



Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust

July 8, 1973 - September 8, 2014

Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust, 41 of Rio Rancho passed away on Monday, September 8, 2014 after a long illness. She was born July 8, 1973 in Clovis, NM to Dennis and Beverly (Pullen) Seyfert. She was raised in Kirtland, NM where she attended school and graduated from Kirtland Central High School. She earned a Food Science / Nutrition degree from NMSU and earned her teaching degree from the College of Santa Fe and her Masters of Education from the University of Phoenix. Stepheny met her husband Tim in college and was married in Kirtland, NM on August 12, 1995. They moved to Rio Rancho and she took a job with Creamland Dairies and then followed her life's passion for education teaching at Lincoln Middle School where she taught science and then became the Education Technology Specialist. She was a lifelong Disney fan and shared that love with her family and students. She was very active in many New Mexico hockey organizations across the state. She was a member of the Rio Rancho United Methodist Church where she played in the Bell Choir and supported the youth program and sponsored / chaperoned youth mission trips where they renovated homes and schools. Stepheny was also a Cub Scout Den Leader and Cub Scout Summer Day Camp Director and supported her son's Boy Scout troop. She is survived by her husband Tim and sons Paul and Tylec of Rio Rancho; her parents Dennis and Beverly Seyfert of Albuquerque; Kim and husband Brandon of Rio Rancho and their children Gracie and Mayzie and many other family and friends. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September

13, 2014 at the Rio Rancho High School Performing Arts Center, 301 Loma Colorado St., NE, Rio Rancho with Pastor Joe McDonald and Pastor Janie Noble officiating. Guests are encouraged to wear something Disney or in some other way related to how you knew her (hockey uniform, hats, etc). Instead of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to help with costs and expenses associated with her illness at any US Bank branch under Tim Kohlrust's name as a donation account for Stepheny's expenses or mailed - Attention: Sherri Skinner, 1781 Rio Rancho Blvd., Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Please visit our online guestbook for Stepheny at www.FrenchFunerals.com

Rio Rancho Observer memorial story, please visit the Rio Rancho Observer website and search for Stepheny Kohlrust <http://www.rrobsobserver.com>

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **13.** 12:00 PM (MT)

Rio Rancho High School
301 Loma Colorado St., NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Tribute Wall

MS

“ It has been more than a decade since we saw Steph in person, however the loss of her physical presence hit us very deeply. She was present to us as joy. The few moments we spent with her were of great fun and happiness. We were asked to attend her memorial in clothes that represented how we know her. We went in our best party clothes, because we enjoyed the greatest parties of our lives together, our weddings. Paul and Ty: you reflect your mother's love very well. We are honored to have known her and are blessed that you, Tim, brought her into our lives. You all continue to be in our prayers, that you may ever remain close to Jesus.

Matt and Lydia Seltzer - September 14, 2014 at 08:50 PM

KS

“ I've known Stepheny for quite awhile now, although I didn't partake in a lot of youth activities at the church I do know she was highly active in the youth functions. I've watched her boys grow up and She and Tim are some of the best parents I've ever known. She has raised her family very well and I'm sure she is watching over them. She reminds me of a Mother duckling with her little ducklings behind her which includes the bigger duckling Tim. hahaha. She will be missed for sure. Rest in peace my sister in faith. May God Bless and Comfort you all. In Jesus Name Amen.



Kim Schnepfer - September 14, 2014 at 12:15 AM

ED

“ I only knew Steph for a short time. I feel blessed to have known her. Her smile was....is infectious, and always will be. There was a little girl that sat behind me at Steph's service today. There was a moment that passed where the little girl did something, and said something, that made all of us around her start to crack up--it instantly made the moment lighter and brighter. It made me think of Steph and how she'd think it was hilarious, too. I'd like to think she was there, at that moment, making it brighter. You will be very missed, Steph. Blessings to your family.

Erik Dahlberg - September 13, 2014 at 08:31 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. I hope you can find strength in these trying times through the Lord and family and friends. God bless you all.

Larry Bombard - September 13, 2014 at 06:55 PM

KR

“ Thinking of you Tim, the boys and all who were touched by Stepheny's life. Sending prayers of comfort to help you heal from this devastating loss.



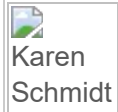
Krisz - September 13, 2014 at 05:41 PM

Karen Schmidt

“ Karen Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust



Karen Schmidt - September 13, 2014 at 03:50 PM



Karen Schmidt

Our deepest condolences to you, your family and Stepheny's family. She is no longer in pain. You have a forever angel watching you. Take care of yourself and your family.

Karen Schmidt - September 13, 2014 at 03:52 PM

MF

“ *Maryann Garling And Family lit a candle in memory of Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust*



maryann garling and family - September 13, 2014 at 03:45 PM

AV

“ *My condolences to Tim and Stepheny's family. May her memories always bring them joy and provide them with stronger stepping-stones to continue tomorrow's journey.*



Kindly,

Abad

Abad Valdez - September 13, 2014 at 01:33 PM

RL

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Paul, Tim, & family. Love, Ronnie De Leon-Dowd, Devin De Leon-Dowd, & Michael Dowd*



Ronnie De Leon-Dowd - September 13, 2014 at 11:41 AM

PH

“ Dear Tim, Ty, Paul and family,
With great sadness we learned of Stepheny's passing. She was such a kind and generous person, and will be sorely missed by everyone she impacted.

Love and Prayers,

Paul and Irene Hughes (NMSU Newman Center)

Paul Hughes - September 13, 2014 at 11:11 AM

 Scott Fairhurst

“ Tim, Paul and Ty - We are so saddened to hear about your loss. Your mom was an awesome lady. She was always very supportive of you boys. Continue to make her proud of the young men you have become and will be in her memory. May God bless your family in this difficult time.

Scott Fairhurst - September 13, 2014 at 07:57 AM

 Wrestling MOM

“ We have been so blessed to call Steph our friend for so many years. Steph was always there for us during the hockey days. We laughed a lot when we did the puppets for children's message. Vacation Bible School was always a blast with Steph. We remember the trip to the circus with the boys and the late night dinners at Pizza Hut. Her smile and laughter brighten up the room and our lives. We love you Steph and thank you for all the wonderful memories.

Jennifer Hanson Elliott - September 12, 2014 at 09:19 PM



“ *My heart prayers and love goes out to the whole Kohlrust family. I met you one time and it meant the world to me. My closest friend has met the love of his life and his two beautiful children. I know that you will be looking down and still taking care of them from heaven. I will miss you always*

Mindy Thurman-Lester - September 12, 2014 at 04:12 PM




“ *Our family's heartfelt sympathies & prayers. We love your family & are honored to have known Stepheny. She raised wonderful young men & countless other youth who were blessed to have her in their lives. Stepheny will always be the Queen of Fun! I go from tears to laughter & from laughter to tears. She made everyone feel special & how she made us laugh! While heartbroken, we will celebrate Stepheny & her legacy everyday. We love you!*

Shelly Sturges Selover - September 12, 2014 at 01:21 PM

“ *Dennis, Bev and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.
With much love .. Andi Ballard*


andili ballard - September 12, 2014 at 10:39 AM

 Linda
Kohlrust

“ We have the same last name, we are in the same crazy, fun-loving, spiritual, hard working family, the Kohlrust's. When we were all together, which wasn't all that often I knew we would have a good time with you & Tim around. Each visit we did a lot of laughing, even walking thru Costco together. I loved keeping up on you and the boys (Tim included) watching all the things you were involved in. I was amazed, and always a smile on your face. Lady you are an amazing person and you will be missed by all who have met you. Uncle Russ is there in NM with the family to celebrate your life. I wanted to come also, but because of my family obligations I can not. But you have been in my prayers since the beginning and you and the boys (Tim also) will be in my prayers still. Yes a *Beautiful* smiling, Happy angel you are. Love now & forever Aunt Linda



Linda Kohlrust - September 12, 2014 at 10:37 AM

 Sharon
McNally
Bowers

“ Tim, Ty & Paul, Our deepest condolences to you all at this time. Stepheny truly had a servant's heart. While we will grieve her loss and celebrate her life here, we will all see her again in eternity. Stepha was a wonderful friend. She will be missed terribly - her wittiness especially. Sending you all our prayers and our love.



S/BIC
Mark & Sharon Bowers

Sharon McNally Bowers - September 12, 2014 at 10:37 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Herrera lit a candle in memory of Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust*



Barbara Herrera - September 12, 2014 at 10:21 AM

BH

I am so sorry for your loss Tim!

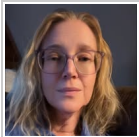
Barbara Herrera - September 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust.*



September 12, 2014 at 07:57 AM



“ *Stepheny was absolutely wonderful. She was such a joy to be around, always with some quick wit and a smile! She was so welcoming and warm. She helped me to find my footing during my first 4 years of teaching. It is a tragic loss to the world that she is gone so soon. She will be greatly missed.*

Jimmi Wright - September 12, 2014 at 07:52 AM

LC

“ *LaJuana Coleman lit a candle in memory of Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust*



LaJuana Coleman - September 12, 2014 at 06:43 AM

 Lisa Debonopa

“ *I'm so happy to say that we met in church. Steph was a true servant for Christ....always giving of her time, talents, and gifts to help others. She was a proud mother and a devoted wife. She really cared for others with compassion and love. I can't remember a time she wasn't generous and considerate.*



She raised her hand high when a call for volunteers was made. She worked tirelessly to make sure Vacation Bible School was an amazing experience for all and that Jesus' love would be felt and experienced. She was the hands and feet of Jesus on many youth mission trips and when others weren't looking.

Steph, you were taken from us too soon. My heart is filled with sadness that you aren't here ~ but just as you did, I believe in the Bible and I trust that our Lord Jesus has welcomed you with open arms. I will continue to cry for us who are missing you, but my sadness has a trace of happiness because our paths crossed and I was fortunate to have known you.

Lisa Debonopaula - September 12, 2014 at 12:26 AM

BT

“ 6th grade science was so much fun because of her! I will never forget the lessons she taught us! Also being an aid for her in 7th grade was just fun! She made us laugh all the time! She will live forever in our memories!

breanna tutor - September 11, 2014 at 11:49 PM

CP

“ Chad & Jennie Pierce lit a candle in memory of Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust



Chad & Jennie Pierce - September 11, 2014 at 11:44 PM

BR

“ Paul, I remember meeting your Mom for the first time at a Technology Heroes dinner at CHS. I heard her name and then realized you were hers -- and we both reached out to introduce ourselves as soon as the meeting was over. She was fun and gracious and very, very proud of you! We were united in that sense of pride. She will be with you forever -- a constant abiding source of love and encouragement.

Bill Ross - September 11, 2014 at 11:39 PM

EO

“ Stepheny was an amazing, strong person. She was so good to all the kids in hockey, always giving and trying to find ways to help any child who wanted to play! I enjoyed working with Stepheny to bring the sport of hockey to children in New Mexico! You all are in my thoughts and prayers!
Erin Onken

Erin Onken - September 11, 2014 at 10:34 PM

SG

“ *Steph was always fun loving. One time after a scout trip we needed to stop at the grocery store. As we were walking through the frozen food aisle she found a blue suction cup near the food freezer. When I turned around she had it stuck to her forehead while making some strange sucking sounds and laughing as hard as she could. When I questioned her as to what she was doing she could hardly get it out. "Oh, this is my new friend the brain sucker." She and my husband continued to laugh the rest of the way home.*

Susan Guillory - September 11, 2014 at 06:08 PM

MM

“ *Mark Martinez lit a candle in memory of Stepheny Denise Seyfert-Kohlrust*



Mark Martinez - September 11, 2014 at 05:04 PM

BM

“ *Steph-Always smiling when no one else would. You are missed deeply.
Praying for the family
Burton Melancon*

Burton Melancon - September 11, 2014 at 03:38 PM

SC

“ *Stepheny was a great friend. I knew her all growing up through grade school into high school. I cannot remember a time when she wasn't smiling or laughing. I'm sure she made the best, funniest mother two boys could ask for! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this time.*

Sean Eyring, classmate - September 11, 2014 at 03:37 PM

AN

“ *My deepest condolences to you and the family. There is a void now that can only be filled with memories of Stepheny. May time ease your pain and bring you strength. Warm Regards, Anita Rothe-Smith*

Anita - September 11, 2014 at 03:19 PM

SC

“ *Steph-you have always been a wonderful friend. You will remain in our hearts forever. We miss you!*

Sandra and Tony Crawford - September 11, 2014 at 03:14 PM

MP

“ *Please accept my deepest condolences. Stepheny showed each of us what being brave was all about. She was such an amazing Person who loved her Family. I met Stepheny years ago through her Sister Kim. Kimberly and my Daughter Adrian have been best Friends since day 1 of College at UNM so many years ago. Her loss is felt by so many who loved her. My heart aches for your loss. May God bless your Family and lift your hearts. May he comfort you as your grieve. Take comfort in knowing that Stepheny lives on in your hearts free from pain. She will make such a beautiful Angel. I feel blessed to have know Stepheny.*

Maria & Robert Perea



Maria Perea - September 11, 2014 at 11:31 AM

MP

“ My heart is broken for the loss of your precious Stepheny. There is nothing worse than losing your child. May God give you strength and peace as you go through this time of deep grieving. I grieve with you.

I love you and will continue praying for you and all the family.

Mildred Perryman

Mildred Perryman - September 11, 2014 at 10:33 AM

MB

“ Stepheny's commitment to the kids and the families in our community in her work and her "free" time was truly inspiring. She did more in her all-too-short time than most do with twice the years. I admired her greatly and will miss her terribly.

Michelle B. - September 11, 2014 at 10:15 AM

EM

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator well soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21 : 3,4 help you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. *Philippians 4 : 13. jw.org*

Emanuel - September 11, 2014 at 09:23 AM

DB

“ The Baltz family feels so blessed to have known and loved such an amazing caring woman. We know that Stepheny is among the angels and is with our loving savior now.

Danielle Baltz - September 10, 2014 at 11:11 PM

GT

“ *May the peace & blessings of our Lord provide you strength during this difficult time. Stepheny is indeed an angel among us!! Gabriel, Michelle & Zachary Torma*

Gabriel & Michelle TORma - September 10, 2014 at 07:00 PM

BM

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.*

Brandon Morrison - September 10, 2014 at 04:22 PM