



## Kimberlee M. Francoeur

October 12, 1991 - January 4, 2022

Kimber passed away suddenly on January 4th while doing what she loved, helping others and making snow. She was born in October 1991 in North Adams, MA and is a graduate of McCann and Lincoln Technical Institute. Kimber worked at Jiminy Peak where she was a snowmaker, supervisor and certified maintenance mechanic. Her favorite things included her pups, friends, family, hiking, skiing and snowboarding, snow, puzzles, Shire Donuts, Iced Coffee and fixing cars. Kimber was a role model to all around her, from those she taught lessons to at Jiminy to her nieces and nephews. She played football in Cheshire's youth leagues and at McCann, being the first female player to earn a varsity letter and led the way in females' snowmaking at Jiminy. Kimber was never afraid to stand up for herself or anyone she loved and served as an inspiration to many. She was the sunshine to her family and brightened any room she entered. She will be truly and deeply missed. Kimber is survived by her mother and father, Patricia and Pete Francoeur, sisters Missy Tarjick (David), Traci Keele (Ray), Loretta Forfa (Dacian) and Jessica Francoeur (Tom), Ashley, Bonnie, Marisa, and Krista Terry, grandmother Tony LeBarnes, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Kimber also leaves behind her two "fur" children, Aspen and Oakley. She is predeceased by her brother, Michael Terry, her grandparents, Rita Francoeur, Lawrence Francoeur and George LeBarnes. A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Monday, January 10th at 9:30 A.M. at JJ's Lodge at Jiminy Peak Resort in Hancock. The family

suggests casual dress and asks anyone attending to wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

Memorial donations may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

Jiminy Peak Resort  
37 Corey Road  
Hancock, MA 01237

# Tribute Wall



“ *I am so very sorry for your family's loss.  
Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Julie Lauzon** - January 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Kimberlee M. Francoeur.*



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January 10, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *I did not know your daughter personally, but I have been going to  
Jiminy Peak for many years. My room faces the mountain and I  
would watch the machines and people moving about as they  
prepared the mountain for the next day. They seemed so happy. I  
loved the sight and sounds. I will think of your daughter every time I  
go there forever now, and I will pray for your whole family. Barbara  
McElroy, New York*

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**Barbara McElroy** - January 07, 2022 at 01:49 PM



*Thank you Barbara for taking time to write and for your prayers.  
Her mommy.*

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**Patti Francoeur (mom)** - January 16, 2022 at 09:12 PM

JO

“ Patti and Pete, I am very saddened to learn about the sudden and unexpected passing of Kimber. Her ability to follow her passions, and to overcome challenges to continuously do what she loved, should be admired by all. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jeff Oboyski** - January 07, 2022 at 08:38 AM

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*Thank you Jeff so much.*

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**Patti Francoeur (mom)** - January 11, 2022 at 06:59 PM

VS

“ Kimber Brightened up anybody's life she encountered. So glad I was blessed to ever had met her. Even if it was briefly and occasionally while at work. Always smiling and waving. One of the good ones was taken from us.

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**victor steiner** - January 06, 2022 at 08:15 PM

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*Thank you Victor. This means so much to us.*

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**Patti Francoeur (mom)** - January 16, 2022 at 09:14 PM

JO

“ My name is John, I worked the past 3 winter seasons at Jiminy. I had the pleasure of working with Kimber. I felt it necessary to let her family, friends, and loved ones know just how pleasant, helpful, and nice she was to me and others. She always greeted me with a smile and went out of her way to say something nice. I left our small conversations with a more joyful heart because of her attitude. I didn't know her very well, but I did see her regularly, and we always went out of our way to say hi to each other. I worked directly with her on lifts multiple times, and would see her very, very often on the mountain, whether she was riding or working. She will be missed. I really feel she was part of the mountain, in a way. I felt I could ask her anything about how things worked there, and she would give me an honest answer. I know that she was also a manager for snow making, but wanted to let you know just how approachable she was for help, insight, and conversation. I knew her as one of the main people at Jiminy on the ground, working hard, but she never came across as holier than thou, or never felt above you. She was always a human being, making me feel comfortable when I was new and part of the team when I had been there a while. It was a pleasure working with her. She was one of the people that if I saw out somewhere, I would make sure to say hi and talk with her. Last year during the off season I saw her at my other job, and we stopped and had a nice conversation. I remember one conversation we had when I learned that she also taught lessons, and she went out of her way to explain to me how it worked. She loved what she did. I was lucky to have known her, even in a small capacity. From our family to yours, just please know how much her spirit meant to those around her. I told my wife as well as her and our kids just how much happiness and brightness she brought to those around her. I hope your hearts can be full with the love and joy that she passed onto me in our limited interactions, and that through your pain and grieving you will truly know just how much she meant to those around her. Love, John Pitroff

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John` - January 06, 2022 at 03:27 PM

ET

*Thank you so much for sharing this John- love her family*

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**Emily Tarjick** - January 06, 2022 at 04:11 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with Kimber and her family and friends. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*Chris & Mari Wachtel*

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**Mari Wachtel** - January 08, 2022 at 07:03 PM

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*Thank you both so very much.*

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**Patti Francoeur (mom)** - January 16, 2022 at 09:17 PM

VP

“ *When someone bright and wonderful is taken too soon, there are too few words to adequately express the loss.*

*I did not know Kimber on a personal level but she greatly impacted my life at Jiminy. I have no doubt that my development as a skier and an instructor benefitted from her skills and dedication to snowmaking. There were so many times a guest was pleased with a lesson in no small part because I was able to locate the perfect terrain for coaching that person to success. Her skills made my job easier. I can think of no higher praise for a co-worker than to say they helped me be better.*

*Vince Pesce, Ski Instructor-Jiminy Peak*

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**Vincent Pesce** - January 06, 2022 at 01:23 PM

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*Thank you Vince for taking the time to write this . Her dad and I referred to kimber as our " Sunshine ". In fifth grade at Cheshire Elementary she received the "citizenship "award for leaving her table of friends while at lunch, to go sit with a new student who was eating all alone.*

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**Patti Francoeur (mom)** - January 07, 2022 at 05:07 AM

CB

“ *Kimber, I have and always will admire how hard you worked, you were such a badass. You always made me feel special, and so many others too. I'm happy our last moment together you enjoyed as much as I did, and it was in one of your favorite places, the mountain. For eternity I will think of you while I'm in the mountains, whether it be on skis in the snow, or on foot in the summertime. Much love, and I will miss you and your smiles dearly. Fly high angel. Casey Bouchard*

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**Casey Bouchard** - January 06, 2022 at 11:56 AM

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*Thank you Casey for taking the time to share. Kimber was our baby girl, " Sunshine"!*

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**Patti Francoeur (mom)** - January 07, 2022 at 05:11 AM

LB

*I remember Kimber from Cheshire School. I always enjoyed talking to her. Even back then she did not take "crap" from anyone. My heart goes out to her family and friends, she was one of a kind! Rest easy Kimber!!*

*Linda Biros*

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**Linda Biros** - January 07, 2022 at 03:13 PM

LF

*You have a lovely beautiful family and you were blessed with such a wonderful daughter. I think Kimber worked with my granddaughter back a few years ago never realizing they were even related. Her name is Megan and she would talk about a girl she met and how nice she was. Our families grow and we loose track of each other. We are so sorry for your loss. Sincerely Larry & Mary Francoeur*

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**Larry Francoeur** - January 08, 2022 at 11:02 AM

JS

*My name is Jim. I have been skiing at Jiminy Peak since about the time Kimber was born. I first became acquainted with Kimber shortly after she started working at Jiminy as a lift operator and later as a member of the snow making team. Our paths would cross several times each week during the ski season. On these occasions she would always greet me with a warm smile and a short conversation. When our paths would cross at a distance, we would always wave to each other. Many times, especially this season, the weather conditions were difficult ( rain, freezing rain, extreme cold and wind) when Kimber was preparing or adjusting the snow guns. Even in these situations, Kimber was always the ray of sunshine that brightened my day.*

*It was clear that Kimber was not only motivated to be the best at her craft, but also by a deep desire to LIVE the golden rule, to " treat others the way you would like to be treated". I know that as I spend time at Jiminy, I will be reminded many times of Kimber's warm smile.*

*I just want you and your family to know that as you go through this time of loss and grieving, it was my good fortune to have become acquainted with Kimber. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Yours: Jim Sitler*

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**Jim Sitler** - January 08, 2022 at 12:38 PM