



## Kim Denise Smettler

April 30, 1957 - February 5, 2012

Kim Denise Smettler was born on April 30, 1957 to Shirley Sanders and John Smettler in San Pablo, California. She was the eldest of three children. Kim attended Mt. Eden High School and Cal State Hayward and went on to raise and care for her three sons, Charles and John Grady, Brandon M. Smettler, and, the daughter she never had, her canine buddy Peaches.

Her mother Shirley instilled compassion, patience, understanding and personality in her daughter. It was no surprise that Kim would follow in her footsteps when she entered the nursing field. As a CNA, Kim infected her patients with her smile and wit; if you knew Kim you knew her sense of humor. Even through her cancer treatments, Kim never lost any of her bright and colorful temperament. She smiled, joked and showed loved through it all! Kim loved family and her three sons more than anything else in the world. One of her favorite things was watching her boys play on the field. Much to their embarrassment, whether it was baseball or football, Kim could always be counted on to be the loudest parent in the stands, cheering her boys on every play of the game. Before heading out onto the field, Kim would tell them, “make them eat dirt” and “make your momma proud, you belong to Kim Denise!” Even as her boys grew into adulthood, Kim would always be their biggest fan and their loudest cheerleader.

Kim didn't just love and look after her own boys, but welcomed all their friends. She knew how to be their mom and their friend; she was a “cool” mom. She even liked their taste in music, listening to anything from James

Brown to Tupac to C-Bo. Kim was always encouraging and supportive, in the best of times and the worst. Charles, John, Brandon and their friends knew they could always count on Kim for her heartfelt and honest advice. She called it like she saw it! She had a few more common sayings like, “a closed mouth doesn’t get fed”, “I might be some dumb, but I’m not plumb dumb” and “Empty wagons make a lot of noise.”

More than anything, Kim made everyone that was around her laugh. From the mailman to the neighbors, she will fondly be remembered for her open, friendly and fun loving persona.

Kim enjoyed horticulture and gardening. There were always plants around and she strived to take good care of them. Although it was short lived, her boys would partake in gardening with her. She’d go to nurseries and look for plants that she had read about. If you have ever been to Kim’s home her front porch is littered with all sorts of plant life. Even in her last months she continued gardening. Kim’s front porch was not only full of plants, but she also had a showcase of Roosters! She was born in the year of the Rooster. Roosters are known to have protective and watchful qualities, two qualities Kim embodied. Holding dear to those who loved her, Kim departed this life on February 5, 2012. Her tender spirit will live on in our hearts, forever.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center  
1331 San Pablo Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 525-1331  
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

## Service

FEB **14**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Palma Ceia Baptist Church  
, 28605 Ruus Road  
Hayward, CA 94544

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