



Kim Bernard Wanous

January 27, 1947 - August 16, 2022

Kim B. Wanous, a resident of Prattville, AL, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving wife and family on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Kim was an award winning news anchor-reporter who served the central Alabama community for over four decades. The most important thing to Kim was his family. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter L. Wanous; his mother, Averill Wanous; and brother, Kit Wanous. Those who remain to cherish his memories are his loving wife of 30 years, Amy Wanous; son, Gabriel Wanous and daughter in law Katie; son, Matthew Wanous and daughter in law Nicky; daughter, Hannah Wanous Dean; son, Devin Ruth and daughter in law Vicky; grandchildren, Ansley, Jake, Lillian, Olivia, Rushton, Pierson, Wilder, Skylar, Julia, Emilia; brother, Craig Wanous and sister in law Lynn, also numerous friends and the central Alabama community. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Bede Catholic Church on Saturday, August 20th, at 1:00 PM. The family will receive friends for visitation at Prattville Memorial Chapel on Friday, August 19th, from 5-7 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boys Town or Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
(334) 365-7147
prattvillememorial@live.com

Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Bede Catholic Church
3870 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Desiree Scarbrough lit a candle in memory of Kim Bernard Wanous*



Desiree Scarbrough - January 12, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.*



August 19, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.*



August 18, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.*



August 18, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.*



August 18, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Matthew,
So sorry to hear about your Dad. Please accept my sincere sympathy. He wrote me the nicest note with a picture of you in it when you graduated from vet school. I really appreciated it, and I have always regretted missing it. I hope you are doing well. You will always be loved! We are all thinking of you. Take care.
Carole Hancock
Friend*

Carole Hancock - August 18, 2022 at 06:28 PM



I am just now seeing this 2 years later. Thank you so much for your kind words and for sharing that with me. I hope all is well. Love you

Matthew Wanous - September 20, 2024 at 09:40 AM

RW

“ Dear Amy and family,
We were shocked and broken -hearted to hear Kim had passed away. We became instant friends with Kim the first day he came to work at WCOV. It is so sad to think that he won't be here in this life anymore. Though we saw each other infrequently in recent years, one memory stands out. After the funeral of our friend, WCOV Chief Engineer Phil Witt, Kim and Rick Pennington came over to our house. We spent the afternoon around the kitchen table reminiscing about old times and friends from the broadcasting world, with a lot of laughs and some tears. Friends are forever. We will never forget you, Kim, and the professionalism and joy you brought to your broadcasts and our lives. May your family find peace as they remember such a great man. -- Mickey and Rinda Wynn

Rinda & Mickey Wynn - August 18, 2022 at 04:48 PM

TK

“ Tammy Kelley lit a candle in memory of Kim Bernard Wanous



Tammy Kelley - August 18, 2022 at 01:38 PM

RF

“ Reid and Daphne Fields purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



Reid and Daphne Fields - August 18, 2022 at 12:34 PM

GM

“ Groce & Oakley Wealth Management purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



Groce & Oakley Wealth Management - August 18, 2022 at 12:05 PM

AD

“ ASADS Board of Directors purchased the *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



ASADS Board of Directors - August 18, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



August 18, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



August 18, 2022 at 08:35 AM

RH

“ I loved seeing you at the Biscuits games.
Rest In Peace my friend



Rick Hendrick - August 18, 2022 at 12:37 AM

KE

“ Amy, so very sorry to hear about Kim's passing. Hank and I send our love and prayers for you and his family. We so enjoyed seeing you both at various Biscuits games and getting time to catch up. We are living in FL now but our thoughts will be with you. Kathy/Hank

Kathy Escaravage - August 17, 2022 at 11:21 PM

LS

“ Lisa Crazy Short Armless Woman Swanzy purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



Lisa Crazy Short Armless Woman Swanzy - August 17, 2022 at 11:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



August 17, 2022 at 09:10 PM



“ My condolences to Amy, Mr.Kim's children, grandchildren, and all of those mourning his passing. Mr. Kim's selfless posture will be deeply missed! Mentoring my quadriplegic son since 2019 even on his sick bed speaks volumes. We vow to honor his name by selflessly pouring into others as he did with compassion, truth, fairness, and peace. I'm going to miss his tough love for it has made me push, and never forget to remember! Forever in our hearts Cynthia & KC 🥹🙏



Cynthia K Williams - August 17, 2022 at 07:48 PM

AR

“ Kim and Amy will forever be 2 of the most cherished people I ever got to meet and had the privilege of being part of their lives. Love you both!
Angie Reese

Angie Reese - August 17, 2022 at 07:35 PM

RK

“ Kim was my first News Director. His Newsroom 20 shop in Montgomery is where I met my future wife Amy Witte Koski He gave a young kid a Chance and I always appreciated that.
RIP Kim

Rudy Koski - August 17, 2022 at 07:18 PM

JH

Kim and Amy were two special people whom I met thru Mary Terry and from the first moment I met them I loved them dearly. Their visits where I worked always brought a smile to everyone's face the days they came by. Rest In Peace my friend. Praying for you Amy . Jan Hall

jan hall - August 19, 2022 at 07:48 PM

MF

“ *Morrow Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.*



Morrow Family - August 17, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *Charles Russell lit a candle in memory of Kim Bernard Wanous*



Charles Russell - August 17, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *I worked in the production department at WAKA TV when Kim Wanous anchored there. I enjoyed working behind the scenes when he anchored.*

Charles Russell - August 17, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.*



August 17, 2022 at 06:46 PM

RP

“ A man has died, as happens many times every day. But today this death is personal. In a culture that has minimized the word friend, I am trying to find the means to express the depth of loss I feel for this one particular friend. His unflagging loyalty, thoughtful advice and razor sharp wit are but a few of his gifts and I am honored he chose to so often share them with me.

Having no siblings I have been fortunate to have found a few, very few, “brothers” to fill that void. These people are my family by choice, theirs and mine. So when one of these people exit my life, I am diminished. Forever gone are the private jokes and the binding stories that were so often repeated when we were together.

I have known Kim Wanous almost 50 years. We meet at WCOV TV in Montgomery, AL as two young men launching a career in broadcasting. We were pals immediately.

Trusted companions don't just happen, trust is earned. In our case, we knew so much about the other that trust was kind of required. We never started anything mischievous without the phrase, “Just us, right?”, which meant the origins of the prank/event/story/deed were to never be revealed. They never were.

*He was my partner in youthful misadventures beyond count. The ultimate wing man. Best Man at my wedding.
Good night brother, I love you.*

Rick Pennington - August 17, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kim Bernard Wanous.



August 17, 2022 at 06:23 PM

“ They say you can't go home again. But you can. Yesterday, my friend and mentor Kim Wanous returned home to a place where he was no longer suffering. Kim passed away on his terms, where he wanted to be - in his beautiful bucolic home with his family surrounding him. He summoned just enough strength to come home from the hospital to be home.

I first met Kim when I moved to Montgomery, Alabama not knowing a soul 38 years ago. He was the news director and main anchor at WCOV-TV. I called him cold out of the blue basically asking if a sophomore in high school could come over to Channel 20 and hang out, and maybe do some work. Kim was a news god in the market, but you'd never know. He was like "come on down" and quickly put me to work editing some news opens "overnight" for WCOV. He was a total trip. His license plate said "FUN", and fun he was. He drove a VW Beetle and a Cadillac which he said was a City Block on Wheels. I thought this was quite extreme. Kim thought it was funny. He invited me to hang out with his family. I just remember alot of love and laughs... and faith!

I kept in touch with Kim over the years but the last time I saw him was in 1986. Back in May, when I learned Kim had been in declining health, I decided to go home and see him in Pratt Vegas as Prattville, AL is called. Kim and his incredible wife, Amy, and his bro & sis welcomed me to their abode. It clearly was an ordeal for Kim to make the time for me and be physically ready. He was kind've warding me off. But lucky for me, those efforts failed. I hadn't seen Kim in 36 years but we picked up right where we left off. God, it was such a peaceful and fun afternoon. Saying hello to and catching up with someone you haven't seen in 36 years, while knowing you were saying goodbye is a surreal experience. Kim kept the afternoon light as we talked old TV gossip, and I had just visited his former station so enjoyed showing him pics of the old place! Kim was just so proud of his youngins' and raskools - and he lumped me into that group too.

I honestly thought Kim was going to be departing this terrestrial plain much sooner, but damn - he was a fighter! Even a man of faith like this was not ready to leave and no one was ready for him to

leave, either! He hung on to spread his unique "Kim-ness" through nearly the end of a sultry Alabama summer... something poetic about that.

I only knew Kim on an everyday basis for a couple of years, but some people just make an impact and stick to your ribs like when you swallow gum! Kim was Double Mint. He was golden.

I share a link of this prank he pulled on one of his news anchors. It's a slow burn but watch and see the genius! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGt5xgRJL5g>

And here's a clip of Kim anchoring the news back in the day. By the way, this was the most low budget station of all time with no teleprompter. No wonder Kim had a great memory! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkjaxmkuwmKU>

And finally, Kim's obit reported by WSFA-TV in Montgomery (the competish and his last broadcast job). <https://www.wsfa.com/.../long-time-alabama-television.../>

Kim, you might have signed off from this earth, but you'll be on 24/7/365 with a nonstop live broadcast from here to eternity.

#LoveNeverDies



Chris Sloan - August 17, 2022 at 05:45 PM

WJ

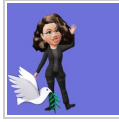
“ We are sorry to learn of Kim’s passing. He was a stalwart for years in the Media world and a family friend! Our condolences to Amy and her family for their loss! Lt. Col. William B & Marjorie Desmond, USAF (Ret)

William B & Marjorie Desmond Jr. - August 17, 2022 at 05:32 PM

JM

Kim, I am sorry to learn of your loss. My prayers are bring lifted for you and the entire family.

Judy Mills - August 17, 2022 at 08:34 PM



Kim interviewed and hired me at WAKA. He assigned me to be an Auburn fan because I had no idea which "team" I needed to "choose" a team (I had just moved to Alabama and didn't know what that meant). He was always kind and honest in his dealing. He was a good man.

Linda Naumann - August 17, 2022 at 10:47 PM

LS

Dear Amy,

I am SO VERY SORRY to learn of Kim's death! I remember the times the three of us were together - albeit infrequently in the last few years - and the laughs we shared. Please KNOW that ALL of you are in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead. I TRULY hope that your FONDEST memories of Kim comfort ALL of you in the days ahead.

With my sincerest condolences,

Lisa Swanzy

Lisa Swanzy - August 17, 2022 at 11:10 PM

BJ

*I was saddened to read about Kim's death. He was a good friend of my husband's, Larry Jacobs, who died in 1997. He wrote a very nice article about my husband. It made me feel so special to have a separate story about Larry printed in the paper. I think he and Larry were working together at the Dept of Rehab when he passed. Kim made a great addition to our community and was always thinking about others. God bless him and his family. May he Rest In Peace. Bettye Jacobs
I was the librarian at St Bede School 11 years following Larry's death. I never knew that Kim was Catholic. I loved my years there and as a Baptist, I learned a lot about my Catholic friends. All good people.*

Bettye Jacobs - August 18, 2022 at 08:17 PM