



Kimberly Michelle Ray

June 22, 1966 - October 16, 2025

Kimberly Michelle Mathis Ray, 59, of Lowgap, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 16, 2025, following an extended illness.

Kim was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on June 22, 1966, to the late Ernest Gene Mathis and Louise Marie Ellman Rosser.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 23 years, Luther Kidd Ray, her loving daughters, Jessica Beck (Charlie) and Brittney Hoyle (Woody), her sister, Lisa Miller (Steve) and brother, Scott (Andrea), her step-sons, Luther William Ray (Tiffany) and James Anderson Ray (Tara), several nieces and nephews and eight grandchildren who were her whole world: Gray, Reina, Willow, Delaney, Lukey, Logan, Rebecca, and Martha. She had a special place in her heart for her beloved Aunt Carol Mathis and her many friends and mentees.

Kim was employed in varying capacities with the government of the State of North Carolina for over 25 years; first as a public health inspector, then as an educator in the Community College system, and culminating with an appointment as the resident court reporter for the Iredell County Superior Court under Judge Joe Crosswhite. She was a member of the National Verbatim Reporters Association (NVRA), and she loved supporting other court reporters as a mentor and friend, developing the podcast "The Court Reporter's Cafe" to help others realize their full potential in their careers.

Kim loved creating beauty around her with home decor, art, flowers, music, and especially loved photographing her grandchildren, birds, and all things in

nature. She loved the mountains and traveling, and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren.

Services will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 1 pm at Trinity Baptist Church, 725 W 13th St., Newton, NC 28658.

Memorials can be made to the American Humane Society or the United Service Organizations.

Chapman Funeral Home is serving the Ray family.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
725 W 13th Street
Newton, NC 28658

Tribute Wall

MF

“ Kim was such an inspiration to all of us and she did so much for the court reporting industry. She will be miss dearly.. My condolences to the family and I will keep you in my prayers.

Msry Lynn Fuller - November 05, 2025 at 11:42 AM

PM

“ We were all very saddened to hear of Kim'S passing. She was special to us all. Our sincere condolences to the family. In honor of Kim we have donated to the Animal Humane Society in her name.
GASTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY

Pamala Renee Morphew - November 03, 2025 at 11:10 AM

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“ Denise St. Clair purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kimberly Michelle Ray.



Denise St. Clair - October 31, 2025 at 12:46 PM

PC

“ I really enjoyed working with Kim. We were just talking a couple months ago about having some wine with some other reporters. Her and I are the same age and wanted to celebrate turning 60. I always had a lot of fun with her at conferences and she loved her children and grandchildren and Luther so much. She will be greatly missed.



phyllis Campo - October 31, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kimberly Michelle Ray.*



October 23, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mary Babin Roland - October 22, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ *Ricky And Mary (Babin) Roland purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kimberly Michelle Ray.*



Ricky And Mary (Babin) Roland - October 22, 2025 at 01:45 PM