



## Kimberley Ann Nelson

January 4, 1964 - August 20, 2024

More than anything else, Kimberley Nelson was a teacher, first to her own family, then to others.

She was born Kimberley Ann Hawkins on January 4th, 1964, in Wichita, Kansas. Her early childhood years were challenging, and it wasn't until 1969 when her father married Janet, the woman Kimberley considered her "mom", that she believed her life really started. Five years later, she was sealed in the Idaho Falls temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to her parents—what she would call one of the happiest days of her life.

After graduating high school in 1982, Kimberley attended Washburn University for a year and then transferred to Brigham Young University, where she met the love of her life, Max Nelson. They married in 1984 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Kimberley and Max had three children: Hannah, Emily, and David, and Kimberley considered herself very lucky to have the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mother for 20 years, teaching her children to read and love books as much as she did.

As her children grew older, Kimberley's volunteering at the school transitioned into a job at the charter school American Preparatory Academy, where she spent the last 11 years of her life teaching. She loved her position—loved meeting children where they were, helping them discover the love of learning and the joy of reading.

Kimberley touched those around her with her kindness, her beautiful singing

voice, and her willingness to put others before herself. She is remembered as a baker, a gardener, a singer, and a faithful member of the Church, among other wonderful traits.

Kimberley passed away at home on August 20, 2024, about a year and a half after being diagnosed with skin cancer. She is survived by her father, Bill Hawkins (Sally), as well as by her siblings: Bill (Robyn), Doug (Kristi), Toni (Ernie), Jennifer, and Rebecca (Claude); her husband, Max; her children: Hannah (Ben), Emily (Travis), and David; and her precious grandchild, James. She is preceded in death by her mom, Janet.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, August 26th, at 12 pm at the LDS meetinghouse located at 1855 W 13400 S, with a graveside service at the Riverton City Cemetery at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, you are invited to donate to American Preparatory Academy's Special Education Department at: [www.americanprepfoundation.org/inmemoryofkim/](http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/inmemoryofkim/)

# Cemetery Details

## Riverton City Cemetery

1500 West 13200 South  
Riverton, UT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Riverton Meeting House  
1855 West 13400 South  
Riverton, UT 84065

## Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Riverton Meeting House  
1855 West 13400 South  
Riverton, UT 84065

## Graveside Service

AUG **26**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

Riverton City Cemetery  
1500 West 13200 South  
Riverton, UT



# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Jennifer, my deepest sympathies on the loss of your sister. She sounds like an amazing woman who made extraordinary impact in her short life. May good memories of happy times together support you through the days, months and years to come.

*Ann Clancy*

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**ann clancy** - September 01, 2024 at 04:19 PM

HW

“ Mrs. Nelson helped a few of my kids with Math at APA D1. My kids LOVED learning from her! Math became fun and very understandable again! Most of all, she believed in them and that helped the most! She will be missed! Her memory and kindness will not be forgotten!

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**Holly Willson** - August 31, 2024 at 11:52 PM

JR

“ We love her and her family very much. We'll see her again.

*Jim and\ Sandy Reams*

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**Jim and Sandy Reams** - August 26, 2024 at 06:57 PM

TD

“ Max & family: I was so sorry to hear about Kim's passing. Condolences to all her family.

*Teri Palmer Dowdle*

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**Teri Dowdle** - August 26, 2024 at 03:50 PM

WW

“ Mrs. Nelson was my reading instructor last year at APA. She was nice and caring and helped me do my best in school. WILLIAM WALSMAN

William Walsman - August 26, 2024 at 01:09 PM

SS

“ Kim taught me so much about life but the biggest lesson was how she loved! She loved her family fiercely. She loved her students and was a great teacher. I will miss our daily talks at school, her wisdom and her example.

Stacey Spainhower - August 26, 2024 at 01:01 AM

BP

“ Kim is one of a kind! Such a loving, caring person. She would always make my brother's favorite dessert when we would go party for the 4 th of July! She will be missed so much. We love you Kim



Brenda Pack - August 25, 2024 at 09:15 PM

TG

“ Our hearts are heavy. Kim was a great teacher and example as a neighbor. We will miss her presence !

The Greenleafs - August 25, 2024 at 08:47 PM

FW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. It is never easy to lose someone you love.

Frances Wadley - August 25, 2024 at 03:24 PM

MG

“ Kim will be missed tremendously! She taught our two youngest daughters and made such an impact on their young lives. Our sincerest condolences to all who loved her.  
~Melannie and Adam Green

Melannie Green - August 24, 2024 at 08:18 PM

SD

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Shelley DeVries - August 24, 2024 at 04:21 PM

SD

Kimberley was the best the world has to offer. I am so grateful we were friends for 38 years and we have an eternity to continue our friendship. Love you Shelley

Shelley DeVries - August 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JN

“ Kim was a beautiful person with a tremendous spirit and loving heart! Knowing and working with her was a gift! Warm condolences and best wishes to her beloved family. Love, Jill Neff

Jill Neff - August 23, 2024 at 06:47 PM

BH

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**Bill Hawkins** - August 23, 2024 at 01:12 PM