



Michele Baker

November 6, 1967 - August 8, 2022

Michele Baker, 54, of Tallula, Illinois, passed away on Monday, August 8, 2022, at Springfield Memorial Hospital. She was born November 6, 1967, the daughter of Robert F. and Judith E. Whittenberg in Ottawa, Illinois.

Michele was a member of the United Methodist Church in Petersburg, Illinois. She liked to take trips and just have a lot of fun. She was a best friend to many people. She was a Music Boosters President at PORTA for two years and started a scholarship fund for the program. She was part of an informal sisterhood who were all about having fun that called themselves the Ya-Ya's.

Michele is survived by her mother, Judy; two children, Katie (fiancé Devonte Cochrane) Ellingson of Petersburg and Ben Baker of Tallula; grandchildren, Aiden, Christian and Ava Ellingson; siblings, Joseph R. Whittenberg, Charles L. (Debbie) Whittenberg, Robbie Merritt and Karen Armstrong; Ken Baker; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 10 am to 12 pm at the United Methodist Church of Petersburg, 221 W. Jackson St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675. The memorial service will follow with Rev. Rick Pierce and Rev. John Vidakovich officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Michele's family to

set up a college fund for her grandchildren or The Jimmy V Foundation which funds research for all types of cancer, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, North Carolina 27513.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Michele's family with final arrangements. Please visit hurleyfh.com to share online condolences and memories.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church
221 W. Jackson
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-7689

Memorial Service

AUG 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michele Baker*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Michele's passing. She was truly a wonderful person to all and will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Chimene*

CHIMENE FLYNN - August 12, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *I didn't know Michele, but I do know her son Ben. Michele must have been a great mom to raise an awesome son like Ben. My condolences to the entire Baker family.*

Deb Woods - August 11, 2022 at 12:22 AM



“ *Lori Eskew lit a candle in memory of Michele Baker*



Lori Eskew - August 10, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michele Baker.*



August 10, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michele Baker.*



August 10, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Baker.*



August 10, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *Mary And Larry Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Michele Baker*



Mary and Larry Hundt - August 10, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Baker.*



August 09, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michele Baker.*



August 09, 2022 at 05:10 PM