



Chandra Collette Kimbro

October 30, 1958 - February 3, 2016

Chandra Collette Kimbro, daughter of the late Rueben Robert and Violet Jean (Sorensen) Smith, was born October 30, 1958 in Woodriver, Illinois. At the age of nine, Chandra and her family moved to Warrenton, Missouri, where she attended and graduated from school.

In July of 1976, Chandra married Renard Ellis and over the years they were blessed with three sons: Jarrett, Nolan and Chad. Through several duty station moves, including Georgia, Virginia and Germany, Chandra and her family settled down at Fort Leonard Wood in the summer of 1985.

Chandra began nursing school shortly after coming to Fort Leonard Wood and earned her nursing license in 1992. She loved helping people, always with a smile on her face and a tender hand. She worked at several local healthcare facilities, including: Sunset Village of the Ozarks, Pulaski County Home Health Agency, Phelps County Regional Medical Center of Rolla, Life Care Center of Waynesville, and was serving as an Emergency Department LPN at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital when she was diagnosed with late-stage lung cancer in May of 2015. Chandra LOVED being a Nurse. In her 15 years working in the Emergency Department, it wasn't uncommon for her to host junior Soldiers into her home for holiday meals when they had nowhere else to go. Chandra was one of a kind.

On April 29, 2006, Chandra was united in marriage to Thomas “Tom” Goodson Kimbro in St. Louis, Missouri. They shared 10 wonderful years together.

Her caring attitude for people carried over in her being very active with serving on the board for Tonya’s Hope, a local charity which she co-founded to help families affected by cancer.

In her spare time, Chandra enjoyed being outdoors. You could find her either tending to her flower garden, or sitting outside on the back deck, enjoying the view. She loved to cook, and loved to prepare meals for her family. She also liked to make candles and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues fan. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter Abigail.

Chandra passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2016 in her home, surrounded by family, having attained the age of 57 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Chandra leaves to cherish her memory, her husband: Thomas Kimbro of the home; three sons: Jarrett Ellis (Lisa) of St. Robert, MO, (MAJ) Nolan Ellis of St. Robert, MO and Chad Ellis of Laquey, MO; three stepdaughters: Jackie Boone (Kevin) of Imperial, MO, Jessica Kimbro of Seattle, WA and Lacy Kimbro of Arnold, MO; one granddaughter: Abigail Ellis; six siblings: Leona Harris of Quinlan, TX, John Smith (Anna) of Paragould, AR, Gloria Butler of Warrenton, MO, Neal Smith (Martha) of Marthasville, MO, Terra Weckherlin (Terry) of Warrenton, MO and Sonia Mans (Larry) of Jonesboro, AR; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and her beloved co-workers/Soldiers all over the world.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. The songs “Shower the People” by James Taylor, “Birds” by Dan Fogelberg and “Going Down to Cuba” by Jackson

Browne were played. Inurnment followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
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Service

FEB **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chandra Collette Kimbro*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Glenn&Marita Simpkins lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Glenn&Marita Simpkins - February 09, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ *James And Belinda Sands lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



James and Belinda Sands - February 09, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ *Tom,
So very sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. While there are no words to ease the pain at this time, we hope you can find some comfort in knowing you are in our thoughts and prayers. Kelley Wilbanks and Jan King*

Kelley Wilbanks - February 09, 2016 at 09:17 AM

LH

“ Dear Chandra, I always knew since you were a little that you would be a nurse, the caring and loving person you always were with people. I have become a richer and stronger person because you are my sister. We could go for months without phoning each other due to our busy schedules but then when we did call each other we would talk for hours, we had so much catching up to do. I will miss those phone calls from you and to you. I will and have always loved you. Your big sis...Leona



Leona Harris - February 08, 2016 at 09:29 PM

TC

“ Tom, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time.



Terry & Cindy Cole - February 08, 2016 at 10:43 AM

BH

“ Tom, I am so sorry for your lose. I wish that I had some kind word of wisdom to help you and your family feel better but I doubt there is such a phrase. I think that only time can lessen the hurt.

Barbara Head - February 08, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ *Melesa Shepherd Snyder lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Melesa Shepherd Snyder - February 08, 2016 at 01:37 AM



For her family and her Tonya's hope ladies...may your memories bring you peace. May you understand the pain is over and she is where angels call home.

Melesa Shepherd Snyder - February 08, 2016 at 01:38 AM

PG

“ *We are comforted in knowing that during this season of bereavement for the family: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121:8 (ESV)*



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - February 07, 2016 at 03:38 PM

RP

“ *Chandra will greatly be missed...I remember working with her when I first became an LPN, she was a wonderful mentor to me...Fly High my sweet lady...*

Rachael Pich - February 06, 2016 at 11:56 PM

TC

“ *Tami Cheney lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Tami Cheney - February 06, 2016 at 07:12 PM

KJ

“ *Karen Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Karen Jorgensen - February 06, 2016 at 06:11 PM

JD

“ *Tom, You are in our thoughts and prayers. The Davidsons' are thinking of you, as well as the folks at the Rolla Regional Office.*

Joe Davidson - February 06, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JD

“ *Tom, You are in our thoughts and prayers. The Davidsons are thinking of you as well as folks at the Rolla Regional Office*

Joe Davidson - February 06, 2016 at 04:01 PM

BG

“ We became friends with Chandra in Wurzburg Germany in the 1970's. a cheerful and pleasant young lady. My wife Iris was speaking about remembering her cheerfulness about so many things. To the family we pray for peace that passes our earthly understanding and love that never fails. Bishop Northal Gaddy and Iris Baber Gaddy

Bishop Northal Gaddy - February 06, 2016 at 12:39 PM

SM

“ Shelley McKinney lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro



Shelley McKinney - February 05, 2016 at 09:18 PM

GG

“ Tom, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts.

Guyla Gardner

Guyla Gardner - February 05, 2016 at 08:21 PM

MW

“ Melissa Weatherwax lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro



Melissa Weatherwax - February 05, 2016 at 08:08 PM

MW

“ *Melissa Weatherwax lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Melissa Weatherwax - February 05, 2016 at 04:26 PM

MW

“ *Melissa Weatherwax sent a virtual gift in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Melissa Weatherwax - February 05, 2016 at 04:25 PM

MS

“ *Remembering when our children were in school and best friends what a good and loving Mom Chandra was ..we are so sorry for your loss Jarrett,Nolan and Chad*

Marita Simpkins - February 05, 2016 at 03:21 PM

SW

“ *Sandy Watson lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Sandy Watson - February 05, 2016 at 02:56 PM

SS

“ *Shawn Sando lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Shawn Sando - February 05, 2016 at 02:17 PM

JF

“ *Tom, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that many are praying for her, for you and the rest of your family.*
Judy Finnegan


judy finnegan - February 05, 2016 at 12:38 PM

RG

“ *Raymond Gunter lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Raymond Gunter - February 05, 2016 at 11:47 AM

 Reneé Yarbrough Rees

“ *Reneé Yarbrough Rees lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Reneé Yarbrough Rees - February 05, 2016 at 08:03 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Sredl lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Sandy Sredl - February 05, 2016 at 07:54 AM

SS

I am sorry for your loss of such a great woman. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to her family and friends. She will be missed by many. May God be with you all.

Sandy Sredl - February 05, 2016 at 07:59 AM

KL

“ *Jarrett.....So sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out to you and your family.*
Ken and Monica Long



Ken and Monica Long - February 05, 2016 at 07:44 AM

TW

“ *1 file added to the album Sister's Weekend 2009 Springfield MO*



Terra Weckherlin - February 05, 2016 at 07:00 AM

NM

“ Neal And Martha lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro



Neal and Martha - February 04, 2016 at 10:16 PM

AP

“ Anna Patterson lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro



Anna Patterson - February 04, 2016 at 09:38 PM

PS

“ Pat Kimbro Schroff lit a candle in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro



Pat Kimbro Schroff - February 04, 2016 at 09:33 PM

TW

“ Terra Weckherlin sent a virtual gift in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro



Terra Weckherlin - February 04, 2016 at 08:11 PM

DM

“ *Rest in peace Chandra!*



Danielle Maul - February 04, 2016 at 08:00 PM

LH

“ *My thoughts to Chandra's family. Gone to soon.*

Luge Hardman - February 04, 2016 at 07:48 PM

AN

“ *You will be forever in our Hearts.. Love you
Always John&Anna*



Anna - February 04, 2016 at 06:02 PM

MZ

“ *Monica Zarcone lit a candle in memory of
Chandra Collette Kimbro*



Monica Zarcone - February 04, 2016 at 05:52 PM

SS

“ *SHERRIE Sifontes sent a virtual gift in memory of Chandra Collette Kimbro*



SHERRIE Sifontes - February 04, 2016 at 05:23 PM