



Michele Ann Curreri

October 29, 1964 - July 7, 2019

Michele Ann Curreri passed peacefully away on Sunday, July 7, 2019 after a short but fierce battle with pancreatic cancer. Born on October 29, 1964, Michele arrived in this world early perhaps knowing there would be a lot to do and very little time in which to get it done. She is survived by her devoted husband, Michael Curreri of Leesburg, VA, her beloved parents Michael and Angela Guarneiri of Bethany Beach, DE, her cherished sister, Lisa Guarneiri of Bethesda, MD, and her much loved mother-in-law, Helen Curreri of Wayne, NJ. Also mourning her loss are Christopher Curreri, Paul Curreri and Theresa Curreri, longtime friends and colleagues at the US EPA.

Michele grew up happily in Accokeek, Maryland. She attended Gwynn Park High School and Salisbury University, graduating in 1986 with a degree in political science. Always small but mighty, she got busy making the world a much better place both personally and professionally.

Michele lived a life devoted to public service. From her first day as a Pathways intern while still in college, to her last work day nearly 30 years later, Michele was the embodiment of servant leadership. During her career at the US Environmental Protection Agency, Michele helped establish several premiere programs that have had nationwide benefits and impacts. Earning the deep respect and affection of her peers, managers and professional colleagues along the way.

Michele enjoyed traveling with her husband of 14 years and relaxing at the beach whenever she could.

Michele's keen mind and bountiful soul remained until the end, giving one last enduring gift to those she leaves behind. None of us will ever see the sun rise over the ocean or a truly classic handbag again without remembering her with a smile.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation be made in Michele's honor to the Lustgarten Foundation at <https://www.lustgarten.org/donate/>

The family requests Business Casual Attire for those who plan to attend the visitation.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Loudoun Funeral Chapel

158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg, VA, US, 20175

Comments



“ Michelle called me when she was first diagnosed - with a very positive attitude of overcoming her diagnosis. We were looking forward to completing a project on Green And Healthy Schools. Sadly, I have to finish the project alone - but I hope we can dedicate it to her honor, devotion and hard work to providing optimal learning places for children and staff. She is missed. From: Lorna Rosenberg - EPA

Lorna Rosenberg - August 07, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ I was immensely saddened to hear the news today here across the ocean in England. Michele and I worked closely on the early Green Lights and Energy Star programs. Michele was my client and although the project was extremely ambitious and potentially very stressful, she never dumped stress on me. Instead she was always upbeat and had a wry humor and caring attitude that made everything fun even as we worked incredibly hard and poured our best efforts into a world-changing program. It's a testament to what a great person she was that although I haven't seen her in nearly 20 years I sit here with tears on my cheeks that she is no longer here. And with a new resolve to try to be a little more like her. My deepest condolences to her family and all those who loved her.

Jeanne (Carroll) Townend - July 27, 2019 at 05:02 AM



“ I was shocked to hear of Michele's passing. I worked with Michele for 20+ years at EPA. She was a dedicated, intense peer and I got to work with her in many projects. She was always interested in my and my family's welfare and, while working on her computer, or talking projects, we talked about anything and everything. She accomplished a lot of good work in her career, a great loss. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

James Long - July 22, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn this news. During my time at EPA, Michele was an unwaveringly cheery face in the hallway; always willing to say hello, to ask how things were going, and to laugh at or with the answer.

My deepest condolences to Michele's family and friends. Peace be with you, Michele.

Blaine Collison - July 16, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ Every time that I go through airport security I think of Michele. Why? Because one of my favorite conversations with Michele was about security socks. She was mortified to learn that I would walk through airport security without socks after they forced me to remove my shoes. Over the course of the next 15 minutes we laughed until we cried as Michele explained how she is always ready with her "security socks." She could slip them on before TSA and slide them right back into her purse after surviving security.

I will remember Michele as funny and passionate. I know she loved her family, adored her friends, committed to her work and was a huge fan of cleanliness. She was a joy to work with and I'm very happy to have had the opportunity to know her for two years during my fellowship with EPA.

To Michele's friends and families, I am sorry for your loss. May your memories of Michele offer you comfort during this difficult time. The next time you're at the airport, I hope you have TSA pre-check so you can keep your shoes on. But, more importantly, I hope you think of security socks and smile.

All my Love,

Rachel Cumberbatch
EPA Fellow

Rachel Cumberbatch - July 14, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ Michele touched the lives of countless people and I was so fortunate to have been one of them. She not only touched lives - she changed lives through her undying efforts to create healthy schools with her Tools for Schools and other IAQ programs. I am thankful for the day when her warm, winning smile caught my attention at an EPA Energy Star/Indoor Air Quality/School Building Day event in Ft. Collins. That meeting led to an incredible 20 years of working together, laughing together and developing a friendship I treasured. With Michele's help, we received an EPA grant establishing one of my favorite programs -SchoolsNext.

Words cannot express the deep sadness I feel knowing that I can't pick up the phone to chat with her or hug her again. Thank you for being you, Michele - you will be greatly missed

Barbara Worth - July 12, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ I had the honor of know Michele for more than 25 years. Dressed in bright and beautiful clothes always so classically coordinated with colorful shoes and a handbag, Michelle left quite a beautiful impression. Her spirit was fueled with generosity and and positivitiy. I cannot recall a time when she was without her magnificent smile.

One of my most fondest memories dates back to the early 2000's when Tools for Schools was in full swing. A gathering of more than 200 people attended an EPA TfS celebration and launch conference. Michele discovered the day of the celebration landed on my son's 7th birthday. She secretly made arrangements to throw him a surprise birthday party with cake, candles, and balloons and asked that the attendees sing "Happy Birthday." This is a typical Michelle generosity thing.

Michele had made a long and favorable impression in my family's lives and she has left her spirit and imprint with all who she has encountered.

Michele, I will miss you. The Association for learning Environments will miss you. Thank you for a beautiful example of living as a servant leader!

Julie Williams

Julie Williams - July 12, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ I will always remember Michele from our days together at EPA. I personally witnessed how she made a huge difference in countless people's lives through her persistent efforts on the Tools for Schools program, and she helped us with the Indoor airPLUS program in numerous ways behind the scenes. Mostly I remember how much she cared about individuals, including me. She looked after me like my mom or my wife would have if they could have followed me to work. I still chuckle to myself when I remember her asking me, "Eric, did you get your ticket and hotel reservations yet?" (for my next business trip.) One time I thanked her and I said something like "You don't have to worry, Michele," and she said something like "Yes I do, Eric. I'm your work spouse! You're doing important work, and I want to make sure you have everything you need to succeed!" Then and there I knew that Michele was more than a colleague with a big smile. She cared deeply about our mission and about each of us individually, like a mother loves her children. I am a better person and a better public servant because I knew Michele. Thanks for blessing our lives, Michele! We love you.

Eric Werling - July 12, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ It's hard to find the words to express my sorrow that Michele is no longer here with us. I've worked alongside her for almost the entirety of my relatively short, 11-year career. I first met her when the EPA gave the school district I was working with a grant, and she came down for a site visit. I was immediately at ease with her--her radiating warmth was one of the first things I noticed. That warmth made her hugs have a special power, and when she was excited you couldn't help but be excited with her. After I move to DC, it was a special joy any time I had a meeting scheduled with Michele--it was like getting to catch up with a good friend.

My colleagues and friends at the U.S. Green Building Council have decided that we will be naming our annual Best of Green Schools "Collaborator" award after Michele to memorialize her contributions to the green school field. This is a national award given each year at our Green Schools Conference in front of an audience of around 1,000 people, many of whom knew Michele and the work she did alongside her hard-working colleagues at the EPA. We hope to keep her friendship alive in our hearts through this small tribute.

Anisa Heming - July 12, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ When I first joined EPA, Michele was incredibly welcoming, even having had gone through the trouble of making sure several goodies were on my desk before I arrived, and taking care to show me around the office. Though I didn't work with Michele much over the years, I can say I know she was devoted and passionate about her work on schools and indoor air, and also about her family, particularly her husband, who was ever-present in her stories and photos from adventures abroad. Oh, and Washington NATs games - you'd often see a serious, red-capped Michele hustling to get to an evening game on time. Michele was a great delight in so many ways, and she will be greatly missed by all in our office.

My deepest condolences to Michele's friends and family, and may you all find strength, comfort and peace in good memories with her, in one another and from above.



Sarany Singer - July 12, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ There are not enough words in my vocabulary to begin to say how much Michele will be missed. We didn't have many projects in common at work - though when I did get a chance to work with her - it was such a pleasure because I knew there was going to be no mess in getting it done. Mostly, we shared personal moments - that I will always treasure - the personal cards, the late nights at 1310, laughing about how crazy things sometimes get in IED, always asking and supporting my son's activities, short but deep conversations in the pantry as I wished I had thought to make a salad you were putting together, and so many more ... I continue to pray that your family is surrounded by all the strength and comfort God can provide as they deal with loss. Rest in paradise my sister.

Laureen Burton - July 11, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ One of my best memories was when Benny and I were in Annapolis and Michele and Michael came to meet us for dinner. It was such a memorable evening. Great food, great wine, but most of all, great company and conversation! We love you, Michele. You were always smiling and we will miss you. You will always be "a cousin".

Love, Cathy and Benny

Cathy DiDonato - July 11, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ When I was on site at EPA, Michele Curreri went out of her way to bring me snacks whenever I worked late, granola bars from her purse, or a piece of cake from her staff meetings. It was very kind of her and fondly remembered.

Angana - July 11, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ For me it's always been Michele's smile. She could light up a room with her smile. I remember her 50th birthday party, when we went wine tasting. It was so much fun, and she had such a wonderful time. She is going to be so dearly missed. Love you Michele.

Susan Janowiak

Susan Janowiak - July 11, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ My dear Michele,

I will not forget the promise I made.

All my love,

Laura



laura - July 10, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ I was so incredibly blessed to have worked with Michele for so many years, first as an EPA staffer and then as a contractor. Michele was the epitome of the selfless public servant who cared deeply and passionately about her work. As importantly, Michele cared deeply and passionately about her friends and family. I made a mid-career professional change to teaching and Michele was incredibly supportive of me. She served as a reference (and cheerleader) for me getting into my teacher certification program and I will never forget her gracious words to me. She genuinely was excited for me and wanted to do everything she could to help. That was Michele, always there with a word of encouragement, always pushing us all to be the best we could be. I'll also never forget traveling the country with Michele and her tireless efforts to improve the lives of our nation's children. Michele exemplified servant leadership and that will be her lasting legacy.



Matt Hiester - July 10, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ TJ and his Aunt Michele on Christmas Eve 2018 We love you always



Stephanie Curreri-Lynch - July 10, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Kristy Miller lit a candle in memory of Michele Ann Curreri



Kristy Miller - July 10, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Friends and Family



laura aghdam - July 10, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Michelle for the first time. She came in for her last haircut and she was so weak, but she was also so sweet . You could just tell that she was a beautiful soul. I'm so thankful to have experienced her kindness.

Michelle Meunier - July 10, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ Michele's love for Italy is one of the reasons I had to see for myself
Thank you MC for sharing your culture



Sheila Brown - July 10, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ Book Club Dinner



Sheila Brown - July 10, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ Her favorite time of year...being with her at Christmas was special. I love you more...Michael



Michael Curreri - July 10, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ One of my favs! Xoxo Laura A.

laura aghdam - July 10, 2019 at 09:19 PM



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Tracey Mitchell - July 10, 2019 at 03:14 PM



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Carl Drew - July 10, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ Michele,

I'm speechless. I will truly miss your passion and enthusiasm for life. You always made me laugh and gave the best advice for life. You will not be forgotten.

Kara Belle



Kara Belle - July 10, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ Dear Michele - So hard to believe a dynamo like you is no longer here on Earth. I will forever appreciate the way you took me under your wing at IED. You were truly a mentor that helped me succeed. I continue carrying with me your guidance throughout my federal career. Beyond being a caring, giving, & amazing colleague, you were also a good friend. Your friendship was one of many that I treasure from my time at EPA. I will miss your fiestiness, insightfulness, and humor. Rest in peace! Sincere condolences to Michael & your family. Dena Moglia



Dena Moglia - July 10, 2019 at 07:48 AM



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Laura Kolb - July 10, 2019 at 07:35 AM



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tracey mitchell - July 10, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ Michele, You will long be remembered as a tireless warrior for schools and protecting children's health. You made a difference with your commitment and focus! My deepest condolences to your husband, sister, parents and all your friends who will deeply miss your verve and warrior's energy! Well Done! May you RIP and be held in the palms of HIS hands! With sincerest sympathy, Kristy Miller

Kristy Miller - July 09, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ We love you Michele!!! Your BMS girlfriends!!!!
Lots of love coming your way Michael, Angela, Lisa, and Michael!!!!



kelly griffith - July 09, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ It's hard to imagine anything slowing Michele down. I will always remember her glowing happiness upon meeting her husband Michael, and her joy at their travels.
Barbara Spark

Barbara Spark - July 09, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ MC, thank you for making each work day rewarding. The best reward is being 1 of your sistah-Friends



Sheila Brown - July 09, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ Edi Francesconi lit a candle in memory of Michele Ann Curreri



Edi Francesconi - July 09, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ We worked hard & laughed even harder together



Sheila Brown - July 09, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ Love you Michele G. Curreri



Sheila Brown - July 09, 2019 at 05:36 PM



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Sheila Brown - July 09, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ Sheila Brown lit a candle in memory of Michele Ann Curreri



Sheila Brown - July 09, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ My heart is heavy with the news of Michele's passing. We have lost a friend, heaven has gained an angel.

Michele was an inspiration to all of us to improve the quality of life for all children. Her passion, love, and service to others was impeccable. She has literally touched and improved hundreds of children's' lives through her work and passion within EPA.

I will miss her dearly as a colleague; but more so as a friend. She always took interests in others lives even if we were 1600 miles apart. When talking with her, she always had a smile on her face, words of encouragement, and always made her IAQ - SHIELD colleagues empowered to keep doing what we were doing - keeping children healthy.

She will be missed, but never forgotten. The work we all do will always have Michelle and her love of life in its framework. Her spirit will remain in all of us as we continue to do the work she inspired in us to achieve.

Diane Rhodes
North East Independent School District
San Antonio, Texas

Diane Rhodes - July 09, 2019 at 03:55 PM



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Mel Brezovsky - July 09, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your devastating loss. Michele was a tremendous force for good, and her acts reverberated far beyond the DMV area. May she rest in peace.

With love,
Amber Davis, EPA Region 4 (Atlanta)

Amber Davis - July 09, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ To Michele, Thanks for taking me under your wing when we first met and I was just the guy from sodexo. Thanks for being receptive to ways we could work together to improve IAQ in schools and extend the reach of your programs. I am in shock that you are gone. I can still hear your voice...like it was yesterday we were in San Antonio for the NSBA session we did with you last summer

To your husband and friends, I can see from the other postings, you were fortunate to have Michele in your lives and have such good memories. I am sorry for your loss and hope that you are able to remember what you were fortunate have have over sorrow of the loss.

Bart Ruff

Bart Ruff - July 09, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ Michele was so kind and thoughtful to me and I cannot believe that she's gone...way too soon. Michele impacted thousands of students and faculty members in the Philadelphia public school system by mentoring our environmental staff in the area of indoor environmental quality. She truly had a positive impact on so many lives with her work at the EPA. Personally, Michele always made me feel so comfortable and accepted. I remember meeting up with her at our professional conferences and chatting about life. She always gave me a big hug and was so easy to talk to. I am going to miss Michele. Her smile and laughter were contagious and she had a beautiful light in her eyes. Rest in peace my friend. You will live on through our work.

Francine Locke
The School District of Philadelphia

Francine Locke - July 09, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ Dear Michelle, we've been colleagues for so many years, you down in DC, me in phila. I always enjoyed our talks about work, family, vacations, you were such an inspiration, always full of joy and energy. Your dedication to programs that helped children and the environment was extraordinary. I will miss you very much! My sincere condolences to your loved ones, you will be so missed. May God bless your family.

Cristina Schulingkamp
EPA Region 3 office

cristina schulingkamp - July 09, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ Fly high with the angels Super Woman... You are sorely missed.
Becky Riggs

Becky Riggs - July 09, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ Dear Michelle I will miss you. It was a joy and a privilege knowing you. I admire you kindness and intelligent. You were always smiling, always positive. I will miss your hugs and compliments.RIP
Carmen Torrent (EPA)

Carmen Torrent - July 09, 2019 at 01:53 PM



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Renae Hassell - July 09, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ Michele with Moira DeRosa - inseparable friends at EPA in the mid/late 90s, now together again. Thank you for helping me and so many others get our start at EPA. We'll miss you.

Bill Von Neida



William Von Neida - July 09, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ To my Dearest Michele:

I'm going to really miss my friendwe sat as cube neighbors for almost 10+ years.

You were my other born and bred ...Prince George's County (MD) EPA colleague - which there were very few of us at the Agency!

So many good, and great memories working at 1301 L Street, NW with you and the IED - Schools Team.

Always a consummate professional and dedicated public servant – always solution oriented – with PASSION!

Did I say that YOU were PASSIONATE... that might be an understatement.

You were always fiery, committed and personified integrity!

I could go on about YOU without saying one – cross word about you!

I was so HAPPY for YOU when you met - MR. MICHAEL.

You - so well deserved to have someone who treasured you personally.... as we all at EPA did - professionally!

I'm was so GRATEFUL of HOW well HE treated YOU

I remember how much YOU bragged about HIM all the time...It was PRICELESS!

MICHELE....I'll miss your hugs and you telling me about all of the great adventures you and Michael shared traveling ... but what remains is YOUR spirit for being such a remarkable friend and colleague.

Lastly, I really admired how you always - DID EVERYTHING THE RIGHT WAY!

You LOVED the RIGHT WAY!

You LAUGHED and OH.... did we LAUGH - A LOT.... A WHOLE LOT!!!

You LIVED a LIFE - FEARLESS THE RIGHT WAY!!!

Your life was a sermon to see rather than heard,

Chris Griffin (EPA)



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Katie Sullivan - July 09, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ So many happy seaside memories with our little sister. Love you more than crab cakes and cold beer, sweetie!

Katie Sullivan - July 09, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ Michele I aspire to develop such a bright soul as yours.
--Jani

Jani - July 09, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with all of you. Michele, you will truly be missed by your IED family. You brightened the office with your smile, friendship, and overall positive attitude...we love you. Rest In Peace.



Peggy Bagnoli - July 09, 2019 at 09:13 AM



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Sweet Michele,

You were the “sun-shiniest” kinda girlfriend everyone loves to have. You never ceased to make me feel like you were truly happy to see me and engage in warm, happy conversation. You are beautiful and will be missed more than the number of stars in the sky. I will be looking for your star whenever I see that special twinkle at night and I will know... Michele, thank you for amazing friendship and wonderful memories. We will keep our hearts open for your dear Mike for anything he needs. Your love together was truly an incredible bond and we know he will be lost without you. We are here.

With all our love and friendship,
Melody and Dan Rakes

Melody Rakes - July 08, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ Michele - I love you more...always and forever!! Michael



Michael Curreri - July 08, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ Michael,

There are no words, honestly, to express the depth of feeling when one's "Love of a Lifetime" passes. Please know that it was always obvious to all near that you adored and loved your beautiful Michele with everything you had. We loved her as well and always had a smile and shared a great laugh with her in her presence. She was adorable, sweet and a true joy to know.

Please know that we are here for you if we can help you in any way. We love you and are remembering you in our thoughts and prayers. Please don't hesitate to call on us if you need anything.

Love,

Melody & Dan Rakes

Melody Rakes - July 08, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ May God keep and comfort the family in this time of sorrow. Michele was such a gentle, caring and sweet soul that was passionate about the issues of the health and safety of students all across America in regards to Indoor Air Quality in Schools. She always took the time to reply to all the emails I ever sent to her. The last email I sent to her was during the government shutdown.

Her reply on January 29, 2019, was as follows:

Arnold,

Thank you so much for thinking of us during the unfortunate situation. Your email arrived at a time when I was feeling particularly low and it completely reminded me of how blessed I am to work with such wonderful and caring people. We are all so happy to be back at work and working on such an important issue – one that several of us are particularly passionate about.

I am thankful for all you do to protect the children in your district and those far and wide across the country. I am most thankful for your friendship.

Keep us in your prayers and we will do the same for you, your family and the district.

All my best to you,

Michele

While reading the email from Tracy Enger it brought sorrow unto my heart and tears to my eyes because it felt more like a family member had passed away instead of a friend. May God bless the family and friends with all the wonderful, kind and lovely moments and memories of Michele.

Sincerely,

Arnold Anderson

Humble Independent School District

Humble, Texas

Arnold Anderson - July 09, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Michele's family. Michele was so wonderful and kind. She kept her school family network together with such a sense of Grace. She never knew it, but she felt near to me in my everyday school work for indoor air. She will be greatly missed.

Peggy Caruso, Katy ISD.

Peggy L Caruso - July 09, 2019 at 01:27 PM