



## Tammy Jo Akai

August 3, 1959 - December 26, 2015

Tammy Jo Akai (nee Simmonds) age 56 of Orland Park passed away on Dec. 26th.

Loving mother of Shannon (Brian) Brown of Clarendon Hills, TJ (Kim) Callaghan of Manhattan, Nikki (Chris) Gladfelter of Chicago, and Jack Callaghan of Manhattan. Grandmother of Tommy Callaghan. Sister of Cheryl Day, Mark (Rose) Simmonds and Michael (Lori) Simmonds. Daughter of the late Gaylen (Her father is welcoming her home) (Betty) Simmonds. Former wife of John Akai and the late Thomas Callaghan.

Tammy was a 20 year employee at KVH Corp. (formerly Andrew Corp.), 1977 graduate of Andrew H.S. and Joliet Jr. College.

Visitation Wednesday 2:00pm-8:00pm at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 W. 183rd St., Tinley Park. Funeral service Thursday 11:00am at Heartland Memorial Center.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Assn. or L.O.S.S. (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide). For info or to sign the guestbook [heartlandmemorial.com](http://heartlandmemorial.com) or 708-444-2266.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Tammy Jo Akai.



December 30, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ *Rhonda, Scott & Family* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Tammy Jo Akai.



**Rhonda, Scott & Family** - December 29, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Tammy Jo Akai.



December 29, 2015 at 01:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Tammy Jo Akai.



December 29, 2015 at 10:01 AM

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“ Lynn Hughey lit a candle in memory of  
Tammy Jo Akai



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Lynn Hughey - December 29, 2015 at 09:12 AM

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“ Tonya Day purchased the Enchanted Cottage for  
the family of Tammy Jo Akai.



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Tonya Day - December 28, 2015 at 10:39 PM

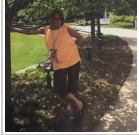


“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Tammy Jo Akai.



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December 28, 2015 at 09:45 PM

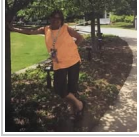


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**Barb Reed-Gilmore** - December 28, 2015 at 09:39 PM



“ So this year I decide to take some time off work and spend some quality time with my BFF. Well August 3rd was her birthday so I thought that would be a good time to visit with my friend. What I did not know at the time was that Tammy had some great friends at work that like to do 5K walks. Ok I can do this, I walk at work all day it will be fine. The Biggest Loser 5K just so happen to be that weekend. And Tammy just so happened to sign us up for this. We had to be downtown early in the morning on Saturday to get our numbers and shirts and a few other things. I drove in from Tennessee the night before after I got off work so we are talking I got in about 2:30 am and of course like the great friend that she was she waited up for me. Well of course we had to do some catching up on news and what have you. Went to bed around 4:30ish am. and woke back up around 8 to go meet her wonderful friends from work so we could register and get our gear for the walk. Teresa and Minh you are the best. We all spent the day together and had a great time. Lots of conversation and lots of laughs. It was a very exciting day for all of us. Especially me I think. Well the walk started at 8:00 am on

Sunday morning so we had to get up at 6:00 to get back downtown and park and get where we needed to be. It was an amazing day the weather was great and it was along Lakeshore drive. Could not have been a more beautiful day. I Thank you Tammy for a Great Great day and now the memories I will cherish forever. You have no idea how nice you made life for everyone who's heart that you have touched. You will never be forgotten and will always be loved. I will miss you so much I do not even want to imagine how I am going to go on without you. You will be with me everyday in my heart. Until we meet again. And this is one of many many memories I will cherish of the great times we had together. The pictures are below of us after we finished the walk. RIP my friend - Love you always.



**Barb Reed-Gilmore** - December 28, 2015 at 08:56 PM