



Kimberley Dawn Brown

April 22, 1956 - September 15, 2025

Kimberley Dawn Brown, age 69, passed away on September 15, 2025, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit following a lengthy illness and physical struggles. While holding Larry's hand and within minutes of seeing a vision of her mother, God took her home.

Kimberley was born April 22, 1956 in Bad Axe. She was the first born child of the late John and Gloria (Stirrett) Belew. Kimberley Dawn Belew and Larry Earl Brown were united in marriage on October 27, 1979 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe.

Kim graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1974 and from Central Michigan University in 1978 with a degree in elementary education. She began her teaching career at Kipper Rural School where she taught for six years. Kim took time off from teaching to start a family. During that time she did daycare for others in her home. After 6 years she went back to teaching at the Bad Axe Elementary School where she taught remedial reading and math. Kim finished her career teaching first grade until her retirement in 2013. Kim was also a Foster Parent, raising and grooming some 75 children in their home. She devoted her career to working with children. Kim taught them life skills and wanted each of them to know they were loved. Some refer to her as Sunshine because hers was the first smiling face they saw in the morning.

Kim is survived by her husband, Larry, their 5 children; Nich (Bree) Brown, Westerville, Ohio, Tyler (Tammy) Brown, Pickerington, Ohio, Jesse (Bailee) Brown and Christy Brown all of Cass City, Amanda Brown, Bad Axe, 4 Grandchildren; Miles, Ramsey, Brentley and Baker Brown, 2 sisters; Pamela Belew, Bad Axe, Robin (Murray) Beachy, Pigeon, Brother and sister in law's; Judy Hind, Caro, Earl (Michelle) Brown, Westerville, Ohio, Duane (Shannon) Brown, Aberdeen, North Carolina. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends

. Kim was preceded in death by her brother Kurt Belew.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Kaufman Funeral Home, Bad Axe, followed by a graveside service at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will take place on Friday, September 19th from 3-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorials may be made to Bad Axe Elementary Library or a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ Larry and family, So sorry for your loss. May the Lord be your comfort and strength in the coming days. Praying for you and the family. Mary Popham

Mary Popham - September 20, 2025 at 10:40 PM

RN

“ Larry and family. We are very sorry for your loss of Kimberly. Gone too soon but is at peace now. Ron and Mary Beth.



Ron and Mary Beth Nimtzt - September 19, 2025 at 01:33 PM

LW

“ Love: Jerm, Ana, Julian & Zeke Williams purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Kimberley Dawn Brown.



Love: Jerm, Ana, Julian & Zeke Williams - September 19, 2025 at 10:17 AM

BC

“ Prayers for Brown family and friends



Bubba Colvin - September 17, 2025 at 10:57 PM

KC

“ Dear Larry & Amanda, sending my condolences during this difficult time.



Karen Case - September 17, 2025 at 07:12 PM

YF

“ Your AEP Energy SBS Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kimberley Dawn Brown.



Your AEP Energy SBS Family - September 17, 2025 at 02:33 PM

YF

“ Your AEP Energy SBS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kimberly Dawn Brown.

Your AEP Energy SBS Family - September 17, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LK

“ My sympathies to Kim’s family . You all know she was a caring, compassionate woman. Kim will be missed by all who knew her !

Lori (Hind) Koch

Lori J Koch - September 17, 2025 at 02:20 PM

TF

“ *the lansing area Wilson family! purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Kimberley Dawn Brown.*



the lansing area Wilson family! - September 17, 2025 at 01:53 PM

MS

“ *I had her as a teacher at Kipper School and loved her! She will be missed. Prayers to the family.*

Misty (Sage) Schantz - September 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM

LF

“ *So sorry to learn of Kim's passing. In the years we worked together at the Kipper school, she was an excellent teacher and a kind and caring friend. Praying that all who loved her will find strength in the support of family and friends and comfort in many wonderful memories. Linda Fawcett*

Linda Fawcett - September 17, 2025 at 10:17 AM

EE

“ *Eric, Dottie, Katie, and Daisy Evans purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kimberley Dawn Brown.*



Eric, Dottie, Katie, and Daisy Evans - September 17, 2025 at 07:04 AM

AS

“ *Condolences to the Family! Miss Belew/Mrs Brown was my Kipper School Teacher! We always said after getting married- Belew and Brown - would have Purple children-lol! Put together a lot of great Christmas Programs- Larry as Santa! Memories of a one room country school! Thoughts and Prayers during this difficult time! Rest In Peace Kim!*



Amy Jo Sageman - September 16, 2025 at 09:22 PM

PW

i have always known Kim to be a wise and down to earth person with a big heart!!! She will be greatly missed!💔

Pam Wilson - September 17, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DP

God has called her home. Kim was a blessing to all who knew her. Such a big heart for teaching, guiding, and comforting. My sympathy to Larry and her family.

Debra Polega - September 18, 2025 at 01:21 PM

KC

“ *I'm so sorry for you loss. Heaven gained an angel and the world lost a wonderful soul. I'm so glad to have known her. My prayers are with all of you. Rest in peace Kim*
Kathy Carriveau

kathy carriveau - September 16, 2025 at 09:01 PM