



Kim A. Shimkus

June 20, 1962 - July 9, 2025

Kim A. Shimkus, age 63 of Alhambra, IL, died Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra, IL.

She was born on Wednesday, June 20, 1962, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Robert and Ruth (nee Suhre) Hosto.

On Saturday, October 18, 1986, she married Alexander R. Shimkus at Salem church in Alhambra, IL.

She was a member of Wildwood Presbyterian Church of Grayslake, IL.

Kim was born in Highland, Illinois and grew up in Alhambra on her family's farm. She was a 1980 graduate of Highland High School. Kim attended the University of Illinois and did her student teaching in Chicago where she met her husband, Alex. After marrying, they lived in the Detroit area until moving to Carbondale for Alex to attend law school. Kim was a big supporter of Alex as he went to law school. They moved to Peoria, where Kim started her career with Crafts Magazine as a senior editor. They later moved to Grayslake before settling in Northbrook, as Alex took a lawyer position for Allstate Insurance. For the last 8+ years, Kim bravely battled ovarian cancer. They moved back to Alhambra in June so she could be closer to family. Kim was widely respected and loved by all she knew. While under treatment for cancer, Kim organized

annual cancer walks with the Cancer Wellness Center, affiliated with Northwestern University in Chicago, which turned into a big event. Kim enjoyed crafting as well as antiquing. She loved and adored her black long-haired cat, Inky.

Survivors include:

Husband - Alexander R. Shimkus, Alhambra, IL

Mother - Ruth M. (nee Suhre) Hosto

Brother - Mark A. (Brenda) Hosto, Alhambra, IL

Sister - Terri L. Hosto, Brentwood, MO

Niece - Andrea L. (Ian) Kessler, Alhambra, IL

Nephew - Robert R. (Breanna) Hosto, Pocahontas, IL

Brother-In-Law - Tom (Lavinia) Shimkus, Rolling Meadows, IL

Sister-In-Law - Barb Perell, Fairfax, VA

Nephew - Logan Shimkus, Rolling Meadows, IL

Nephew - Nate Shimkus, Fairfax, VA

Nephew - Will Shimkus, Fairfax, VA

Pet Cat - Inky

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Robert M. Hosto, died 12/18/2015

Brother-In-Law - Matt Shimkus, died 6/19/2016

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL., with Rev. Dee Armes, pastor, Greenville, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

A celebration of life will be held at Wildwood Presbyterian Church at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Endeavor Health – Kellogg Cancer Center Glenbrook Hospital, American Red Cross, or Wildwood Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Dauderman Mortuary - Alhambra
609 East Main Street
P.O. Box 167
Alhambra, IL 62001
(618) 488-3000
info@spengel-boulanger.com

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ My name is Dirk Huntley. College friend of Mark. Mark always spoke fondly of his sisters. So sorry for the family's loss. I to am on the cancer journey. Similar to Kim, being close to family at these times is key. Humanity and family is so strong at these times.

Dirk Huntley - July 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

LD

“ Leonard D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kim A. Shimkus.

Leonard D. - July 19, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 18, 2025 at 07:51 AM

JH

“ *Juanita H. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kim A. Shimkus.*



Juanita H. - July 17, 2025 at 12:03 PM

FF

“ *From The Zweck and Rolf family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kim A. Shimkus.*



From The Zweck and Rolf family - July 16, 2025 at 10:07 PM