



Kimberly Nicole Eling

October 6, 1987 - July 17, 2020

Kimberly Nicole (Wallinga) Eling (32), beloved child of God, was welcomed home to the arms of her Savior on July 17, 2020. Kimberly was born on October 6, 1987 in Grand Rapids, MI to her parents James and Patricia (Bakker) Wallinga. Kim left this world too soon after her courageous battle with cancer.

Kimberly led a full and vibrant life! Kim was married to the love of her life, Michael Eling for ten years, and together they had two adorable twin sons, Willem and Garrett. Being “my mama” to her two beautiful sons was the joy of Kim’s life. She cherished every minute that she spent with her adorable twins; her legacy will live on as they grow as Christ followers. Kim loved people unconditionally, valuing learning more about others rather than speaking about herself. Kim was a devoted and loving wife, mama, daughter, sister, granddaughter, cousin, friend, and colleague. Kim attended Calvin College for her undergrad and went on to obtain her masters in Speech and Language Pathology at Western Michigan University. Kim practiced speech pathology for nine years, most recently employed at Bauerwood Elementary. Kim was passionate about words and language and helping her students to use them well. She adored her students. Regularly, Kim went in early and stayed late to facilitate spelling club, help with Girls on The Run, and often had a group of girls in her room at lunch because they couldn’t get enough of Mrs. Eling. Kim enjoyed an active lifestyle of playing co-ed soccer and softball alongside her husband, kayaking, tennis, golf, and was always up for a game! She also was a cultivator of beauty. Every meal, gift, and gathering was prepared with the most thought and care, making the receiver feel loved and cherished. Kim loved books, learning, culture, and adventures with family. Kim had a wonderful wit, sense of humor, and loved to laugh. Kim will forever be in our hearts, and her memory will live on.

We would love to give a special thank you to everyone at Bauerwood Elementary and Jenison Public Schools for their incredible, generous outpouring of love and support.

Surviving receivers of Kim’s extraordinary love are her husband, Michael Eling; sons Willem and Garrett Eling; parents James and Patricia Wallinga; sister Kristine (Wallinga)

de Waard and brother-in-law Camren de Waard (Amelia, Theodore, Beatrix); brother James Wallinga and his fiancée Liz Rzezniak; parents-in-law Brian and Tami (Molenkamp) Eling; brother- and sister-in-law Matt and Katie Eling (Eden); sister- and brother-in-law Missy (Eling) and Scott Kuyper (Beckett); grandparents Bob and Mary Ann Bakker, Louis and Ethel Wallinga, Rollie and Ruth Molenkamp; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at Fellowship Reformed Church, 6610 36th Ave. Hudsonville, MI 49426 from 5-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 22 at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10-10:45 a.m., also at Fellowship Reformed Church.

To capture the great woman that their mama was and to help guide them to follow in her footsteps, please consider bringing cards for each Willem and Garrett. These sealed memories will be placed into a special box that Kim has already started and will be opened by the boys when they get older.

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Kim, contributions may be made to the Kim Eling Memorial Fund. These resources will be used to fund causes near and dear to Kim's heart for years to come.

The family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.cookcares.com.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 05:00PM - 09:00PM

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Fellowship Reformed Church

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JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 10:45AM

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JUL **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our thoughts and prayers have been with you Mike, your precious little boys, Brian & Tami and the rest of your family and Kim’s family. We regret we were out of state and not able to attend the visitation or funeral. Just know you have been close to our hearts and will remain in our prayers in the days ahead. May the God of all peace give comfort, peace, and assurance of His love as you face the future. Our hugs and love to all of you.
Dwight & Judy Elenbaas

Dwight & Judy Elenbaas - July 26 at 03:06 PM



“ We have only sweet memories of a lovely and kind young high school girl. It is obvious she retained those precious qualities as a wife and mother. Our heartfelt prayers for those of you who will miss her so very much. Our hope is in being together one day again.
Thea and Tim G

Thea Gabrielse - July 23 at 07:21 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Eling.



July 22 at 08:06 PM



“ I only knew Kim from afar- through her family and the special things they said about her. As I read the beautiful words written of her, I am comforted to know that the spirit of this amazing woman will live on in eternity and I hope to know her then!

Sally - July 21 at 01:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Eling.



July 19 at 10:16 PM



“ Unfortunately for me, I never knew Kim. I feel like I do as she is in my heart via my family. I have had the privilege of knowing her parents and grandparents. My heart aches. There are no words I could possibly write to ease your pain and loss. Love and prayers.

Lynn Schweibert
(Leslie Reimink's mother)

Lynn Schweibert - July 19 at 01:11 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Eling.



July 19 at 11:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kimberly Nicole Eling.



July 18 at 10:56 PM