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Kimberly “Kim” Malvar Gibson, a beacon of compassion and love, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2025, in Ocala, Florida, at the age of 55, after a courageous battle with cholangiocarcinoma. She is now resting in the arms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Born on December 23, 1969, in Athens, Georgia, Kim was the beloved daughter of George Malvar and Donna Biggers Malvar. From an early age, her vibrant personality and nurturing heart left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She grew up in Ocala and graduated from Forest High School in 1987 before following her calling into nursing.

In 2006, Kim became a Registered Nurse, beginning a career that spanned nearly two decades. She served patients at Marion County’s local hospitals—beginning at Munroe Regional and Florida Hospital, and most recently at West Marion Hospital, where she worked as a dedicated ICU nurse. Beyond her clinical skills, Kim’s greatest professional joy was mentoring and precepting hundreds of nurses, ensuring her legacy of compassion and knowledge will continue in the lives they touch. Her colleagues remember her as both a leader and a friend, someone whose presence filled the room with warmth.

A devout Christian, Kim's faith was the cornerstone of her life. She lived every day with love, generosity, and selflessness, putting the needs of others before her own. She found her greatest joy in being a mother and grandmother. Kim is survived by her sons, Preston Gibson (Nicole) and Ryan Gibson (Kaitlynn), and her beloved granddaughters, Aria and Alanna, who were the light of her life. She is also survived by her husband of 32 years, Gregory Gibson; her sister, Christy Galas (Greg); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Baby Grace, and her sister, Sandra "JoJo" Barris, in 2023.

Those closest to Kim describe her as vibrant, faith-filled, and joyful—someone whose presence was like sunshine on even the cloudiest day. She loved the beach, fishing, and the simple joy of sushi nights with family and friends. Her best friends—Jennifer, Angela, and Charity—shared a sisterhood with her that will be remembered always.

Kim's journey was one of purpose, impact, and love. She touched countless lives through her professional care, her faith, and her radiant spirit. Though she is no longer with us, her example of strength, compassion, and devotion will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested floral arrangements be in the form of potted plants or arrangements so they can continue to grow as a testament to the life Kim lived and as a symbol of her life's enduring beauty.

Previous Events

Family and Friends

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala East Chapel
2739 SE Maricamp Rd.
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 537-8111

Life Tribute Service

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Reception

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Denise and Jim Culbreath planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kimberly Malvar Gibson.

Love, Denise and Jim Culbreath - September 05, 2025 at 06:03 PM

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“ Love, Denise and Jim Culbreath purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kimberly Malvar Gibson.



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“ Linn & Cheryl Mild purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kimberly Malvar Gibson.



Linn & Cheryl Mild - September 05, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kimberly Malvar Gibson.



September 04, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kimberly Malvar Gibson.

September 04, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kimberly Malvar Gibson.



September 02, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ I'll never forget the time at a family gathering and we were doing karaoke. I had never heard Kim sing before. She started singing “Somewhere over the Rainbow” and my mouth dropped open! She had the most beautiful voice and I couldn't stop smiling. It was so beautiful and I never forgot that night. What a beautiful voice like an angel....and now she is one 🥹

Bonnie Kennedy - August 27, 2025 at 11:34 AM



Awwwww Bonnie! The was so many fond and fun memories with you. She adores you. Xo

Christy Galas - August 27, 2025 at 01:35 PM



Kim was a beautiful person, kind hearted and thoughtful. She will be missed.

Phyllis and Jeff Marr - September 06, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kimberly Malvar Gibson.



August 26, 2025 at 12:35 PM