



Michelle Marie Goebel

February 17, 1954 - April 4, 2023

Michelle Marie (Bee) Goebel, 69, formerly of Richland Center, passed away peacefully at her home in Viroqua on April 4, 2023 after a short bout with cancer.

Michelle was born February 17, 1954 in St. Paul, MN with her twin brother Michael C. Bee to Beverly Ann Calender before being adopted by her loving family Francis Theron and Helen (Pequignot) Bee as the youngest of four children. Michelle spent her early childhood on the Bee farm in Sabin, Wisconsin before moving to Richland Center in 1963 after Francis' M.S. diagnosis. She graduated from RCHS in 1972 and went on to WWTI in LaCrosse for her Dental Assistant certificate during which time she met the love of her life, Michael D. Goebel. She worked for a couple years as an assistant to Dr. Louie Williams, DDS in Richland Center before going to the UW-Richland campus to complete her Associate degree. After marrying Michael on June 21, 1975, she went on to complete the Dental Hygiene program at MATC.

Michelle and Michael lived in various towns across Wisconsin before resettling in Richland Center in 1980. Michelle's primary career as a dental hygienist spanned 38 years and multiple different doctors' offices, and she is fondly remembered by many patients. Michelle and Michael became loving parents to Amanda in 1982 and Zachary in 1985, but more than being just a mother, Michelle is known throughout the Richland and Viroqua communities through her many acts of service and love.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Richland Center, and while raising her two young children in the community, Michelle realized the need for an additional organized preschool program and worked tirelessly alongside her best friend Beverly Burns to develop a non-profit daycare and created Noah's Ark Preschool. While a member of the church, she was a director for the junior choir, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the senior choir, and involved with many Christmas pageants, programs and musical performances.

Michelle was involved in her community in so many different ways over the years it would be impossible to list them all. Some of the most memorable were her involvement with the Richland County Jaycees/Jaycettes and the Miss Richland County Pageant, coaching many young women to go on to the Miss Wisconsin Pageant. Her passion for the arts and especially the theater only grew over the years starting with performing in plays and musicals at the UW-Richland Campus and through Richland Center Community Players, then co-directing musicals at the RCHS with Pam Kintz, and eventually going on to solo direct multiple spring and fall plays at the high school. Michelle guided and advised many students she worked with over the years, many of whom came to think of her as a second mom.

After completing her dental career she found her third passion at the Lincoln school in the Richland School District as a paraprofessional working with preschool 4 and 5 year old children and more recently as a substitute teacher at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Forest School in the Lafarge School District where she had the joy of helping teach her 4 year old granddaughter.

Michelle is survived by her husband of 47+ years, Michael D. Goebel, her daughter Amanda and granddaughter Indi Marie of Viroqua, her son Zachary (Chelsey) of Hillsboro, OR, her brother David Bee of Richland Center, her brother Charles Robert (Sandy) Bee of Richland Center, her sister-in-law Christine Bee of Monona, IA, her sister Mary Jo Pitts of Eugene, OR, and her sister Maggie Burke of Tucson, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Helen Bee, her brother James (Judy) Bee, and her twin brother Michael Bee as well as many other aunts, uncles, cousins, family members and loved ones.

A Celebration of Michelle's Life will be held by the family on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Broadway St., Viroqua, WI. Friends may call at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 10 AM until the time of service at Noon. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the family for distribution to her most cherished community causes.

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Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1004 W. Broadway St.
Viroqua, WI

Celebration of Life

APR **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Kathy Lindemann lit a candle in memory of Michelle Marie Goebel*



Kathy Lindemann - September 03, 2023 at 08:30 PM

JF

“ *John & Audrey Huber Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Michelle Marie Goebel.*



John & Audrey Huber Family - April 27, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michelle Marie Goebel.*



April 25, 2023 at 03:18 PM

JG

“ My condolences to Michelle's family and friends. I am a friend and ex-coworker of Mike's and I remember meeting Michelle for the first or second time at a company affair. She got into telling me a rather lengthy story about her recent experience at an auto repair shop. And as she went on, it got funnier and funnier. I don't remember any of it, but It was quite hilarious. Michelle was a cool lady. I'll miss her.
Jim Geishirt

Jim Geishirt - April 24, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michelle Marie Goebel.



April 22, 2023 at 01:46 PM

RF

“ RC (EC) Friends purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Michelle Marie Goebel.



RC (EC) Friends - April 20, 2023 at 10:52 PM

CD

“ Dear Mike and Family,
Michelle will be missed by the many people whose lives she touched. Our lives were enriched by knowing her and the communities she resided in are better places because of Michelle.
Deepest sympathy,
Rona nd Cindy Gher-Deckert

Cindy Deckert - April 16, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michelle Marie Goebel.



April 12, 2023 at 11:22 AM

KA

“ Michelle was such a light in our community, giving of herself in countless ways. We are praying for her family. Praying that God's peace would comfort you in the days ahead and provide you with a lifetime of wonderful memories.

Kim and John Annear - April 10, 2023 at 08:24 AM

GP

“ Extending sympathy-- such a joyful person- always with a smile to share



ginger parkhurst - April 07, 2023 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers to Mike and family. So very sorry for your loss .

Marilyn Martin - April 06, 2023 at 08:42 PM

FS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family

Fritzi; Stan - April 06, 2023 at 04:58 PM

DB

“ Richland Center has lost a shining star. I will always remember Michelle's friendship with me, an underclassmen in high school and her cheery disposition. I cherish the memory of her visiting us girls and my mother, Shirley Curnow, after the death of my father. Mostly I will miss her Facebook posts of her growing family. It was 1 small way to stay in touch with my longterm friend.



Debbie Curnow Bowen - April 06, 2023 at 02:30 PM

RK

“ Our sincere condolences to the family.



Rod & Sherry Klingaman - April 06, 2023 at 10:57 AM

RD

“ Bill and I have fond memories of Michelle from the years we lived in Richland Center. She was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and her talent shown brightly with theatrical productions in the community. God Bless her Soul!

Ruby Davis - April 06, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ Her mom Helen will welcome her sweet baby girl into her arms again. Helen was one of my moms best friends! I got to know Michelle fairly well years ago, have lost track of her recently. She was a very loving, interesting young lady!! Will miss the times we did visit. My deepest sympathy to Michelle's family.

Sandy Welte - April 06, 2023 at 08:04 AM

PP

“ On behalf of the Richland Area Retired Educators' Association (RAREA) and our parent organization the Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association (WREA), our deepest sympathy to Michelle's family. Michelle was a recent (December 08, 2022) member of both organizations. Michelle's service to the Richland School District as teacher and drama director will long be remembered by all the lives she touched. “No one can really say goodbye to teachers; for they forever stay in little homes called... hearts of their students. Farewell.” - - Anonymous
Paul Murphey, RAREA President



Paul Murphey, RAREA President - April 06, 2023 at 04:36 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandra Hurst - April 05, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SH

Our dear cousin. Our hearts and prayers are with the family.

Sandra Hurst - April 05, 2023 at 08:29 PM

LW

“ *My sincere condolences to Michael and family.*

Linda Wilson - April 05, 2023 at 03:07 PM

SS

“ *It is impossible to say how much Michelle gave of herself to the community. She was a bright and loving light to everyone she came in contact with. My sincere condolences to her family for their tragic loss. Her good works will live long in the hearts of those who knew her.*

Shirley Steiner - April 05, 2023 at 02:57 PM

ME

“ I'm am so very sorry for the loss of Michelle. Sending you all love in this time of deep sadness and grief.



Megan - April 05, 2023 at 02:10 PM

LK

“ Michelle was a special person, beautiful inside and out. She shared her heart and talents in so many ways. She will be missed. My sympathy to her family and friends.

Linda Kleppe - April 05, 2023 at 11:41 AM

KT

So sorry to hear about Michelle. She was a very special person. She is now out of pain and In a much better place. Rest in peace Michelle.

Karen Tetzlaff - April 05, 2023 at 01:05 PM

MM

Mike, I am very sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.

Mike Miller - April 05, 2023 at 02:49 PM

JT

Mike Amanda,Zac John and I are so sorry for your loss. Michelle was a very special person. Always enjoyed having lunch with her at Papas Donuts. You are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏

Joyce Tennant - April 05, 2023 at 05:16 PM

DT

We were all better for having known Michelle. I'm sorry for your loss.

Dorothy Thompson - April 05, 2023 at 06:19 PM

JK

I met Michelle back in 1963 when she and her parents moved to West Third St. in RC. They lived next door to my grandmother. Michelle was in fourth grade and I was in third. We became fast friends and spent a lot of time together playing with the neighborhood kids where she organized a play in her yard for the kids and adults to enjoy. This may have been the beginning of her love of the theater! We spent a lot of time riding horses and playing in my dad's horse buggy on my farm while in junior high. She was always upbeat and positive. We will all miss her in so many ways. <3

Jane Kintz - April 05, 2023 at 08:01 PM

LG

So sorry for you loss Mike and family. We knew Michelle through our class reunions and mutual friends, sounds like she and Bev contributed much to the community. We wish you peace through this difficult time. Mike and Linda Gilman.

linda gilman - April 05, 2023 at 08:35 PM

JB

I remember Michelle as a member of St John's Lutheran. One year I asked her to join me as a character in different scenes for the community VBS. Each evening we enacted different scenes. I never remembered the lines exactly, as there were too many to learn in such a short period of time. We ad-libbed our way through the relationship of Mother of Jesus and her best friend, the town gossip. We had great fun. So many children thought we were the real people, and were touched by the stories we told about Jesus. (albiet made up as we went)

Maybe Jesus is telling her the real stories right now. Rest in peace friend.

Jacqueline Burnett - April 06, 2023 at 11:50 AM



Dear friends and family of Michelle, What a privilege to call her friend. Her light shines brightly even as we mourn her loss. Sincere heartfelt condolences. Que en paz descansas. May you rest in peace, dear Michelle. how we will miss you.

Ann Walker - April 06, 2023 at 01:21 PM

MG

Gary and I were so saddened by Michelle's passing. She was such an upbeat, loving and caring person! We felt very comfortable having Michelle as our dental hygienist during the many years that she worked at Dr. William's dental practice. We enjoyed watching the numerous plays that she was involved with in the Richland Center community! Our daughter Leah was a dance partner with Zach in Betty Hayes Dance. That was something that Michelle and I loved watching and reminiscing about over the years! We have gotten to be closer friends to Mike and Michelle over the last few years, as some of our close friends were also close friends with them. We were so happy that we had formed that connection. Gary and I were so happy that we share these memories and will truly miss Michelle! Gary and Mary Gutknecht

Mary L Gutknecht - April 28, 2023 at 09:31 PM