



Michelle LaMay Forgash

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Michelle LaMay Forgash of Leesburg, Virginia passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on February 18, at 4:35pm after a long battle with colon cancer. She was 48 years old.

Michelle Juanita LaMay was born in Washington D.C. and grew up in nearby Arlington, Virginia. She attended Barcroft Elementary School and H-B Woodlawn Secondary School where she forged lasting friendships. After graduating high school in 1989, Michelle attended Virginia Tech and pursued a degree in Psychology with a focus on Family and Child Development. It was at Virginia Tech that she would meet her eventual husband, Craig Allen Forgash from Alexandria, Virginia. Michelle graduated in 1994, and she and Craig married in November, 1995.

Michelle and Craig moved around the country several times over the next four years, supporting Craig's career in the golf business. Michelle absolutely loved children, and during these years she found work in daycare centers along with independent nanny work. In 1999, while living outside of Atlanta, Georgia, the couple became pregnant with their first child. Michelle's life changed forever as Christopher Allen was born in September of that year.

The family moved to Hawai'i soon after Chris was born, and their second child, Ashlyn Malia was born the day before Michelle's 30th birthday in 2001 in the city of Kapolei on the island of O'ahu. After moving back to the mainland later that year, Michelle and Craig settled in Tempe, Arizona. Their third child, son Nicholas Allen was born in June, 2004 in Mesa, Arizona, and shortly thereafter, the family relocated back to Georgia where they would spend the next six years.

Michelle was a beloved caregiver to both family and friends, giving selflessly of her time and energy, oftentimes helping to raise other children while she was raising her own. She built lasting relationships in every neighborhood where the family resided, and the bonds she built in the Georgian community outside of Atlanta would develop into some of the strongest friendships of her life. When the family moved back home to Virginia in 2010, she rededicated herself to her career, eventually becoming a teacher in Loudoun County for Pre-K children on the autism



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spectrum. Michelle had the unique gift of connecting with children, especially those with special needs.

In January of 2017, Michelle was diagnosed with Stage 3 colorectal cancer. She embraced her battle and publicly kept everyone updated after a friend created Michelle's Mighty Army Facebook page. After over a year of being cancer free, Michelle's cancer returned in 2019, only this time it had spread to her liver, lungs and abdomen. Again, she faced the challenge with grace and a level of positivity that buoyed the spirits of everyone around her.




Michelle's courageous battle has ended, but her spirit lives on in her husband and three children. She is also survived by her parents, George and Jean LaMay, brother George and sister-in-law Hillary LaMay, sister Andrea Irvine, brother Sean Phillips, brother-in-law Mark Forgash and wife Lisa O'Rourke, and mother-in-law Judy Moreland . She will also be forever remembered by numerous extended family members and everyone she has touched over a lifetime.

A Visitation will be held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel in Leesburg, Virginia on Thursday, March 5th from 5:00-8:00PM. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00PM on Friday, March 6th at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Leesburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made to the Autism Society of Northern Virginia or a worthy charity of choice in Michelle's honor.






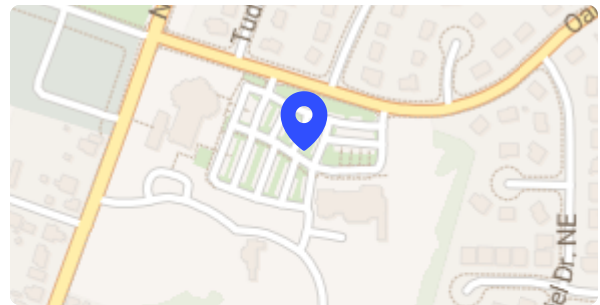
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, March 5, 2020
-  5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175





Mass of Catholic Burial

-  **Friday**, March 6, 2020
-  2:00 PM ET
-  **St. John's Catholic Cemetery**
101 Oak Crest Manor, Leesburg VA 20176



Reception

-  **Friday**, March 6, 2020
-  **Stone Tower Winery**
19925 Hogback Mountain Road, Leesburg VA 20175



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Dana De Nicola posted:

Craig, we were so sorry to hear about Michelle's passing. She was an amazing person who always had such a great outlook on life and we feel so blessed to have known her. Kyle was very sad to hear the news as well. I know that he and Nick haven't really stayed in touch since elementary school, but Nick is by far one of the nicest people that Kyle has ever known and that is a direct reflection on what a great mom Michelle was. She also brought so much patience and kindness to the children in her Autism classes. I truly believe that she made a difference in their lives. We made a donation to the Autism Society of Northern Virginia in memory of Michelle. We will keep you and your family in our thought and prayers, Dana, Barry and Kyle de Nicola

May 5 at 8:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Forgash family.



March 5 at 6:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Forgash family.



March 5 at 5:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Forgash family.



March 3 at 8:25 AM



We Love You, Mary And Don Diggs sent a Bountiful Rose Basket to the Forgash family.



March 2 at 6:42 AM



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AB

Allan Ballenger posted:

Craig -- you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, we're so sorry to learn of Michelle's passing. We made a donation to the Autism Society of Northern Virginia in honor of Michelle. Judi & Allan Ballenger

February 29 at 8:40 AM

KJ

Kevin & Jodi Jobkar sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Forgash family.



February 26 at 10:10 AM

KJ

Kevin Jobkar posted:

Just wanted to wish my sympathies with Craig, George and Michelle's parents. I can't believe Michelle has passed. I'm truly heartbroken for you and her children. It's been years since Jodi and I last saw Michelle and Craig while on a visit to my parents home in Virginia. We had a couple drinks at Outback and shared some laughs and old memories of our early years growing up on 7th Street in Arlington. It was a special moment for sure. Michelle was always kind and funny, especially with that laugh of hers. I can remember when she was the first one on the block to get her drivers license and when she got her glasses so she could see! She was a good friend to me while growing up in the 80's and I won't ever forget her. I'll leave you with this, from Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." I hope God will comfort your families during this sorrowful time. -Kevin & Jodi Jobkar

February 26 at 9:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Forgash family.



February 26 at 7:28 AM

LS

Love, Ben And Lani Skipper sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Forgash family.



February 23 at 12:02 PM



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Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Forgash family.

February 22 at 5:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Forgash family.

February 22 at 10:35 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Forgash family.

February 22 at 9:09 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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