



## Dr. Sylvia "Mimi" Kubsch

December 5, 1945 - February 23, 2022

Beloved mother, wife, nurse, and friend to many, Dr. Sylvia "Mimi" (Horn) Kubsch, 76, of Green Bay, WI., was welcomed into Heaven by our Lord and Savior on February 23, 2022.

Sylvia was born on December 5, 1945, in Hollywood, California. She and identical twin Cynthia grew up in Los Angeles and the pair loved sailing to Catalina Island together. She earned her bachelors in nursing from Cal State-Long Beach, her MSN from UCLA, and her Ph.D. from UW-Milwaukee. She began her career as a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, CA, where she met and married Dr. Kenny Kubsch in 1970. They moved to Green Bay and went on to have three children: Kristin, Kimberly, and Kevin, who were the pride and joy of Sylvia's life. After Ken's passing, she remarried Ken Knoch of Roswell, NM in 2016.

Sylvia was a true servant of God and dedicated her life in service to others. She loved teaching and being a nurse. For 41 years she served on the faculty of the Professional Program in Nursing at UW-Green Bay as an Associate Professor. She was hired in 1980 to develop the program's initial BSN curriculum and led by example in nursing education, mentoring a generation of students, researchers and faculty in best practices in nursing, alternative therapies, and holistic healing. Her enthusiasm for teaching never diminished. She was so very proud to be the recipient of UWGB's Founders Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2014. She always said "retire from your job, but

never retire your mind". After receiving emeritus status in 2019, Sylvia was still grading papers daily, always looking to make the courses she taught relevant to the new groups of students she touched every day. She was one-of-a-kind, and a true nursing leader. She had a special gift of teaching others with unconditional kindness, compassion, and love.

For all of her professional success, her most fulfilling accomplishment was being a mother and proud "Mookey" to her grandchildren. She was the biggest supporter of her children's accomplishments throughout their lives. Sylvia was happiest around her friends, attending dinner parties, taking trips, and bringing people together at her home. She welcomed people with open arms, often extending invitations to those who may be alone during the holidays. She enjoyed tending to her rose bushes, having a pinot grigio with the girls, and spending summer time at the family cottage in Eagle River, WI. Family vacations to Hawaii and California, skiing in Upper Michigan and Winter Park, and camping trips to Peninsula State Park will remain cherished memories. Sylvia will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, "Mookey", sister, wife, nurse, teacher, and friend to so many and will be dearly missed.

Sylvia is survived by her husband Ken Knoch; daughter Kristin (Dave Pribyl) and grandchildren Kensleigh and Graham; daughter Kimberly and grandson William; son Kevin and dog "Buffett"; brother-in-law Gus Brocksen; niece Rebecca Salek; and her beloved dog "Luna". She was preceded in death by her husband Dr. Kenny Kubsch; twin sister Cynthia Brocksen; and parents, aunts and uncles from the Alt family.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 9-11:00am on Wednesday, March 9 at Resurrection Catholic Church, 333 Hilltop Drive, Allouez. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the church with Father Tom Reynebeau officiating. A tribute in Mimi's honor will be given by the Wisconsin Nurse's Honor Guard just prior to the service. All in attendance are invited to lunch following the funeral.

To honor Mimi's spirit, memorial gifts may be directed to the Mimi and Ken

Kubsch Endowed Scholarship at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.  
Donations may be made online here -- <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/uowgb/restriction/Mimi+and+Ken+Kubsch+Endowed+Scholarship> -- or by check to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Foundation (Mimi and Ken Kubsch Endowed Scholarship), 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
333 Hilltop Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54301

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
333 Hilltop Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54301

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mimi was a fantastic instructor and mentor. I worked on a few research projects with her and our work was published. A great experience. I kept in touch with her over the years at a holistic nursing conference and Facebook. I know how hard this must be for the family, but let her memories warm your heart every time you feel her loss. Many are holding you in our thoughts and hearts for your loss of a wonderful woman. Christine Hankerson

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**Christine** - March 06, 2022 at 07:06 PM

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“ As a former student of Dr. Kubsch I would like to let her family know how much I respected her as a nurse leader and truly as an understanding and strong woman. I went back for my BSN as a 26 year old with 5 children. She was absolutely amazing to me and supported me throughout school. She made such an impact on my life and I am glad to have known her! I heard of the passing through an alumni newsletter from UWGB and immediately felt her warmth when I saw her smile. I just wanted you all to know how she touched so many lives! Hugs for all of her children, grandchildren, family and friends.

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**Rebecca** - March 04, 2022 at 06:31 PM

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“ Parties at the Kubsch's was always filled with music, laughter and Dr K! You can't help but to smile when you recall those spontaneous moments

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**John Lochner** - March 04, 2022 at 05:58 PM

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“ Kristin, Kimberly, and Kevin and family,

*I remember both your parents so fondly. The "gourmet group" always had such a great time together and I was enlisted by my mom to help serve and clean up with the group came to our house. Mimi always talked to me like I was an adult, which was a great thing to a middle schooler/high schooler. She amazed everyone with the passion she had for nursing and sharing her knowledge with others. I was grown up by the time Kimberly and Kevin came along, but I remember how much they were wanted and what a blessing they were to Ken and Mimi, who wanted Kristin to have the love of siblings.*

*Your parents left you with great memories and many gifts, including the gift of laughter. Share those wonderful stories with each other.*

*with much love,  
Robin Schiebler Cacopardo*

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**Robin Schiebler Cacopardo** - March 04, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Sylvia "Mimi" Kubsch.



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March 04, 2022 at 03:35 PM