



Michelle Ann Thomas

December 25, 1966 - October 28, 2018

Michelle (Morse) Thomas, 51 of Bourbonnais, IL went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 28 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family and friends at the time of her passing.

She was born in Davenport, Iowa on Christmas Day of 1966. After graduating from Illinois State University, Michelle married her soulmate on September 14, 1991 after meeting in Door County, Wisconsin. She worked most recently as a student accounts coordinator for Olivet and a financial secretary for 18 years with the Chicago Central District Church of the Nazarene. Michelle's favorite job was being a mother to her two daughters and second mother to dozens of others. Her smile and helpful spirit was contagious to all who met her.

Surviving are her mother and father, Norma & Ivan TeBrake of Sun City, Arizona; husband, Brad and two daughters, Chaney (24) of Clearwater, FL and Cassie (22) of Bourbonnais. One brother, Matthew Morse of Winfield, IL and one sister and brother-in-law Julie and Phil Hoffman, of Aurora, IL. She loved her nieces Savannah, Halle, & Lily and nephew Parker beyond words. Also survived by many loving friends including Amy, Emilie, Becky, Kathy, Lesa, Heather, Linda, Jana, Sharon, Arlene, Jim, Janet, Sheryl, David, Denise, Sarah, Rich, Eric, Christina, Fredda, and Rob.

She was preceded in death by her father John Morse. Cremation rites have

been accorded by Jensen Funeral Home: www.jensenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Instead of services, a come-and-go or come-and-stay Celebration of Life party for Michelle will be held on Sunday, November 4 at Chalfant Hall on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL between 1 pm and 5 pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Chalfant Hall
1 University Ave
Bourbonnais, IL 60914-4027

Tribute Wall



“ *Michelle Ann Thomas*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Michelle and I dated for more than a year while we studied together at ISU. Although we drifted apart senior year and I never saw her again, I never forgot her infectious smile, playful and ever-present laugh, and genuine passion for living. We shared many wonderful times that I will never forget and I mourn her passing. My sincere condolences to her daughters and husband at this difficult time. -- Christopher Batio*

Christopher Batio - September 06, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Prof T, Cassie, and the entire family... I am so truly sorry for the loss of an amazing wife, mother, and friend to so many. I hope you feel the endless love of those around you and our Heavenly Father who is always by your side.*

Kaleb Miller

Kaleb Miller - November 06, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ *Brad, Chaney & Cassie, My Prayers and Thoughts Are With You!*
Cassie Smith

Cassie Smith - November 05, 2018 at 01:38 PM

ST

“ Dear Brad & Girls,

I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. I know your faith will comfort and guide you in the days ahead. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

With Love - Sydney Chaney Thomas

Sydney Chaney Thomas - November 05, 2018 at 09:07 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Michelle's death. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all, as I remember her, and your family fondly. With Love, Joanne Schnell*

Joanne E Schnell - November 03, 2018 at 12:02 PM

DS

“ *Michelle and Brad were such a blessing to us during a very difficult time in our lives. Our daughter was a a very bad car accident and was in the hospital for 3 weeks. Brad was Bethanie's professor and they both showed up to the hospital and Michelle insisted on doing our laundry. They also had us over for dinner so we could get away and have a home cooked meal. We were and are so grateful for them in our lives. Praying for your family Brad, know you are loved !!*

Deirdre Sills - November 03, 2018 at 11:14 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Michelle Ann Thomas*



Kathy Hamlin - November 02, 2018 at 10:01 AM

RS

“ *She has run the race, she has won the prize and now she wears the crown. A death of a spouse, a mother, one of your children, niece, or granddaughter are never easy. I remember my mother when my sister died at about the same age from cancer. I did not believe that it would happen until it was over. I remember watching my mother throughout the ordeal. So, all of you are in my prayers and I know that God is holding all of you tight. May God be with you "always".*

Rose Ellen Stelton

God daughter of Alvin Vogel

Cousin to all of the family.

Rose Ellen Stelton - November 01, 2018 at 11:17 PM

MV

“ *Brad, Chaney and Cassie, my thoughts and prayers have been with you and your wife/mother for all these months that you and she lived with the knowledge of what was going on in her body. I recall so many wonderful memories from the day we learned of her birth. I drove her grandmother and great grandmother to Davenport on the snowy day following her birth to see her and her mother in the hospital. Michelle was the first of the next generation in our family and what a gift she has been. After her father died we saw her and Julie and Matt often. I remember spending lots of time with all of them. There are so many stories to share, so many fun times. Michelle was always so thoughtful in coming with you to visit grandma and me. We will miss those visits but hope you will continue coming because you all are part of this family of loving aunts, uncles and cousins which continues to grow. You are family. . our family, and we love you. Mary Ann*

Mary Ann Vogel - October 31, 2018 at 10:05 PM

GB

“ I sure am gonna miss that smile. Ear-to-ear and a great laugh. Michelle, you brought so much joy everywhere you went. Give Marlin a big hug from all of us. We'll see you again someday.

Greg Bruner - October 31, 2018 at 05:55 PM

BE

“ I love you so much Michelle...I never would have thought this would be so hard...I'll always cherish our time together and laugh so hard because you never could decide on a nail color...Carrot Top was your favorite...you always had to text the girls and ask them their opinion...So many memories with you and way more uncontrollable laughs...My heart aches but I know I'll see you soon...love you always and forever

Becky - October 31, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ Great memories of Ladies Retreats, shopping trips and Maggianos. I NEVER heard Michelle talk negatively about her husband, children or friends. In one word- POSITIVE!

Jeanette Martinson

Jeanette Martinson - October 31, 2018 at 11:27 AM

EH

“ Michelle had the gift of joy, despite what her circumstances were. She was always fun to be with and made me feel special even though I know she had a myriad of friends. I treasure every day spent with her. Praying for all of you and your great loss.

Emilie Hinton - October 31, 2018 at 01:13 AM



Christina
Fischer

“ *Michelle was a dear friend that will be greatly missed. She was a person that you could always count on for great advice and just a bit of fun. ;) I cherish the time that I had working with her on CCD and will see her again in heaven. Cassie, & Chaney - know that you are loved. If you need a redhead hug, I am here as surrogate. Love to you all. <3*

Christina Fischer - October 30, 2018 at 06:57 PM

MC

Michelle was always so full of life and made everyone feel like they were special. She will be greatly missed. It is wonderful to know that she is in the arms of God and we will see her again one day.

Marcie Chambers - October 31, 2018 at 04:49 PM