



Michele D. Kaniewski

September 12, 1951 - March 8, 2019

Michele D. Kaniewski

Michele “Miki” D. Kaniewski, 67, of Sherwood, passed away at home on Friday, March 8, 2019 surrounded by her family, under the care of Oaklawn Hospice.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Coldwater. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Union City. Visitation will be at Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation in Union City, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Miki was born on September 12, 1951 in Battle Creek, MI to Heber and Eleanor (Swartz) Boner. She was the first of five children and a proud big sister to Sandae (Dennis) Conroy of Salt Lake City, UT, Marta (Patrick) Onofrio of Union City, Maria Wolf of Battle Creek and Matthew (Debby) of Marshall. On November 2, 1974 at Wakeshma Community Church, Miki married the love of her life, Dennis “Denny” Kaniewski, who survives. They made their home in Sherwood and became the proud parents to five children of their own: Denee Michele (James) Tallent of Battle Creek, Tahmee (Branden) Kaniewski-Hand of Union City, Noah (Donna) Kaniewski of Marshall, Chase (Traci) Kaniewski of Union City and Carson (Savanna) Kaniewski of Wakarusa, IN.

Following graduation from Lakeview High School in 1969, Miki went on to earn an associate’s degree at Kellogg Community College. She was employed by Michigan Bell and Clark Equipment, where she met her future husband. Later she served as librarian at the former Sherwood Elementary School and the librarian at Union City Middle School, retiring in 2017 after 20 years of service. Miki was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Coldwater, where she volunteered as a Relief Society counselor, taught Sunday School and served as Young Women’s President.

Miki was most proud of being a mother. Miki was a fierce and loving mother who always wanted the best for her children and loved them with everything she had. She and Denny became proud grandparents to 20 grandchildren who will miss her. Julia, Sam, Hope, Parker, Amelia, Oliver, Ian, Carter, Walker, Justyn, Ella, Quinn, Lydia, Conner, Rylee, Aden, Millie, Emma, Lillianna and Owen will remember how much Grami loved them and was so proud of them. Michele left behind many friends and family, but we know she will be met in heaven by her father, Heber, and in-laws, Thomas and Mildred.

In addition to her husband, Denny, Miki is survived by her five children and their spouses; her 20 grandchildren; her four siblings and their spouses; and her mother, Eleanor Boner. She was preceded in death by her father. Memorial donations may be directed to the Family. Please visit <http://www.lighthousefuneral.com> to share memories, pictures and videos with the family.

Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery
780 North Broadway
Union City, MI, 49094

Events

- MAR 11

Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation Services, LLC
634 Mendon Road, Union City, MI, US, 49094
- MAR 12

Celebration of Life

11:00AM

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
284 West State Street, Coldwater, MI, US, 49036

Comments



“ The first time I met Miki, Parker and Sandae and I were visiting Michigan. Miki greeted us outside the house, walking across the yard holding her giant pet turkey. I was struck by her warmth and by her smile and by her sense of humor. I immediately felt welcome in her home and fell even more deeply in love with this entire family. Miki will be truly missed, though her affection, her laugh, and her resilience will be admired in our home for years to come.

Love, Maxine Marshall

Maxine N Marshall - March 11, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ I enjoyed the times that we had in the mornings to talk about all sorts of different things; traveling, kids, grandkids, family, politics:), etc. She was a great lady. She will be missed. Our deepest condolences to the Kaniewski family.

Brandon Bruce - March 11, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 11, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 11, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 11, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ Kip and Becky, Rachel, Leah & Amy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



Kip and Becky, Rachel, Leah & Amy - March 11, 2019 at 08:31 AM



“ Frank And Corinne Weaver sent a virtual gift in memory of Michele D. Kaniewski



Frank and Corinne Weaver - March 10, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ We loved her and her bright smile. She sure loved her family! She will be so missed!

Frank and Corinne Weaver - March 10, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ Merri Beebe and Allen Brooks purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



Merri Beebe and Allen Brooks - March 10, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ Denee and Family,

No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. However, take comfort in knowing that your mom and grandmother is now resting in the arms of our Lord. Our deepest condolences to you and your entire family.

Joe and Sherry

Sherry Catri - March 10, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ Much Love, Janis & Bob Onofrio purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



Much Love, Janis & Bob Onofrio - March 10, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 10, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 10, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ The Catri Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



The Catri Family - March 10, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ So Sorry to hear about Miki. It's been a longtime since we have seen each other, but remember us as kids together with the families. She always called me Kimmy. She will be missed!

Kim and Diane Bonner

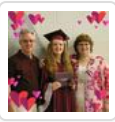
Kim Bonner - March 10, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



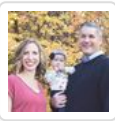
March 10, 2019 at 07:55 AM



“ Holly Rohrbach lit a candle in memory of Michele D. Kaniewski



Holly Rohrbach - March 10, 2019 at 12:27 AM



“ I first met Aunt Miki a couple of days before Benjamin and I got married. I won't forget how she was so friendly and talked with me like I'd known her all my life. Even though our visits continued to be infrequent because of the miles between us, when I did get to see her she would always hug me and make me feel again like we were friends and no time had passed. She treated my children with the same warmth and kindness and my 8 year old son, Miles, cried when he heard she was likely to pass away soon because he, too, had sensed her love and care in their time together. We will miss you, Aunt Miki, but are grateful you are with Papa and other loved ones again and have great hope that we'll see you again some day. My heart goes out to the Kaniewski family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Shelly Onofrio - March 09, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ RIP, Dear Cousin. Love, Dyitha Swartz-Neydon.



Dyitha Swartz Neydon - March 09, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cindi Reeves - March 09, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ x purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



x - March 09, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ Donna Musolff lit a candle in memory of Michele D. Kaniewski



Donna Musolff - March 09, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ Your family has my deepest, sincerest, sympathy. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I recall times where my girls have shared stories with me about their interactions with your mom at school. She will be missed by many.



Staci Beckmeyer - March 09, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ Jennifer Wilson lit a candle in memory of Michele D. Kaniewski



Jennifer Wilson - March 09, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ Joy & Tom Sweitzer lit a candle in memory of Michele D. Kaniewski



Joy & Tom Sweitzer - March 09, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ I can't remember for sure when I met Michele but it was over 40 years ago. Our friendship was strong and we shared good times and tough times, sad times and happy times, trading kids, telling each other our hopes and sharing in experiences our families went through.

She was a fun person to be with and I have many fond memories of her and her children. We always had lively conversations whether it was a serious or light matter. I have not seen her for many years but have always considered her one of my best friends.

May her family be comforted by the sweet memories they will carry with them always. I know she was a great Mom and a caring and loving sister to her siblings. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Adele J Pitt
Benton Harbor, MI

Adele J Pitt - March 09, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Denny and the family.
Charles & Su Diamond

Charles & Su Diamond - March 09, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ Miki and I met in 1974 on a crazy European trip. I will never forget her pigtails and button that read " I'm from Kellogg country"! We became fast friends. I attended her wedding and she and Dennis came to mine in New Hampshire. I will miss my dear friend/sister always and will see you again in Heaven.

Lauri M Klahr - March 09, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Marcia Watkins lit a candle in memory of Michele D. Kaniewski



Marcia Watkins - March 09, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ I have wonderful memories of Micki in the Middle School Library...we had many great conversations and occasionally shared recipes...my heart goes out to the entire family.

Mark Yankovich - March 09, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ Carson your family is in our Prayers~The Marshalls

Tracy Marshall - March 09, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ Sorry to hear of this , our thoughts are with you Dennis, and the family...

David and paula cline - March 09, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ Thinking of all of you. Hugs and prayers. Jeff & Ann



Ann Edgell - March 09, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Our hearts are saddened, but at the same time rejoicing that Micki is with her dad.... Many thoughts & prayers to my friend Denny, their children & grands....Yes, Micki loved their family..... Blessings to all of you as you go on without Miki. Love you, Linda



Linda Burgett - March 09, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Penny Siler lit a candle in memory of Michele D. Kaniewski



Penny Siler - March 09, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ I'm sending my love to the entire family...I have lots of fond memories of your mom reading to my class in middle school. I'm deeply sorry for your lost.

Caitlin Gillies - March 09, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Lots of love to the entire family. Our family is thinking of you all. She was always a joy to talk to and will be missed by so many.

Jen Nagel - March 09, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michele D. Kaniewski.



March 09, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ I went to Kellogg Community College with Miki and had several classes with her. We enjoyed many fun times and laughs while there. I am sorry to learn of her passing. Wishing Peace and blessings to all she left behind.

Micki Smith Zaleski - March 09, 2019 at 10:50 AM