



Michelle Levell

September 1, 1967 - July 10, 2008

Michelle Levell of St. Clair Shores, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit at the age of 40. She was born September 1, 1967 in Detroit.

Mrs. Levell was a Registered Nurse within the St. John Health System in the Cardiac Unit.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Michael; her Faithful Companion, Cookie her dog; parents, Richard and Elaine Walczyk; mother-in-law, Peggy (Jim) Banes; father-in-law, Bill Levell; brother, Richard Walczyk; brother-in-laws, Gene Levell, Joe (Betty) Levell and Dan levell. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to The American Heart Association or The Michigan Humane Society.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

SS. Cyril and Methodius
41233 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, Mi

Tribute Wall



“ Mike, We are so for your loss. Michelle was such a wonderful person and I feel blessed to have known her. She was always there for me when I needed her...we had so much fun together. Love, Eric and Kelly##imported-begin##Eric and Kelly Rothermal##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 10:11 PM



“ I am so shocked and saddened to see that my very first best friend is gone. She made me laugh as a kid, and as an adult I look back to out time together as kids with such great memories. I was recently telling my daughter about my friend Michelle and her Holly Hobbie house that we used to play in the basement...I will always remember her!

Mary##imported-begin##Mary Rowan (Carr)##imported-end##

July 21, 2008 at 04:24 PM



“ Dear Mike - We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our families thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time!!! Love Kathy, Jim, Loretta Turnbach and Family##imported-begin##Kathy (Turnbach) Blake##imported-end##

July 18, 2008 at 05:06 PM



“ We were saddened to hear of Michelle's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##John Zreliak & Family##imported-end##

July 16, 2008 at 12:17 AM



“ *The first time I met Michelle I came to Michigan when I was thirteen years old. Every things seemed a little over whelming. Then Michelle storms in the room and that was that. We became friends right away and I couldn't help be see things through her eyes. Everything seemed funny!*

Then I ended up moving here when I was 19 or 20 years old. We hooked up and spent a lot of time together. She never seemed to slow down and dragged me right a long with her. We went on Vacations together and boy did we have fun. There was never a dull moment when Michelle was around. She had this way of bring out the best in everyone.

I remember her first open heart surgery. I went and sat with her. She just blew my mind away. She was full of her usually energy and seemed to be antis (not sure if thats a word). As if to say Ha that's not going to slow me down. Move over world I have things to do and people to see.

After that we lost touch. She started school to become a nurse, and still dealing with her illness, and I had my hands full with my son who become sick with cancer.

However from time to time we would see each other, and we where right back to laughing and having fun as if time had stood still.

I'll miss her so much, but I'll never forget her. When I'm feeling sorry for myself I'll stop and remember everything she went though and know I have nothing to complain about. Goodness how could I?

God has blessed us all because she was in our lives. She is with him now, but looking after us all. That's just the kind of person she is. I'm sure she is having a blast right now running around even make God tied just watching her! And if she hooked up with my Aunt Pauline heaven will never be the same!

I'll miss you Michelle.

*Shelly##imported-begin##Shely Heron (Cousin of Michelle)
##imported-end##*

July 15, 2008 at 01:58 AM



“ Rich, Elaine, Richie & Mike, I am so sorry to hear about Michelle. My memories of Michelle are when she was a cute little girl. I remember being in a car with her and traveling for quite awhile. I remember her as being very sweet. I don't know you, Mike, but my heart also goes out to you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I hope you can find some peace.##imported-begin##Candy Zreliak##imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 01:30 AM



“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Michelle on quite a few occassions when she was admitted to Henry Ford. I have been a nurse for 4 years and I have NEVER had a patient touch my heart as much as Michelle did. You was one of a kind--amazing. She always had a smile on her face and was a true fighter. Her strength and passion for life will be touched upon all who knew her.##imported-begin##Melissa Macieczni##imported-end##

July 14, 2008 at 06:05 PM



“ *If love could have saved her, she'd still be here today. To know Michelle, was to love her, there's not much more to say.*

Who can forget her amazing strength, or that gorgeous smile that seemed to go on for mile after mile.

Her laughter was contagious and sometimes her behavior just a little bit outrageous.

*I owe a thank-you to Michelle
She always knew just what to do.
The people she called friends,
I am proud to say, I now do too.*

*She know's we'll be together
and help each other out.
Through the good times and the bad
that's what it's all about.*

*But when tomorrow starts without her,
don't think she's far away
she'll always be with us
each and every day.*

*There are not many angels' walking on this earth,
but the very special ones, you'll know you can spot them; right from
birth.*

*Rember my friends, we have been blessed.
God not only send us one...he sent his very best!##imported-
begin##Angela Waller##imported-end##*

July 14, 2008 at 01:48 AM



“ *The Lord is close to those hearts that are breaking. But I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret: we shall not all die, but we shall all be given new bodies! It will all happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For there will be a trumpet blast from the sky and all the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never , never die; and then we who are still alive shall have new bodies too. For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever. When this happens, then at last this scripture will come true." Death is swallowed up by victory." 1 Corinthians 15:51-55.##imported-begin##Tommy Herrick##imported-end##*

July 13, 2008 at 02:18 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Walczyk,*

*I'm so sorry to hear about Michelle. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will most certainly make a donation in her name to The American Heart Association and The Michigan Humane Society.
God bless and peace.*

John Papcun

(Tom and Marie's son)##imported-begin##John Papcun##imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 08:38 AM



“ To Mike, Rich, Elaine, my friend Richie and all of Michelle’s extended family and friends we extend our deepest sympathies. “I hope you’re enjoying the scenery, I know that it’s pretty up there.”
Warmest Regards,
Chris, Mariann and Adam Penrod###imported-begin###Christopher Penrod###imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 08:25 PM



“ Hi Mike.
We are so sorry to hear about Michelle. Please accept our condolences and know that we are think of you during this very difficult time in your life.
Leah and Paul Foltyn###imported-begin###Leah and Paul Foltyn###imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 07:10 PM



“ We give you our deepest condolences, Mike. Michelle was such an sweetheart and will be dearly missed.###imported-begin###Steve and Kate Long###imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 12:47 PM



“ I loved aunt michelle so very much. I will miss her alot too.###imported-begin###John Lopiccola (Dawn's son)###imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 12:41 PM



“Michelle told me not long ago that I am her “oldest” friend.. I then had to remind her that she was “older” than me! We then both laughed and she said, “longest friend from Knapp Street that she has kept in contact with.” Our Knapp street “gang” was a tight-knit multi-friend bunch of kids - Michelle, Richie, Me, Tracie, Joey, Maria, Marissa, Wendy, Chris, Karl, Donna, Kevin, Kylene, Ronnie, Rosanne, Maria & Marissa. We had so much fun playing and hanging-out, our parents trying to get us in the house at night was a fight. My earliest memories of Michelle were when she came into my backyard and we sat on my Teeter-Totter and sang, “Aquarius” at the top of our lungs as my mom told us that we needed singing lessons and another funny one was when I was mad at my Mom and she agreed to run away with me.. well, we got to the “tall weed” area of the field and we remembered we weren’t “allowed” to go past the tall weeds and we went to get my Dad to walk us past & he said OK, but by then we decided we were hungry and we would run away another time!! We always would dress in our “Tu-tu’s” (ballerina outfits) and whenever we would see “Mike Marchese,” the hunk of the neighborhood, coming down the street riding his motorcycle, all of the Knapp Street girls would run in the street, form an arm-chain until he stopped and make him watch our “dance”, he would watch and then we would disassemble our “chain” and let him pass - Too funny!! Then as we got older she would come to one of my many different apartments and we would spend hours walking and talking about boyfriends, then marriage, etc.. When we were 21 years old we decided to become Girl Scout Brownie Leaders take on a Brownie troop, we had a great time and it lasted for one school year and then last year we decided to try it again with my daughters troop. All of the Brownies loved their, “Miss. Michelle” and they miss her terrible and even though she couldn’t have any kids of her own because of her heart condition, she loved children and loved to be around them. Lately, we would go out shopping, to eat, movies and even with her Bi-Vad machine, she had energy beyond belief and I would be tired and she would want to keep going. As I dropped her off from one of our many excursions, she would always thank me for giving her a “normal”

day and giving her a feeling of her life before the heart pump. She always spoke with so much love of her and Mike's family – parents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, cousins, their spouses and their children, her Godmother and godchildren, etc.. (I would list everyone but there are so many people in hers and Mike's family that I would take up the whole page :?), her many, many friends (lifelong & new) and her trips to Florida, trips over-seas with her Dad and family with her family and friends and how much fun she had with all of us. I've never seen a person have so much love for her Mom. All I can say is I've known Michelle her whole life and she was always a fighter, never complaining and one of the strongest people I know and because of that an inspiration to all those that know of her and the good and hard-times in her life's journey. As one of our "Knapp Street" friends, Chris Penrod, put in an email to me: "Michelle is safe in the arms of God now, free of pain and uncertainty." I will always miss her, but because of my strong Christian "faith", Chris has summed it up perfectly in his words and I truly believe with my whole heart that she is one of God's angels and Jesus has welcomed her with open arms and she will be waiting for us with open arms when it is our time...##imported-begin##Dawn (Lopiccola) Sneddon##imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 12:25 PM



*“ Aunt Michelle was and will always be my hero. Now that she is no longer with us, I just really can't believe it. She went through so much and kept on going, she never, ever gave up. She will forever be in my heart and i will never forget her.
R.I.P. Aunt Michelle, I love YOU!
Always,
Ashley##imported-begin##Ashley Levell##imported-end##*

July 12, 2008 at 12:08 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Mike and family at this very painful time in your lives. Take comfort in knowing there are many around you to comfort you. Although I never had the chance to meet Michelle - I am told that she was a very strong and loving woman. My heart goes out to all of you.

Dayna Heike##imported-begin##Dayna Heike (Jefferson Beach Marina)##imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 11:43 AM



“ Although I have only known Michelle for a short time I am proud to say she is a close friend of mine. I met her as the leader for my daughter's girl scout troop. The fact that she volunteered her time for our girls is just a minute example of the magnificent person she is, both inside and out. I spent many hours with her when i worked midnights at henry ford and she made my breaks and lunches something to look forward to!! Michelle faced her adversity with such resilience, grace, and optimism. She is an inspiration to me and my family and as I said before I am proud to be her friend.##imported-begin##Margaret Mary Lanivich##imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 11:19 AM



“ Dear Michael,

I'm very sorry to have heard about your loss. You have my sincere condolences. Please let me know if I can do anything for you at the marina while you are out.

Best Wishes,

Semo###imported-begin##Semo Post###imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 11:17 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Michelle passing after all she had gone through. My thoughts and prayers are with you and wish I could be there. Be strong, Mike, as she was and I know you will. Love you all. (Bill Levell's aunt)###imported-begin##Milt and Mary Jo Ponder###imported-end##*

July 12, 2008 at 10:21 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I grew up along Michelle, she was not only a friend, but like a sister. Our family will miss her, I will miss her. I was looking forward to spending more time with her, we had a great time when she came to visit with my sister, Dawn.*

Love to you all, Tracie###imported-begin##Tracie (Lopiccola) Rogers###imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 08:42 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, I only knew Michelle through Barb's emails-but i was keeping up on her progress via emails-she seemed like a lovely person-no more suffering-rest in peace God Bless you and your family-- Elaine###imported-begin##Elaine Crandall(Bill Level's cousin) New Albany IN###imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 07:16 AM



“ Hello,
I was blessed to work with Michelle at Cherrywood. I'am very sorry for your loss. Michelle was a wonderal person, I have been blessed to have known her and to have had a chance to work with her. She was a wonderful nurse and will be greatly missed by all that she touched.###imported-begin##Susanne Garay###imported-end##

July 11, 2008 at 10:51 PM



“ Mike,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
I remember Michelle's giving attitude and wonderful dinner that she prepared for the three of us guys during one of my visits back home. It all made for a great evening together. Wish we could be back in Michigan to see everyone.
Most Sincerely,
George & Sue Jacobs
-- Bethlehem, PA###imported-begin##George & Sue Jacobs###imported-end##

July 11, 2008 at 09:43 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike and the family. My mother and I have fond memories of going out with Michelle and always laughing about something. She will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Christina and Kathy Stanley##imported-end##

July 11, 2008 at 04:46 PM



“ Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you during this loss. Only knowing Michelle through Barbara and her emails, I could see that Michelle was a lovely person inside and out. I'm sure you have lovely memories to cherish. May God be with you and strengthen you.

Debbie & Bobby Hare

(Bill Levell's cousin) - Louisville, KY##imported-begin##Debbie Hare##imported-end##

July 11, 2008 at 04:29 PM