more than you. I will not forget that she took the time to come to my office to share her story and encouragement to me at my diagnosis. And you and Kim were there in the pod next to mine on my last day of treatment. She touched so many and will continue to make an beautiful impact. Prayers to you all. Geraldine Winter*

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**Geraldine Winter** - January 07, 2022 at 09:50 AM

RW

“ *Rick, I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't image how though things have been for you and Zofia. I hope the support of the golf community helps in some small way.*

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**Randy Wendland** - January 07, 2022 at 08:48 AM

JH

“ Rick and Sofia,  
There are no words....except to say she Stayed Fierce throughout  
the battle and leaves that with everyone she touched! We are in  
Florida, but will be with you in spirit during her celebration of life.

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**Joe and Dallas Hancock** - January 07, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Kim D. (Foster) LeHew.



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January 06, 2022 at 08:12 PM

MV

“ Rick and Zofia - Easily the greatest obituary picture we have ever  
seen! Can't help but smile and cry to see Kimmie again. So  
beautiful, so full of life, so sad. God Bless you both.

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**Michael and Joy Vallosio** - January 06, 2022 at 07:15 PM

JE

“ An inspiration that will continue to make a positive impact towards  
others that are fighting their own battles for many years to come.  
We will miss you Kim!

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**Jeff** - January 06, 2022 at 05:57 PM

KB

“ My condolences, thoughts, and prayers are with Rick and Zofia. Kim was such an awesome person who always was so happy and energetic every time I saw her. The first time I met her, she made me feel like I knew her forever. She will truly be missed.  
Kevin Blumenthal

Kevin Blumenthal - January 06, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kim D. (Foster) LeHew.



January 06, 2022 at 04:58 PM

BV

“ Kim was a bright light! I am glad to have known her. I am very sorry for your loss. She was an amazing woman. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

barbara vlachos - January 06, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ Rick and Zofia,

My deepest condolences on the loss of your sweet Kim. Words cannot express my sorrow for you both on hearing of her passing. Her obituary was a beautiful tribute. I am down in Florida and unfortunately cannot make it back for Kim's Celebration of Life. But know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love you guys. ❤️🙏  
Troy Roberts

Troy Roberts - January 06, 2022 at 04:19 PM

RA

*Juli and I are so very sorry. We have followed her positive posts and courageous battle on line throughout her battle. She had amazing strength courage and was a positive influence on so many. Unfortunately living in Texas and previous commitments won't allow us to attend so we are sending huge thoughts and prayers for all of you 🙏*

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RIP Kim 🙏❤️*

**Ron and Julie Ames** - January 06, 2022 at 05:10 PM

DR

*“ Rick and Zofia - We are so sorry for your loss. Kim was such a vibrant, kind person with a beautiful smile and positive attitude. She will be missed by everyone that knew her.*

*Deb & Eric Raymond*

**Deb Raymond** - January 06, 2022 at 02:53 PM

LS

*“ Dear Rick, Zofia, Jan, Dean, Tim, and Jackie, words can't express how very sorry I am that you have lost sweet Kim. I have never known anyone who dealt with cancer as fearlessly as Kim did. She always managed to keep a positive attitude and that wonderful smile on her face. I hope your good memories and your faith help to ease the pain of losing her.*

**Linda Schulthes** - January 06, 2022 at 02:35 PM

DM

*“ Rick and Zofia:*

*I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Diane McAdams*



**Diane McAdams** - January 06, 2022 at 02:31 PM

RH

“ Dear Rick & Zofia,  
We are very sorry for you and the family on Kim's passing.  
We are currently spending the winter in Gulf Shores and are  
therefore unable to give our condolences in person.  
Our thought and prayers are with you.  
Blessings, Coach and Jan Hassett

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**Ray & Jan Hassett** - January 06, 2022 at 02:15 PM

BS

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**Bruce Smith** - January 07, 2022 at 11:40 AM

RS

Rick  
Condolences and prayers to you and family.  
  
Ralph Seward

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**Ralph Seward** - January 10, 2022 at 09:04 AM