



## Kimette Lee DeCota

August 28, 2014

Kimette Lee DeCota, 57, of Jackson, Missouri died Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the Life Care Center of Cape Girardeau. She was born November 4, 1956 in Highland, IL to Duane Curtis and Evelyn M. Gerstenecker DeCota. She graduated from Sikeston High School in 1974 and was a resident of Cape Girardeau for the last 30 years. Kim is known for many things. She was a dedicated and loving daughter, mother, sister, and friend, who had a passion for life and everything it had to offer. It would be difficult to simply describe Kim, because she was many things for many people. She had a knack for opening her arms and adopting you in whatever way you needed. She gave everything the highest possible effort, exuberance, and love. Whether it was cooking meals for church, helping her parents in the kitchen and garden, playing cards and taking vacations with friends, or travelling to visit her children and grandchildren, she always wanted to give more. She was a dedicated member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Cape Girardeau, MO, where she was active in everything; cooking, missions, youth groups, and Bible School, just to name a few. Her faith, her church, and her church family were some of the most important things in Kim's life. She lived her faith every day, and everyone that knew her benefitted from that blessing. For some, Kim is known as the Lite Lady. For 25 years, she was a talented Lighting Consultant for DeCota Electric Supply in Cape Girardeau. She made her way through the community as a designer, confidant, and friend. More than anything, she loved meeting new people and bringing light into their lives.

Some of her very best friends began as her customers. Kim's true passion was her family. On Sunday afternoons, you could find her in Sikeston spending quality time with her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews. She never missed an opportunity to see one of her numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles, who she loved dearly. Her closest friends were also her family that experienced her love on a daily basis. Above all, Kim was an unbelievable mother, who never stopped caring for and talking about her children and grandchildren. Her kids are her love personified. Survivors include her parents; Duane Curtis & Evelyn M. DeCota of Sikeston, her son - Phillip C. Davidson, wife Natalie, and expecting grandchild of Atlanta, GA, her daughter - Carolyn R. OzVath, husband Christopher Shubert, and grandchildren Keyven and Trenten of Midwest City, OK. She is also survived by her siblings, Quentin C. DeCota of Cape Girardeau, Michelle D. Wilson, Burdette J. DeCota and wife Laura, and Monique J. Rice and husband Stephen, all of Sikeston. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, 2014 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau and again Monday at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 1, 2014 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Karen Dumey officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a memorial fund at Westminster Presbyterian Church. They can be made by going to this website: <http://www.youcaring.com/nonprofits/memorial-fund-for-kimette-decota/226652>.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *A child of God is now lighting up the heavens with her smile !!! May Kim rest in Our Precious Fathers Arms !! So sorry for your loss! Jim & Marilyn Poston*

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**Jim & Marilyn Poston** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Our heartfelt wishes of sympathy to the family. Kim was a great person, and she will be missed by many.*

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**Marilyn and Richard Chapman** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Duane and Evelyn and all Kim's family, Please accept our sincere sympathy as you cope with your tremendous loss. From the obituary and the loving comments from those who loved Kim, we gain a sense of her impact on many lives. A beautiful life lived.*

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**John and Jill (McNiven) Slaughter** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *We are sending all of our thoughts and prayers to all of our family as we are saddened by such a great loss. We will always treasure our memories of Kim's beautiful smile, and the fun times we shared at the family reunions. We will see you again one day Kim to share more smiles,laughter,and stories! Unti then, Rest in peace beautiful angel??, and enjoy your Glorious days in heaven! We love, and will miss you greatly!*

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**Chris, Brandy, & Landon Ellis** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time of Kim's sudden passing. Peace & Love to All

Steve and Marie McNiven - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am shocked and saddened by Kim's untimely death. We played as very young cousins when our families got together. Kim was always sweet and easy to love, and I will miss her! My thoughts and prayers are with the Decota family and the rest of the Gersteneckers.

Blanche Lewis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are sorry to hear about such a great loss of our dear cousin Kim. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

James and Lynn Lewis and family - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Kim was always very special to me and I am deeply saddened by her loss. I am sending all of my strength to her family in this devastating time. Know that Kim touched many people and my life was changed for the better by having her in it.

Jared M. OzVath - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I am very sorry for your loss and heartbreak at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

RoseMary OzVath - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Cathy and I were shocked and deeply saddened to hear about Kim's sudden passing. As members of her "Northern cousins", we didn't have the pleasure of seeing her often, but when we did, we made the most of our visits. Kim's family is very dear to us, and we can imagine how hard it is for them at this very sad time. Our sincere sympathy to you all. As others have so eloquently stated, Heaven will be brighter with a very special angel.

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**Mike & Cathy McNiven** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ as all, I will really miss her She had so many wonderful qualities about her, so much love to give, and was always there for you A truly remarkable lady in every aspect

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**Barbara Reis** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. Kim was very special to our family and we shall miss her greatly.

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**Rachel and James collier** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We wish to extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Kimette. You are in our prayers.

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**Bill and Michelle Clayton** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Always a smile always a fun time when Kim is around. Her energy and spice for life will be forever missed.

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**Mike & Kyle Converse** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Words cannot express the sadness and heartbreak we feel in this time of great loss. Kim was our cousin, our friend, our "Little Opal", and to me, the sister I never had. As the late great St. Louis Cardinal announcer Jack Buck would say "So long for just a while". We love you Kimmy.....and what a reunion it will be when we meet again some day! God has indeed gained an angel.

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**Kevin & Angie Gerstenecker** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ God needed another Angel! Will miss you! Never goodbye, will C ya later.

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**Dr. Steve, Debi, Nick & Danielle Ebert** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything at all that you need please don't hesitate to call.

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**Danielle Seabaugh** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ We are so sadden by the loss of our sweet cousin. We had so many good times together! We know you are having a glorious time in heaven with our Savior and will see you again in the future. Rest in peace Kimmy, we love you and miss you. Our Love, Rod and Terri

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**Rod and Terri Taylor** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear parents, brothers, Monique, Phillip and Caroline. I am saddened and grieving along side you and I am not there. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you continue daily, and I personally will never let Kim's spirit and passion surrender to the past. Phillip and Caroline, your mom and I always talked about you and my daughter. Business may have brought us together, but our children kept us together. It is truly what we lived for! I know you understand this as her support for you was unwavering. How blessed and lucky you were and the many of us who shared her joy and love for everything and everyone around her. I will miss our talks and our business meetings, but her Light will never be missed by anyone. Our faith in GOD will reunite all of us one day. In Love Mickey Majchrzak

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**Mickey-Deb Majchrzak** - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear DeCota Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I enjoyed getting to know Kim this past year as she helped design the lights for our new home. Your lovely obituary was correct. I did feel as if we became friends as we worked together. Kim was professional, sensible, but fun. My contractor had me shop and compare prices for flooring, cabinets, etc. but he sent me straight to Kim because he had such respect for her. The electricians did also. When all the dust had settled from our move I had planned to send her flowers to thank her for all her help. I am so very sorry I didn't have the chance. I am so sad for all of you. Sincerely, Janet Rueseler

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**Janet Rueseler** - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ So sorry to hear of Kim's passing. We have many sweet memories of our early days with her when she lived in Georgia. She will be missed.

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**Hal & Nancy Jones** - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Sweet Kim, you will be missed by so many friends who loved and cared about you. You left us way too soon. But, I have the knowledge to know that You are now in the loving hands of our Christ Jesus. God Bless your family, I know this is hard on them.

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**Gay** - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I am so sorry to learn of Kim's passing. She was a wonderful lady and a gentle soul. She loved her family with every fiber of her being. I have always had nothing but respect and admiration for her. I pray for the peace of the Lord for all who love her.

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**Royce Kessel** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our sympathy to your family at the death of Kim. She was a blessing to all who were fortunate enough to know her. My parents (Paul and Evelyn Seabaugh) thought the world of Kim and I am sure they are having a wonderful time of rejoicing to see her in heaven.

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**Daphna Fiehler** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**Daphna Fiehler** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ I'll always have the great memories of childhood adventures with our cousins and some day we'll reminisce again Kim! Rest in peace, wrapped in Love by our Savior and family. Hugs & Prayers for all the DeCota & Gerstenecker family as well.

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**Julie, Tony & Renee Zagorski** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Kim, You were always a delight to be around and you had such a great smile, contagious laugh and a wonderful personality. We had many laugh about the postman mixing up our mail since our names were the same and we only live 2 blocks apart. God bless you you FOUGHT a tough battle still wearing your bright lipstick. You will be missed! YOU'RE flying with the Angels now RIP God Bless.

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**Kimberley Davidson** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM