



Michelle L. Kieft

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Michelle Kieft, devoted mother, beloved sister, cherished daughter, and loyal friend departed this life peacefully in her Muskegon home on Saturday morning January 6th, 2024 at the age of 49. She is survived by her children Gracibelle, Noah, Milo, LolaJayne Sapone and father of her children Nicholas Sapone Sr; her step-sons Nicholas Sapone Jr. and Alec Goff; grandchildren Daisy and Ralphie; parents Cheryl & Mike Kozik and Jack & Gloria Kieft; as well as her siblings Misty & Joe Theisen and Marc & Tina Kieft; nieces and nephews Caleb, Aliyah, Isaiah, Caiden, Alex, Cora, and Cruzie Bear; as well as her dearest of friends Stacey Strandberg.

Michelle was preceded in passing by her Grandparents Jayne & Hugh Russ and Jack & Thelma Kieft; Aunt Karen Eden and Uncles Greg Freeland, Pat Ulmer, and Sandy Kieft.

Michelle was born and raised in Muskegon, MI and attended Reeths-Puffer Schools until graduating in 1992. She was a proud Reeths-Puffer Rocket and remained a passionate Rockets fan until the end. Her children also attend RP schools and she donated much of her time volunteering with theater, choir, community, and soccer programs over many years. Her giving spirit impacted the many lives of family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers. Michelle's vibrant spirit was felt everywhere, her laughter filled the air and her cheers could always be heard and will continue to echo through the halls, in the theaters, and across the fields. Her finger rested on the pulse of our community and it is impossible to go anywhere without encountering someone that knows and adores her.

Michelle found tremendous joy in simple pleasures like the company of family & friends, sweet wine, adorable gnomes, and singing along loudly to her favorite songs.

Michelle's proudest accomplishment was being a mother. She took tremendous pride in her children and their achievements. She was their fiercest advocate, loudest cheerleader and there is



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nothing she loved more than being “Mama Bear”.

She was bold, she was strong, she was beautiful, and her memory will forever resonate in the hearts of those who love her. May her soul rest in peace.

A CELEBRATION of Michelle’s life will be held 2:00 PM Friday, January 12, 2024 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100 with Pastor Joe Lane officiating. VISITATION with the family will be one hour prior to the service.

MEMORIAL Donations to her children's Education Fund through PNC Bank will be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Checks may be made to the Benefit of the Sapone Family. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com




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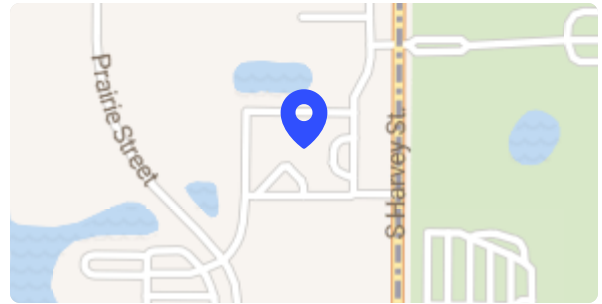
Visitation

 **Friday**, January 12, 2024


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

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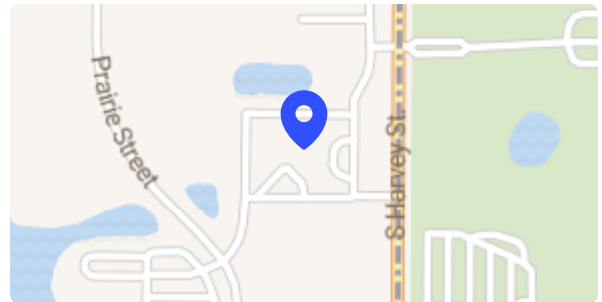
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RR posted:

I miss laughing and joking with you a lot. I'll definitely never forget you, may you rest in peace RR

March 6 at 10:22 PM



Adam posted:

I haven't seen Michelle in close to twenty years, yet still to this day, I can picture her smile and hear her laugh. I'll never forget how smart, determined, fierce, creative, thoughtful, kind, and loyal she was, all while maintaining one of the most fun and wicked senses of humor I've had the pleasure of experiencing. She was truly a force to be reckoned with. My most sincere thoughts and condolences are with her friends and family. Michelle was loved and will be missed immensely.

January 12 at 7:16 AM



Karen Ervin January 14 at 1:15 PM

yes, that was her all right... well spoken



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Kieft family.



January 11 at 1:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kieft family.



January 11 at 11:32 AM



The Kieft Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michelle.



January 11 at 11:32 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kieft family.

January 11 at 4:45 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Kieft family.

January 11 at 3:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Kieft family.

January 10 at 6:32 PM



JL

John & Dawn Kulesza , Mike & Lisa Fox planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michelle.

January 10 at 6:32 PM



AJ

Amy Jacobsen posted:

I went to high school with her, then I moved out state and haven't seen her in years, but I want to extend my condolences to her family

January 9 at 7:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kieft family.

January 9 at 1:01 PM





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KM

Katie M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michelle.



January 9 at 3:20 AM

FM

Faith Mcmillan posted:

I've known Michelle for years, she was like family to me. She was also my neighbor and I will always cherish the memories of walking over to her house in the summers. She always made me laugh, she had such a good heart and soul that I will miss so dearly. I never got to fully thank her for the endless rides to school or her help getting me ready for my homecoming in high school. I will miss her forever but am happy her soul is at peace. I love you ❤️

January 8 at 8:59 PM

JL

Janice Lambrix lit a candle in honor of Michelle.

Last I saw Michelle was at a soccer game just before we left for winter. Her kids played against my grandkids. I will cherish that long hug. I will so miss the post and keeping up with your kids. I am so glad she touched a part of my heart sad that she took a piece of it with her. I am thankful I was part of that Arby's family.



January 8 at 8:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Kieft family.



January 8 at 6:08 PM

TS

Tami Strodbeck lit a candle in honor of Michelle.



January 8 at 5:35 PM



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KB

Kelly Buzzell posted:

Shelma and Kelma ❤️ that was us in HS. We laughed so hard 😂 at everything dumb thing the other one said 😂. I want a do over, I want to laugh with you again! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

January 8 at 4:53 PM

JE

Jessica posted:

I remember the first time I met Michelle. Anyone want to guess?? It was on the sideline of a soccer game! She showed her love and passion for her girls like no other. I inspire to be as caring and passionate as her. Michelle you will forever live in the lives you touched.

January 8 at 4:46 PM

EC

Eloise Bowen Carlson posted:

Coaching soccer with Michelle, laughing and joking was only one of memories of her that I will truly cherish. She will be missed very very much.

January 8 at 4:06 PM

JL

Juli Lewis shared 8 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I remember how beautiful I have always thought Michelle was. Her eyes and smile were stunningly beautiful to me!

January 8 at 4:00 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michelle by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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