



Jill M. Michels

March 15, 1973 - February 20, 2020

I loved my life. Unfortunately, due an aggressive and rare breast cancer it was ended much sooner than I ever thought. I was born March 15, 1973 and raised by my parents David and Janet Watson in Kettering, OH. Though I was raised in Kettering, the last 28 years Columbus, and 15 of those 28 years, Dublin, OH has been home. I was preceded in death by my brother, Kevin Watson. I'm survived by my parents, my wonderful husband Dave, our four amazing children Mackenzie, Megan, Mason and Maxwell, my brother Gary, sister-in-law Virginia, their children Kaci and Noah. I loved my work before I retired to stay home with my children. I was a surgical technician for 10 years then a registered nurse focused on orthopedics. The fact I could help make a profound difference in the quality of people's lives was why I did it. As a surgical nurse at Riverside Hospital, I met, then went to work for Dr. Joseph Mileti who was not only a great boss but also a friend who values family as much as I did. He also valued my work and our friendship, and I always appreciated his generosity and the flexibility he afforded to me to spend more time with my family. I think I may have lived the way that I did because, deep down, I felt that I was not going to be here as long as I hoped. I felt I had to do more in a shorter time. I think that's why I worked hard at everything. I loved doing things for people. I loved my family and my friends. I was no nonsense and fiercely loyal, but as those that knew me well could attest, I could certainly cut loose and have fun. I loved entertaining and being with people that I was close to. I took pride in doing things so those around me enjoyed themselves.

I loved being a mom and being a wife. I found true joy in being with my family and doing things with and for them. I wanted to sincerely thank Dave's partners at Leading EDJE. They were so supportive and understanding in his needs to spend so much time as my partner on this journey. I cannot summon the words to adequately thank all of our amazing friends, family, and Dublin community that supported my family and I on this often-difficult journey. I want to thank Dr Daniel Stover and his team at OSU's Stephanie Spielman center for the exceptional care and support they provided me as I battled this disease. Also, I'd like to thank the wonderful staff at the Ohio Health Kobacker House who cared for me on the final portion of my life's journey. Even though I may not be here, please think of me when you smell fresh cut grass, see perfectly manicured landscaping, a great charcuterie board, attend that well-coordinated and decorated event, or great Halloween gathering. In lieu of flowers, I ask that donations please be made to the Daniel Stover Fund for Triple Negative Breast Cancer Research. This research is dedicated to the rare cancer that so prematurely took me from this world. Donations can be made at www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagift site. Under the "Search" tab enter fund number: 316758, Select "Stover Lab Research Fund". Visitation will be held on Thursday, February, 27th, from 3-5pm and 6-8pm at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH, 43065. A Funeral service will be held on Friday February, 28th at 11:00am at St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church. Condolences to the family can be sent to www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
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Funeral Mass

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road
Dublin, OH 43017
<http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jill M. Michels*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 29, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *The Mitchells lit a candle in memory of Jill M. Michels*



The Mitchells - February 27, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 27, 2020 at 01:03 PM

GA

“ *Jill was the epitome of femininity, grace, style & class.
I will miss you sweet friend. Gayla*



Gayla - February 27, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 27, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 26, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 26, 2020 at 07:40 PM

MY

“ *Jill was so kind and so very helpful after my surgery - just a special sweet soul. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.*



Myrna Young - February 26, 2020 at 07:13 PM

BT

“ *Jill was a great college friend and neighbor, that always had a smile on her face. She was always willing to let us borrow the milk so we could make Mac and Cheese 🧀.*

Brett Tieben - February 26, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 26, 2020 at 06:07 PM

SB

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Jill's very untimely passing. Our daughter Carleigh played soccer with Megan and McKenzie and I always thought of Jill as such a nice person and Dave was a great coach for the girls. Those were fun days! I know nothing I say will take away your pain, but maybe it helps to know just how many people loved Jill and the positive impact she had on so many. God bless your family.*

Sharon, Ron and Carleigh Benson

Sharon Bibby-Benson - February 26, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 26, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *Our love and sympathy, Tim Concannon and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



Our love and sympathy, Tim Concannon and Family -

February 26, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 25, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ *Coaching Max's travel basketball team, I always blocked out the refs and crowd, but I could STILL hear Jill yelling the loudest for Max. She was so passionate and we were just blessed to get to know her. We have nothing but love and sympathy for Dave, Mackenzie, Meghan, Mason and Max. A beautiful mother to a beautiful family.*

Nate Filler - February 25, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 25, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *With love from Claire and Mara purchased the Yo ur Light Shines for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



With love from Claire and Mara - February 25, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *My sympathies to Dave., Mackenzie, Megan, Mason and Max. Jill was a sweet person inside and out. It was my privilege to watch her grow up and blossom into a special lady. You are all forever in my heart.*
Aunt Joy

Joy Pierce - February 25, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 25, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ *Leslie Loeffelholz lit a candle in memory of Jill M. Michels*



Leslie Loeffelholz - February 24, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ *Sweet Jill, I always enjoyed working with you in Dr Mileti's clinic. No matter how busy it was, you were always so calm and smiling! This is so unfair. You will be so missed. My condolences to her husband and children.*

Carolyn Miller - February 24, 2020 at 10:02 PM

Ann
Marie

“ Jill was a force. I always admired how put together, in charge and organized she was whenever I came to visit and help with the kids when they were first born. I haven't been as much a part of things in the past decade, but I appreciated the time we were able to spend together. I loved some of the trips we took for weddings, hanging out in Cleveland at a random hotel after Valerie moved up that way, weekend mornings helping to feed the triplets so Dave and CT could go play soccer, and later the birthday parties and social gatherings for friends and families. I remember laughing with Jill after she found out she was pregnant with Max and her being shocked and wondering how it happened. I remember telling her, "I know you are a nurse and should know these things, but I can tell you how you got pregnant if you need me to remind you..." I was only really a part of Jill's (and Dave's life) for almost 8 years, but I have nothing but great memories from that time. It meant the world to me that Jill has kept me as a FB friend and has let me still catch glimpses of how well the kids have grown and are on their way to becoming such fine young adults. Jill's legacy and spirit will continue to grow and thrive within her family, this I know. And her memory will continue within me as well for the wonderful friend, mother, sister, daughter, and wife that I know she is. So sorry I cannot be there to tell Jill's family in person. Unfortunately, I will be out of town and unable to attend the service in her memory.

Ann Marie - February 24, 2020 at 09:58 PM

GF

“ Grether Mallue Peterson Watson Weatherwax Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jill M. Michels.



Grether Mallue Peterson Watson Weatherwax Families -
February 24, 2020 at 09:40 PM

VJ

“ I will always remember her beautiful smile & how very kind she was to my family always willing to help us if we had a medical issue❤️

Vicki Jobe-Myers - February 24, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.



February 24, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JE

“ Jill was very extraordinary..I worked with her at O1 She was always kind and generous..she always had time for you. If you saw her out if work. She was so sweet and caring..made you feel important when you saw her The world has l ok st a loving soul. God has gained a beautiful angel Rest in peace Jill..God will be with your children and husband.

Jeanne - February 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Christy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Jill M. Michels



Christy Campbell - February 24, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 24, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 24, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Betsy Bachtel lit a candle in memory of Jill M. Michels*



Betsy Bachtel - February 24, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 24, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill M. Michels.*



February 24, 2020 at 06:52 PM