

Kimberley Elaine Ward
1957-2023

Kimberley Elaine Ward passed away on Saturday 23 December 2023. She was 66 years old. Kim and her husband Roger were married for 44 years. In 2013, Kim was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia ([FTD](#)). (It was recently announced that the actor Bruce Willis has FTD. Hopefully, his bringing more awareness to this awful form of dementia will provide more funding for much-needed research to find a cure or treatment for FTD.)

Kim had BS degrees in Biology and Psychology, and an MS in Neuroscience, from the University of Utah. She was first-author of four peer-reviewed papers on schizophrenia published in scientific journals.

Kim loved restoring Palmer Lake's beloved Estemere Estate which she and Roger purchased in 1998. They allowed the Palmer Lake Historical Society to conduct many fundraiser tours of the restored estate. Once, Kim conducted a Victorian Tea fundraiser at Estemere to support the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (PLVFD) and the Palmer Lake Police Department. When groups wanted to host special events or tours of Estemere, Kim had them donate to the PLVFD. In 1999, Kim purchased the Kaiser-Frazer building in Palmer Lake for the *Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts* (TLCA). For the past 25 years, the TLCA has continued to provide first-class art and entertainment for the Tri-Lakes' area. Estemere and the TLCA are Kim's legacy and contribution to Palmer Lake. Kim was a true class act—she never wanted any recognition or attention for the many acts of kindness and generosity she did. However, one December evening the PLVFD came to Estemere in the fire truck and drove Kim to the base of the Star where she flipped the breaker to light the Star!

For the past four years, the caregivers at Jackson Creek Senior Living's (JCSL) memory care unit loved Kim and enjoyed brushing and braiding her trademark long hair. JCSL and Bloom Hospice provided loving care for Kim, and the family is grateful to all of them for their sensitive support throughout Kim's last days. Tri-Lakes Funeral and Cremation's staff provided caring support to the family at the end. Per Kim's Final Arrangement wishes, there will be no ceremonies or celebrations, and her ashes will be scattered over an ocean.

