



## Michelle M. Schaefer

November 21, 1991 - May 6, 2023

MICHELLE MARIE SCHAEFER

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The beloved eldest child of Steve and Tina Schaefer and big sister to Paul and Thomas Schaefer (all of Springfield, OH), Michelle passed away unexpectedly from complications following a lupus-related biopsy. She lived a life of joy, adventure, courage, and compassion, leaving behind many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers, dear friends, neighbors, and others who will never forget her.

A graduate of Greenon High School and member of Mary, Help of Christians parish in Fairborn, Michelle was a teacher at Early Beginnings Day Care in Huber Heights and had previously worked at Lowe's in Springfield. She loved being with family and enjoyed nature and animals of all sorts. She welcomed any cats who showed up at their home, as well as all the family dogs over the years and the wild rabbits she tried to protect. She played flute in the Greenon Marching Band and was talented at drawing, painting, and singing. Michelle played baseball but didn't like to sweat. She delighted her family in many simple but meaningful acts: baking apple pies, bringing fresh flowers for their table, talking loud, and watching classic Disney films and sitcoms with her brothers. Confident and caring, she showed delight and empathy easily and often.

Michelle loved going to the cottage in Darien, NY, first as a child with her family and later with good friends Allison, Joe, Serena, Alissa, and Callie. She was drawn to the peace and quiet of the lake—and the chances for fishing, exploring, hiking, and listening to the birdsong and frogs from the porch.

A fan of Harry Potter, Dungeons & Dragons, Pokémon, Stephen King novels, anime, sushi, and 80s music, Michelle especially enjoyed Monty Python, movies like Pitch Perfect and Caddyshack, and television shows like M.A.S.H., Friends, Home Improvement, and The Office. Her brothers describe her as supportive and looking out for them and pointing out right from wrong. She was a good sister and dependable friend, a drama queen, an adventurer who was up for anything. They knew they could count on her.

Family and friends may call at the Adkins Funeral Home (7055 Dayton Rd, Enon OH) on Wednesday, May 10 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mary, Help of Christians Church (954 N. Maple Ave, Fairborn OH) on Thursday, May 11, at 11:00 AM. Interment will be in Enon Cemetery (6013 Dayton Springfield Rd, Enon OH). Following the Mass, a reception will be held at the Gathering House (George Rogers Clark Heritage Association building) at George Rogers Clark Park (936 S Tecumseh Rd, Springfield, OH). Flowers are gratefully declined, but the family welcomes donations in Michelle's memory to the Lupus Foundation of America.

# Cemetery Details

## Enon Cemetery

6013 Dayton Springfield Rd  
Springfield, OH 45502  
(937) 864-2881

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home  
7055 Dayton Road  
Enon, OH 45323  
(937) 864-2288

## Mass of Christian Burial

**MAY 11.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary Help of Christian Church  
954 N. Maple Ave  
Fairborn, OH 45324  
<http://mhcparrish.com/>

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Schaefer family. I never knew Michelle personally, but her kindness and light was celebrated in the stories Thomas told me. Peace and comfort during this difficult time.* ”



Kaitlyn McGee - May 10, 2023 at 03:13 PM

BH

“ *Bill and Stephanie Huber purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.* ”



Bill and Stephanie Huber - May 10, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.* ”



May 09, 2023 at 10:58 PM

AS

“ Though entirely too briefly, I am deeply honored to have worked along side Michelle at Early Beginnings. Michelle was an absolute delight to work with and observe each day as she truly had a heart and soul for taking care of her toddlers. She truly loved them and every day it showed. She would hug them and laugh with them in moments that would drive most adults mad. She was truly tender. She loved to wake the kids up with Daft Punk's "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" and it is now a song I will forever associate with her and those precious moments. I am in awe of my co worker and the joy she spread throughout our workplace, even as she was becoming incredibly unwell. I had no idea who was hiding these tiny, plastic ducks in all arrays of color throughout the day are center. I just discovered this Monday that it was Michelle leaving them everywhere. It caused a silly little excitement and surprise to all of us and we continue to spot out more hidden ducks each day. I want to thank her for sharing her joy and her time and her heart with all of us. I want to thank her late ts for raising such a sweet, gentle soul. Earth remains a more gentle place because her love and life has been here. My heart goes out to everyone that got to know her longer.



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**Andi Sherman** - May 09, 2023 at 09:19 PM

AS

*I want to thank her parents for raising such a sweet, gentle soul. \**

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**Andi Sherman** - May 09, 2023 at 09:26 PM

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*Thanks Andi*

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**Steve Schaefer** - May 13, 2023 at 12:09 PM

KB

“Michelle has been a welcomed addition to my family since she was 4 years old. Her and my daughter Alyssa have been kindred spirits, sisters really, since the day Alyssa was born. Michelle, Alyssa, Serena, Caleigh and Allison as well as others had many a sleepovers, game nights, get together parties in my family room ... I can still hear their giggles and laughter in my mind's eye. They all have been there for each other at one time or another over the years. None of us can even image not seeing Michelle any longer. She is one of the "most genuine and kindhearted people" I have ever had the pleasure of experiencing. Sweetheart, you will be forever missed and forever loved. Steve, Tina, Paul and Thomas just know that God will help each of you heal in time from this tragic loss. All our Love, Kelly, Alyssa, Serena, Caleigh

Kelly L Burns - May 09, 2023 at 09:04 PM

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Steve Schaefer - May 13, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.



May 09, 2023 at 08:42 PM

HK

“Condolences from Herman & Martha Karhoff. We are sure Michelle is in the arm the Lord and that His graces and love will bring the Schaefer family through these trying times.

Herman L Karhoff - May 09, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.*



May 09, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.*



May 09, 2023 at 12:05 PM



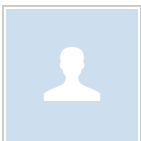
“ *Miss. Shell will be deeply missed by all the little ones she cared for and their families. Thank you for keeping my baby happy and safe everyday. I always enjoyed hearing about 'Shell' from my little one.*

**Billi Cain** - May 09, 2023 at 09:05 AM



*Thank you Billi. We are happy she had a positive impact on so many*

**Steve Schaefer** - May 13, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.*



May 09, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.*



May 09, 2023 at 01:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.*



May 08, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields With Sympathy Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.*



May 08, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ *Dear Schaefer Family,*

*Steve my deepest sympathy to you and your family! Be assured of my prayers and love!*

*Fr. Dan Young*

**Rev. Daniel Young** - May 08, 2023 at 07:22 PM

SS

Thanks Dan 🙏

Steve Schaefer - May 13, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.



May 08, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.



May 08, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.



May 08, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michelle M. Schaefer.



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May 08, 2023 at 04:19 PM