

Kimberley Ann Wallace April 25, 1957- September 29, 2023.



Kim on her March break in 1983, enjoying the Dominican Republic.

Welcome to our celebration of Kimberley Anne Wallace. We invite you to travel this photographic pathway of Kim's life. A time for reflection, warmly sharing memories and our love for Kim, and perhaps learning something about her too. Please enrich this experience with your own unique stories.

1957 early summer. **Infant Kim in Mom's embrace.**

At her parent's apartment on Wellington Street, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.



1960 late summer. **Three year old Kim enjoys the roses.**

Along the driveway of the new family home, 112 Indiana Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.
The rose garden still exists today.



1962 late summer. Kim on her front doorstep with the family.

The oldest of three siblings, Kim (middle) is with brother Greg (left), newly born David (right), mom Phyllis, and dad Donald Wallace.



1965 late June.

Kim passes the British-Association-of-Teachers-of-Dancing grade 1 Ballet exam.

Here celebrating in the front yard, adorned in popcorn lace.



1968 July. Kim munching a cookie in the family's partially constructed cottage.

Located on the North Channel of Lake Huron, the cottage became a life-long family gathering place.

Plus, the webbed lawn chairs remained in use until 2021.



1970 August. Kim and family at the cottage and dressed for the times.

With our beloved family pet Chérie, named by Kim.



1971 January. **Kim competing in Novice Ladies.**

In the Northern Ontario Sectional Figure Skating Championships. Throughout her life, skating was a common bond for Kim, her siblings, and many friends.



1972 July. Kim at the cottage with Chérie, her Aunt Connie (middle), and Mom.



1973 circa. A calm summer day at the cottage.

Kim (middle) with David (left) and Greg (right) swim under the watchful gaze of Chérie. Chilly water dips were part of the rhythm of life at the cottage.



1976 fall. Kim begins a new phase in life.

Her first year attending the University of Waterloo's Geography and Man-Environment Program. Kim captioned this photo as "hard at work" (please note that there is no paper in the typewriter).

Kim graduated with honors in 1980.

"Hard at Work" - 1st year 1976-77



1978 Boxing Day. At the Sullivan's.

Kim is seated, with life-long friend Trish behind her.

A tradition that began in Kim's very early childhood and continued through 2018. The Wallaces and Sullivans (neighbours in town and at the cottage) celebrate together, alternating dinner hosts each year.



1979 Christmas Day. At the Sippell's.

Kim (front, middle) multi-tasks, simultaneously cleaning Dr. Sippell's ear and tickling Mom's leg. Life-long friend Wendy is absent from this picture.

A tradition from Kim's early childhood until the early 1990s, the Wallaces and Sippells shared Christmas together, alternating dinner hosts each year.



1981 June. Kim (right) with friend Marion,
graduating with a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto..

In 1984, Kim also completed a Honours Specialist in Geography at the University of Toronto.

Kim taught Geography and Math at Lord Elgin High School (starting in 1981), Lester B. Pearson High School (starting in 1982), and Burlington Central High School (starting in 1989). All within the Halton Board of Education. She also briefly taught at Bloor Collegiate and Vocational School of the Toronto Board in 1982.



circa 1982. Kim celebrates at the end of move-in day with friend Marion.

Kim settles into her Burlington Apartment on Guelph Line Road, just north of New Street.
Kim moved to her house on Woodland Ave. in 1992.



circa 1983.

Kim (left), in the Sault, at friend Deanna's wedding with life-long friend Charlotte.

With her life now centred in Burlington, Kim remained connected to the Sault, returning to visit with friends and family during Christmas break (until Mom's passing in 2019), and for extended summer stays at the cottage — with visits to friends in town (through summer 2023).



1992 winter. Kim (left, back row) with her Oakville Precision Skating team.

Canadian National Bronze medalists in 1994.

Now called synchronized skating, Kim actively remained on the ice until the mid-2010s when she faced her cancer and treatment.



1992

CANADIAN PRECISION SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
CHAMPIONNATS CANADIENS DE PATINAGE SYNCHRONISÉ
HOST: REGINA FIGURE SKATING CLUB
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

1998 June. Kim in her backyard with the new additions to her family.

Toy poodles Quartz and Mica. Beginning with Chérie in 1969, Kim and her siblings have been poodle parents.



"When I called Nancy Mullaly, to tell her Kim had died, she said Kim is at Rainbow Bridge picking up Mica and Quartz."

GINNY THIESSEN

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called the Rainbow Bridge.

When a much loved animal dies, it goes to Rainbow Bridge. It runs and plays with special friends, in the rolling meadows and hills. There, animals are restored to health and vigour, just as we remember them. They are happy and content, but still miss the special people they have left behind.

There comes a day when a frolicking pet suddenly stops and looks into the distance. With bright eyes and eager body, it spots you and begins to run from its friends. Reunited, you embrace in a shower of happy tears and kisses. You look into the eyes of your beloved pet and realize that your love for each other will always live on.

Finally together, you cross the Rainbow Bridge...

Inspired by a Norse Legend

2007 January. Kim, sister-in-law Stephanie (far left), niece Megan, and brother David.

Enjoying Caribbean waters during a 7 day cruise with her complete extended family. The Wallaces and the Brains (through stepfather Harold). Altogether a family of 18.

This select group of 4 is smiling vigorously, having managed to escape the Norovirus!



2007 April. Kim celebrates her 50th birthday with close friends.

Here Kim (left) is with Nancy, Barb, and Ginny. Is a party complete without a boa?



2011 late August.

Kim and Alan, friends and travel companions on numerous adventures.

At the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Alan writes "...because of the wonderful memories I have traveling with Kim, I wanted to share some of the more adventurous side of Kim with her friends."



2013 June. **Kim's retirement party in her backyard.**

Kim (left) and friends Nancy, Barb, and Ginny relive Kim's 50th birthday photo.

From 2009-2013 Kim developed curriculum for Canadian and World Studies, as an Education Officer at the Ontario Ministry of Education. Amongst several projects, she collaborated with Irene Landry on aligning French and English History and Geography curriculum. After retirement, Kim continued to consult for the ministry.



2014 Late August. "My morning selfie."

A text message from Kim. In hospital, draining an infection after her Whipple procedure (pancreaticoduodenectomy) for Duodenal Cancer.

A new challenge in life. With a determined, indomitable spirit.



2015 June. Kim (kneeling) sporting her Wallace tartan kilt.

At the Halton Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life, with a team of special friends and family. An opportunity to fund raise and celebrate our community of survivors.

Themed as the Wallace Waves, niece Megan (third from right) made wave shorts and shark beanies.



2016 November. *Canadian Geographic* cover(s) featuring Kim (2016 and 2018)

Kim co-authored three geography textbooks—*Canadian Geography: A sense of place*, *Physical Landscapes of the Earth*, and *This Earth*.

She was elected as a fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) in 2012 for her outstanding contributions in the classroom, school board, provincial, and national levels. She was an active member of the Ontario Association for Geographical and Environmental Education and received their Award of Distinction in 2018.



She was the inaugural RCGS Louie Kamookak Medal recipient for her work to strengthen geographic education and raise public awareness about the importance of geographical literacy.

In a 2018 article (linked below), Kim is described as "a true geography heroine in Canada."



2017 January. Kim and Jo at a Leaf's game.

First teaching colleagues, they became deeply connected friends. They supported each other, and Joanne was beside Kim through her cancer journey.

BTW, the Leaf's won the game.



2018 May. Kim with the Geography Ladies of the Halton School Board.

Here the Geo. Ladies celebrate Monique's retirement. Colleagues and friends, they continue to meet through to this day.

Kim (second from left), with Jane, Kim, Monique, and Amy.



2019 July. Summer and another extended stay with family at the cottage.

A break in chemo too.

On the deck at Sullivan's cottage, nephew Donald goes undercover as Aunt Kim.

A favourite picture of Kim's.



2019 July.

Kim, at brother Greg's front yard, celebrating niece Megan's wedding day.

Together, Megan, with niece Sasha, Kim and nephew Aaron relive their skating glory days.



2019 September. Kim became a wedding officiant in 2018.

Continuing to embrace life and optimism, she helped friends and children of friends begin new chapters in life.

Kim officiates the marriage of Tamarra Lewis, daughter of friends Carolyn and Jim Lewis, and Ben Lidbetter.



circa 2019. Kim after a dinner with "across New Street" neighbour Jean.

They supported each other, and Jean was always happy to spend time with Quartz, Mica, and Finnegan.



2020 September.

Kim, Mary (right), and sister-in-law Stephanie (top) taking a dip in Kim's pool.

Mary and husband Howard, long time Woodland Avenue neighbours. Mary was a true friend, fellow crafter, dog sitter, and even care giver. Mary supported Kim through her most challenging times, to the very end.



2020 September. **Kim and her new family addition.**

Finnegan Bosley Teddy B. Wallace the 3rd. Nephew Donald helped in his naming.

Finnegan now lives with Donald and his family.



2021 September. Kim with Trish at her wedding rehearsal in Sault Ste. Marie.

Together as friends from infants to Kim's last day,
Kim was the Officiant for Trish and Stephen's wedding.



2022 April. Kim's 65th birthday.

Posing and celebrating with Maureen. Longtime friend, fellow synchro skater, colleague at the Ministry.

Sunday morning coffee regular, grocery shopper, and Monday morning garbage day helper (even throughout Covid lockdown).



2022 August long weekend.

Members of the Wallace clan participate in the Cottage-land games.

Kim thrilled (and chilled) in Wang the Welly (boot toss) and Caber Toss (log throwing).

Kim's brother Greg bears our ceremonial flag, a pair of our late Dad's underwear.



2023 February.

On the Laurentian Valley Skate Trail while visiting in Pembroke.

Kim (centre) out for a skate with niece Megan, sister-in-law Stephanie, brother Greg, and friend Barb.



2023 March.

Kim with brothers Greg and David share family time in Lake Placid, NY.

At the World Synchronized Figure Skating Championships, with family and friend Maureen.

As a bonus, a Canadian team earned the gold medal.



2023 June. At the Sound of Music parade.

Kim and Finnegan have a visit from Sue, member of the Top Hats Marching Band, and her husband Gary.

Sue was a Halton teaching colleague and became close friends with Kim at the Run for Cure event in 2011, honouring the life of mutual friend Deb Courville. The provider of many much appreciated egg sandwiches and numerous treats.



2023 August.

Kim and members of her Halton District School Board Gang gather at her home.

A group of friends that have stayed together with "bring your lunch" visits.

In the back: Ron with Finnegan, Anne, Kim, and honorary member for the day, Trish.
In the front: Jol, Jane, and Carolyn.



2022 August.

Alan, nephew Donald, Kim, and brother David playing "Aggravation".

It could be almost any summer evening of any year at the cottage.
So many game and laughter filled nights with family and friends..



2023 October. A letter to my late Aunt Kim.

Written by nephew Donald in grade 6 English class.

October 11, 2023.

Dear Aunt Kim,

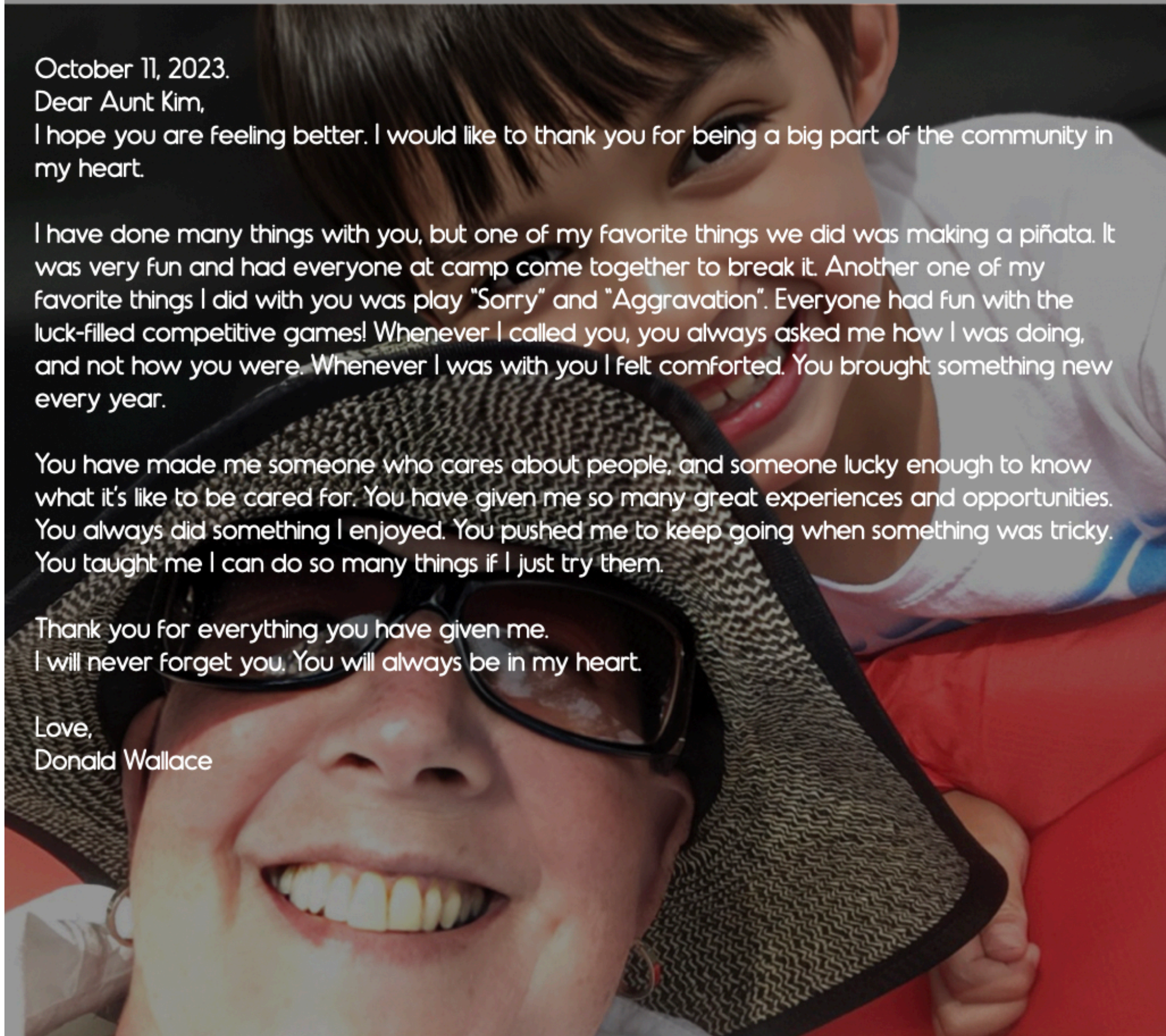
I hope you are feeling better. I would like to thank you for being a big part of the community in my heart.

I have done many things with you, but one of my favorite things we did was making a piñata. It was very fun and had everyone at camp come together to break it. Another one of my favorite things I did with you was play "Sorry" and "Aggravation". Everyone had fun with the luck-filled competitive games! Whenever I called you, you always asked me how I was doing, and not how you were. Whenever I was with you I felt comforted. You brought something new every year.

You have made me someone who cares about people, and someone lucky enough to know what it's like to be cared for. You have given me so many great experiences and opportunities. You always did something I enjoyed. You pushed me to keep going when something was tricky. You taught me I can do so many things if I just try them.

Thank you for everything you have given me.
I will never forget you. You will always be in my heart.

Love,
Donald Wallace



2023 July 1. Canada Day.

Kim, her siblings, and the next generations of the Wallace family.



2022 Early August. Reflecting on her final swim in the North Channel.
Memories of family and friends. Strength.



Thank you for being part of Kim's community.

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