

Ask anyone who has ever met Kim Kinne-Ryan what they remember most about her and they will undoubtedly say her exuberance for life and her heart warming smile! A transplant to the North Georgia mountains since 2000, Kim and her husband, Jim, brought a bit of her hometown, Charleston, South Carolina to Jasper when they opened up their restaurant—The Last Catch.

Ask the children she coached locally at Wildwood and Pickens High and you will hear a shrill of delight for a coach who led the local volleyball team to victory as well as children who learned kindness as well as sports.

Ask her family and closest friends and you will know a woman who puts others before herself, has the hugest heart for people and animals while always looking to find the best and positive in every person and situation.

Ask her son, Taylor, and you will learn about a soul who has persevered through the tragedy of losing his father (her husband and business partner) to cancer while keeping a local business thriving in the face of Covid and close downs.

Ask her about why she supports Georgia Mountains Hospice and you will know the love she had for her husband, Jim, and how GMH showed such care and compassion for him in his final days. For Kim, being Queen is personal, because it allows her to raise money for an organization that was there for her and her family when she needed it the most. It allows her to be able to be a caring hand to another family facing loss.

Ask me why I am writing this as no one knows her better than I do! I am casting my vote for my sister, Kim Kinne-Ryan, as Queen Nominee for Pickens County.

—Marla Kinne Juliano

(Kim chose a picture of her and Jim together since it represents their life and GMH)