

Hi,

My name is Kandyce Silva. Eleven years ago when I was 4 years old I became a Kimela girl. She gave me the nickname "shorty". Looking into the crowd I see many Kimela girls..... Balke--- Gummy bear, Alexis---Lilo, just to name a few. Kimela's death was sudden. I remember when I got the call; I simply could not believe it...

As time goes on I realize that Kimela indeed lived her life wonderfully. I will never forever be grateful for the eight years I got to spend with her as my coach. "Kimela you helped me so much, you showed me how to be dedicated to something, how to achieve my goals, also to be organized and how to balance my life out! You taught me that other people might not have high expectations for me, but to always have high expectations for myself."

All the memories I have of you will forever be cherished and remembered. Kimela you will forever live in my heart.... In our hearts.

This is not the time for us to grieve her death, but it is our time to celebrate her life. I won't ever forget Ms. Kimela, so at this moment lets all think back and remember how Ms. Kimela touched our lives. How she coached us and how she was a part of who we are today.

This is not the moment for us to shed our tears but we should all be thankful that we were given the chance to have known a woman we all called "Ms. Kimela."

I salute you, Kandyce Silva