



## Marilyn Kimberly Oswald

April 6, 1953 - July 31, 2017

Marilyn Kimberley Oswald (known as “Kim”) passed away peacefully at her home under Hospice Care on July 31, 2017 in Ashland, Oregon at the age of 64.

Kim is survived by her mother, Barbara Ann Oswald of Fort Worth, Texas; her life partner, Mima Yufu; her sister, Mikel Oswald and her god-daughter, Nisha Burton. She is preceded in death by her father Col. John William Oswald and her brother Bill Oswald.

Kim was born on April 6, 1953 in Hampton, Virginia to Colonel John and Barbara Oswald. Her father, an army pilot, was then stationed in Japan thus Kim spent her formative years in Japan. She graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. She was a social activist-minded individual who was passionate about changing the world and worked in the Cuban Refugee resettlement, for fair housing rights for African Americans and with Acorn and Witness for Peace.

Kim was also a very accomplished musician who played piano, harp, and koto (Japanese harp). When she moved to Japan in 1980 she was one of the few westerners to study with the famed inventor of the 20 string koto, Keiko Nosaka. Because of her world-reknowned status she was chosen to tour with the Japan America Society. Her music can be found online under Kim Oswald, Rakugaki.

While living in Japan she met Mima in 1988 and they became life partners. They moved to the Bay Area and then to Boulder, Colorado in the 1995 where Kim attended Naropa University Graduate Program in Counseling Psychology. She received her master’s degree and had a active private practice in Boulder. They then returned to live in Japan from 2002 - 2015 where Kim worked as clinical supervisor for the counseling staff at the Navy Hospital in Yokuska, Japan. Then in the summer of 2015 she Mima moved to Ashland, Oregon, where Kim continued working online with clients internationally.

Kim was such a positive. life-loving person you made not have known that she was the recipient of two kidney transplants. Special thanks for kidney donors, her sister Mikel

Oswalt and their good friend Fran. The family would like to thank the kind nurses and doctors at the Asante Dialysis Clinic and Hospital in Medford, the Asante Hospice, and Jade Mountain Clinic of Oriental Medicine in Ashland for their heartfelt dedication.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 10 am Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Lithia Park in Ashland, Oregon (near the Cottonwood picnic area). Please bring potluck food for the gathering afterwards.

Rev. Norma Burton, of Unity in Ashland, long time friend of Kim's, will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Kim's life.

Condolences can be sent to Mima at [yufumomo@gmail.com](mailto:yufumomo@gmail.com).

# Events

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**AUG** **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Lithia Park

Sycamore Grove, Ashland, OR, US, 97520

# Comments

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“ Kim was a good friend when we both lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the late 70s. Though I have seen her only once since then in person, at a reunion, we've stayed connected through Facebook. I am very sad to hear of her passing and my heart goes out to her family and to her dear partner Mima. I just learned the news today, the day after her memorial. Blessings to this special woman and to all who grieve for her.



**Anita Holladay** - August 06, 2017 at 08:27 PM

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“ I only knew Kim for 2 years, but considered her a beautiful being whose light still shines. Blessings on your new journey Kim ... you are profoundly missed on this plane. Namaste

**Marta Quest** - August 04, 2017 at 02:11 PM

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“ The Dance of Light, Rakugaki in Japan, a video featuring Kim Oswalt on 20-string koto in 1992, can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/4iZXJCxxt3U>. This is a beautiful concert produced by Japan TV. I was honored to do the voiceover translation, and air this beautiful memory on PBS for Kim. Helen Dryz performs on shakuhachi flute.

This music will soothe our aching hearts, and gives us a way to be with Kim in one of her finest performances. Love to all who were blessed by her amazing presence.

in this love,  
Jesse White

**Jesse White** - August 03, 2017 at 11:51 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Kimberly Oswalt.



August 03, 2017 at 11:36 PM