



Michelle Kristin Trace

December 17, 2018

Michelle Kristin Trace, nee Barr, of Fort Collins, Colorado, our beloved mother, daughter, sister and friend passed away peacefully at Pathways Hospice on Monday, Dec 17, 2018 at the age of 57. Michelle was born in 1961 in Wisconsin, the fourth of five children. She graduated from New Richmond High School in Wisconsin in 1979 and Winona State University in Minnesota in 1982. She lived in Nashville and Oklahoma City before moving to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1998. Although Michelle moved out of Wisconsin almost forty years ago, she remained an avid Packer and Badger fan. She supported her adopted team of the Broncos as well, as long as they weren't playing the Packers.

Michelle was a dedicated mother to her two children, Tanner and Cassidy, and was devoted to helping them become strong, independent adults. She had many friends from all over and loved to meet new people and hear their stories.

Michelle was an avid tennis player for many years. After the addition of a girl's tennis team at her high school was voted down by the school board, she visited every board member and convinced them to reconsider. Michelle was a charter member of the team. She continued to play tennis after high school and worked with the Fort Collins Tennis Association for many years, including serving on their board of directors. She organized and ran the Stop Hunger Championship Tournament for several years with the help of her friend David Hill. The tournaments raised over \$130,000 for the Larimer County Food Bank. She was also the northern Colorado volunteer for Rackets for All, which collects and distributes donated tennis rackets to underprivileged children.

Michelle worked at Sodexo for 22 years as a contracts manager. Previous to that, she worked at Sysco, Marriott Foods and Harry and David's.

Michelle leaves behind her loving children Tanner and Cassidy of Fort Collins, her father Stanley Barr of New Richmond, WI, her brothers Craig (Kathy) of Council Bluffs IA, Terry (Irina) of Flushing NY, Brian (Jill) of Madison WI and sister Kellie Nuber (Paul) of Fort Collins CO, nine nieces and nephews, six great-nephews and many special friends. She is preceded in death by her mother Donna Barr.

Please join us for a celebratory service at Timberline Church, 2908 S. Timberline Rd, Fort Collins on Friday, January 4 at 11:00 am. A light lunch will follow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Michelle's memory may be made to the Trace Family

Trust to help with her children's college expenses. Please send contributions to Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Ft Collins CO 80524.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus
2908 S Timberline Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

CT

“ *i miss you, and i love you* 🧡

Cassidy Trace - September 22, 2019 at 07:12 AM

CT

“ *Thinking of Michelle and Tanner and Cassidy today!!!
♡♡♡XOXOXO! !! Carolyn Trace.*



Carolyn Trace - January 04, 2019 at 02:29 AM

JB

“ *Tanner & Cassidy,
I've worked with you mom in our virtual online Sodexo
world for many years. She was a very fun and special lady
who loved you both a lot.
Wishing you both peace and courage and know that your
mom will always be with you in spirit.
Joanne
Oakland Maine*



Joanne Booth - January 03, 2019 at 03:36 PM

TQ

“ *My heart is broken...I am going to miss Michelle so much. Words cannot express
how much I have enjoyed working with her and how much I have appreciated all
that she has done for me. Michelle was always there for us and partnered with us
on solutions. I loved her humor, her honesty, her integrity and her dedication. We
miss her greatly at Sysco Intermountain and send wishes of peace and comfort.
Tricia Quintana*

Tricia Quintana - January 03, 2019 at 12:25 PM

AF

“ *Andy Friedmann lit a candle in memory of Michelle Kristin Trace*



Andy Friedmann - January 03, 2019 at 08:09 AM

LG

“ *I first met Michelle when she moved to Fort Collins. Since our first phone call, she and I became instant friends and business associates. Tanner and Cassidy, both Megan and I were deeply saddened to hear of her passing. She was a devoted Mom to both of you, and she was blessed to have both of you in her life. She touched so many lives during her time with us, and she always had a smile on her face and laughter in her heart. RIP my dear friend Michelle!*

Linda Guildner

Linda Guildner - January 02, 2019 at 03:36 PM

MB

“ *Maria Buzzell sent a virtual gift in memory of Michelle Kristin Trace*



Maria Buzzell - December 31, 2018 at 12:35 AM

MB

Michelle, Was and always be the best Mom ever, She truly loved Tanner and Cassidy. I will never forget our conversations about her kids, she has been so proud of the two of them. I can only wish that I had the opportunity to meet them. I know they can only be as beautiful as their Mom. Love always maria

Maria Buzzell - December 31, 2018 at 12:41 AM

JE

“ I am blessed to have known Michelle for over 20 years, we worked together for Marriott International in the mid 90's & became fast friends! She lived in Oklahoma at that time & just had baby Tanner, who was our Lexi's age. I quickly saw Michelle's character, she was always kind & giving of herself, to everyone - co workers, her customers, everyone had value & felt valued by Michelle. When she told me the exciting news that she was pregnant with a baby girl I was so excited, as we already had one!! I remember when she asked me for a suggestion for a girl's name to consider ~ it's funny because it was the mid-90's & I really liked that weekly show with Don Johnson & his lovely daughter Cassidy, mainly because I enjoyed seeing how our daughter would grow up to be one day, so without hesitation, I told Michelle that I love the name Cassidy. Not too long after, Marriott desolved our division, Michelle moved to Colorado with Sodexho & I went on with Marriott International hotels ~ I only saw Michelle, Tanner & Cassidy about once a year, when I could get out to CO for business trips. I am so grateful to have know such a beautiful soul & hope to see her again one day!

Jennifer & Family Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

Jennifer - December 30, 2018 at 08:50 PM

MJ

“ I am very lucky to have shared two loves with Michelle, our children and tennis! She and I played on the same tennis team for several years. I enjoyed her competitiveness and sense of humor on and off the court! Our sons, Tanner and Grant, became friends in their early years of elementary school and grew closer in high school. They shared their graduation party together along with their other friends and Michelle proved to be the leader of the moms! We appreciated her management skills! She raised a talented son who shares her sense of humor and love of tennis, and an amazing independent daughter with a huge heart! Michelle will be missed but never forgotten!



Mitzi Johnson
Fort Collins, CO

Mitzi Johnson - December 29, 2018 at 02:17 PM

LS

“ I spent many of my teenage and college years with Michelle and the kids. They were apart of my family and she will be greatly missed. I love you guys.

laura stinnett - December 28, 2018 at 02:36 PM

KD

“ I have only had the opportunity to know Michelle for the past year and didn't get to meet her in person until this fall. It didn't take long to see she was dedicated to her job and her family and friends. I'm from Wisconsin so I agree with her love for all things Wisconsin - including the Badgers! She will be missed!

Kathy Donlin - December 27, 2018 at 02:33 PM

KK

“ Michelle leaves a big whole in my heart - not only was she a good friend, she was a great business associate to work with- always helpful and attentive. Always concerned about as others as her lifetime work suggests she was always thankful for what she had. She was an awesome Mom to Tanner and Cassidy and she was so proud of them and their accomplishments. I would have loved to have met Tanner when he was in Wisconsin in October. I missed seeing the rest of the family as well -so warm and welcoming. So many times I have been tempted to email her forgetting she is not there to answer. We often talked about the Badgers, Packers and Brewers and she knew her sports well.
Rest in peace Michelle. I will miss you and your quick laugh and witty words. My deepest condolences to the entire family.



Karen Kearns-Owen - December 27, 2018 at 02:32 PM

SH

“ While i never got to meet Michelle in person, we sure had fun over email! (sodexo) I'm saddened to hear of her passing.

Sheri Gornitz

Sheri - December 27, 2018 at 02:03 PM

LL

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. It was a honor to have known her such a warm and caring person. Take good care, Lisa



Lisa Leahy - December 27, 2018 at 01:40 PM

SH

“ I did not know Michelle but I knew her father Mr. Stanley Barr of New Richmond, WI. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Barr (Michelle's father) was my teacher in Monroe, WI and he was also a great friend to my father, Mr. Fred Simpson. Both were track coaches. Michelle must have been just like her father: so respected, so well liked, and having a wonderful warm personality. Sally Simpson Hain, Loveland, CO



Sally Hain - December 27, 2018 at 11:48 AM

MR

“ Michelle and I work together many years ago when we were young at the veterinarian clinic in New Richmond Wisconsin, we got along so well together that I had never forgot that memory of her. It sounds like she had a wonderful life she will be very missed. Mike Rutledge

Mike Rutledge - December 27, 2018 at 03:12 AM

FH

“ I've only known Michelle for 5 years (Sodexo) as one of her co-workers. Never met in person just over the phone but as the saying goes with first impressions I could tell from those phone conversations that Michelle was a beautiful spirit. Always willing to go overboard with helping me, always having more knowledge than I could ever imagine and making my life a lot easier in the process. We did not always discuss work, sometimes it was a "Hi", "How are you" and she was beyond friendly and down to Earth. I was really looking forward to meeting her in person at some future job event just to say "Hello". It's not surprising that I've read how much she was involved with causes and life in general, she always gave me that "first impression ..." She will be missed, my thoughts and prayers go out to all her family and friends ...

Floyd Hall - December 26, 2018 at 09:26 AM

CT

“ Michelle was my sister in law, even thou we were miles apart, we would always talk on the phone catching up on each others life and always letting me know how Tanner and Cassidy was doing in school and their activities. Michelle was a good and kind person. Witty and always so very funny. She could lift my spirits. And she was the best mom to Tanner and Cassidy, Tanner and Cassidy would not be who they are without Michelle. I going to miss Michelle. Love to the whole family!!! Carolyn Trace.

Carolyn Trace - December 24, 2018 at 04:40 PM

GW

“ A friend for over 18 years. Michelle was a kind and generous person. She saw the best in everyone. She was a force for good. She is greatly loved and will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to Tanner, Cassidy and the Family she left behind.

Gina Walker - December 24, 2018 at 01:31 PM

PH

“ Michelle was one of the best business partners to work with. She was always so supportive and had a gift of coming up with solutions that worked for everyone. And without a doubt one of the funniest people I've ever met. Her quick wit, comedic timing, and amazing story telling ability kept me in stitches at all times. (I always told her she should have been a stand up comic).

She will be missed so much by me and our whole Sysco Portland team.

Pat Hogan- Sysco Portland.

Pat Hogan - December 24, 2018 at 12:48 PM

MP

Michelle added spirit and energy to this world. Love-love is the starting score in tennis, appropriate to the way Michelle cared for her son and daughter as well as supported the community children. Her parents had a service mentality and sport passion that Michelle embraced.

Marilyn Peplau - December 27, 2018 at 03:47 PM

MG

Michelle was my hero. She was always so positive and full of energy and fun. We played Ping Pong at LSI, we went to WiNG meetings together in Denver. Cassidy came with us to make sandwiches with us for the Stop Hunger program. Michelle was such a hard worker. It was such an honor to know her and hear her tell us about Cassidy and Tanner and how proud she was of them. She was a dear friend and I feel so graced to have known her. My prayers go out to the entire family. She made such a positive impact on people. Hold all of your warm fuzzy memories of Michelle so that they can replace the sadness you are feeling now. She is still my hero!

Mary Guetzkow

Mary Guetzkow - January 01, 2019 at 09:50 PM

JJ

“ I always found pleasure in working with Michelle and am already missing her. Michelle was a wonderful person who was always there for you. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Jim Jensen - December 24, 2018 at 11:32 AM

MC

“ Stan, I'm so sorry about Michelle passing so soon. In school she was happy, funny, and etc. she'll be missed by her friends, coworkers, and classmates. God bless you and the rest of the family. Have blessed holidays and new year. Mark Colbeth

mark colbeth - December 24, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ Colleen Fischnaller lit a candle in memory of Michelle Kristin Trace



Colleen Fischnaller - December 23, 2018 at 08:34 PM

MA

“ Michelle, Was a very devoted colleague, mother and friend. She was such a caring person always there to lend a helping hand. You my friend will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Maria Buzzell~Spokane WA

Maria - December 23, 2018 at 11:03 AM