



Michele Marie Keys

October 31, 1962 - January 20, 2024

Michele Marie Keys, aged 61, of Rensselaer, passed away on January 20, 2024, at her residence. Michele was born on October 31, 1962, in Rensselaer to Iris (Stath) and Michael Gull. She was second youngest of seven children. She leaves behind her pride and joy, daughter, Shelby Evelyn Keys. Also survived by siblings Deanna (Stan) Fidrych, Barbara (Mark) Mincer, Alan (Fran) Gull, Rebecca (Dirk) Wiener, and Charles “Chip” (Anne) Gull. She leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, all of whom held a special place in her heart. Michele's passing was preceded by her parents, her brother Michael Gull, and Shelby's father, Jim Keys.

Known for being unapologetically herself, Michele brought joy and many smiles to those around her. She graduated from Rensselaer Central High School, Class of 1981. Her career path led her to excel as a dedicated dispatcher at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and Rensselaer Police Department, where she served the community for over two decades.

Michele was renowned for her extensive knowledge and was particularly great at Jeopardy and trivia. Her passion for music was evident, and she especially liked listening to The Rolling Stones. Her love for socializing, concerts, travel, and spending quality time with friends enriched her life. She enjoyed being a member of both the VFW Post #1279 and American Legion Post #29.

A celebration of Michele's life will take place on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer, with visitation hours from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT. The funeral service, officiated by Reverend Marcia Smith-Wood, will immediately follow at 12:00 PM CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to VFW Post #1279 or the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in honor of Michele's generous spirit and community involvement.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 24, 2024 at 03:06 PM

BW

“ Shellie I remember when you were the secretary at Sosebe's in the late '80's and when you left there to become a dispatcher. I've had a police scanner for many years and used to listen to you dispatch many times and I knew your voice.

Brad Wicks - January 25, 2024 at 11:32 PM

EB

“ So sorry to hear of Shellie's passing, another good cousin gone.
Eunice

Eunice Booker - January 25, 2024 at 09:47 PM

EK

“ Ellen K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Marie Keys.

Ellen K. - January 25, 2024 at 05:04 PM

CG

“ Carolyn G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Marie Keys.

Carolyn G. - January 25, 2024 at 11:45 AM

PF

“ Pochon Family lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Pochon Family - January 24, 2024 at 11:50 PM

BD

“ Becky Ulm Walter And Dave lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Becky Ulm Walter and Dave - January 24, 2024 at 11:47 PM

JS

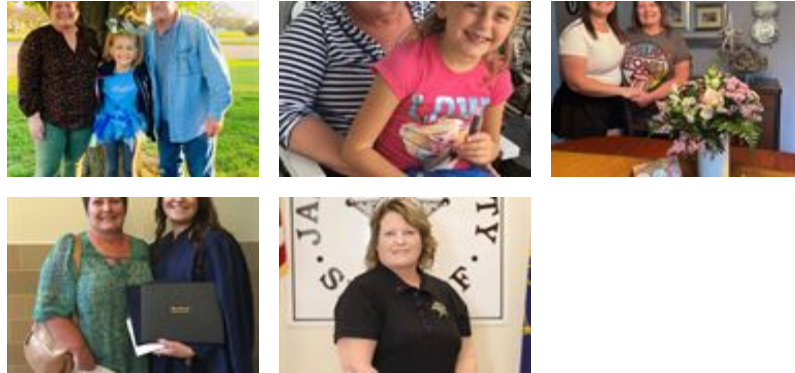
“ James Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michele Marie Keys.



James Smith - January 24, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 24, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Tammy McEwan lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys*



Tammy McEwan - January 24, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Michelle's passing. Prayers and love to the family.*



Gayla Warran - January 24, 2024 at 09:42 AM

AS

“ I have such fond childhood memories with Michele and Abby at Grandma Stath's summer sleepover and picnics. Sending light and love to the family.

Annette Selinger

Annette Selinger - January 24, 2024 at 08:45 AM

KW

“ Such sad news and prayers for peace and strength for her family.

Kim White - January 23, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michele Marie Keys.



January 23, 2024 at 08:12 PM

KL

“ I love you thank you for all of the memories. From,
Your girl kynadie.



Kynadie Leanne - January 23, 2024 at 07:55 PM

TR

“ *Tailyr Reed lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys*



Tailyr Reed - January 23, 2024 at 07:52 PM

TS

“ *Always like Michele, she was a very unique character! First met her with her husband Jimmy Keys with my husband Alan Strong at a annual party for Hamstra Builder's employees. She will be missed by many. Best wishes for Shelby!*

Trudy Strong - January 23, 2024 at 07:23 PM

LO

“ *Michelle was soo fun to be around! I will miss seeing her online & in town! Rest easy friend!*



Lori - January 23, 2024 at 07:03 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys*



Judy Burvan - January 23, 2024 at 06:09 PM

AM

“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Amy - January 23, 2024 at 05:19 PM

DB

“ Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Deric and Mindy Beier - January 23, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Never a dull moment, I will miss you so much my Aunt Shelly ❤️ love you forever



Nataliee Murphy - January 23, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Marie Keys.



January 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM

LR

“Michelle was always a cheer to be around. Shelby we will be praying for comfort she will be missed. Loretta reecer

loretta reecer - January 23, 2024 at 03:13 PM

MA

“Never at a loss for words...you will be missed by many including me! Rest in peace 🕊️



Mary Hesson Alberts - January 23, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michele Marie Keys.



January 23, 2024 at 02:37 PM

D(

“Deb (Rose)Ellis lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Deb (Rose)Ellis - January 23, 2024 at 02:31 PM

TB

“ I'll miss you Michele....fly high until we meet again....much love ☐



Tammy Bottoms - January 23, 2024 at 02:29 PM

LM

“ Lori Mattos lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Lori Mattos - January 23, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michele Marie Keys.



January 23, 2024 at 02:01 PM

TW

“ Tina Wenrick lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Tina Wenrick - January 23, 2024 at 01:52 PM

TW

“ *Tom & Tina Wenrick lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys*



Tom & Tina Wenrick - January 23, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michele Marie Keys.*



January 23, 2024 at 01:44 PM

NW

“ *Noelle & Phil Weishaar lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys*



Noelle & Phil Weishaar - January 23, 2024 at 01:39 PM

NO

Our thoughts and prayers are with Shelby. During this difficult time and in the days ahead.

Noelle - January 23, 2024 at 01:40 PM

LS

Thoughts and prayers are with Shelby. There are no words to convey how sad we feel. Sending hugs from afar.

Linda saltwell - January 23, 2024 at 02:18 PM

JH

“ *Janelle Harper lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys*



Janelle Harper - January 23, 2024 at 01:09 PM

KG

“ *Kenton Gray lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys*



Kenton Gray - January 23, 2024 at 12:51 PM

DG

“ *Shelby, we are so very sorry to hear about your mom. You are in our hearts and prayers. Sending love* ❤️



Darla Gordon - January 23, 2024 at 12:08 PM

CS

“ Aunt June Stath lost contact with a relative. Her last known address was in Michigan, unable to remember city. I wasn't able to locate her either using the information Mom provided me. We went to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and Mom spoke with Shelly. I think it was same day that we got a call from Michele with telephone number to contact the relative. Thank you so much for going above and beyond in making my parents Charles and June Stath happy that day.

C Jane Stath - January 23, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Marie Keys.



January 23, 2024 at 12:05 PM

LR

“ L Roberts lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



L Roberts - January 23, 2024 at 12:02 PM

KK

“ I have great memories of Michele. When working on the E911 System at the jail, Michele would without hesitation, help me with testing the calls as we made repairs. She was such a viable part of JCSD. I loved all the dispatchers at JC, but was made to feel right at home when Michelle was at her console.....Rest In Peace Sweetheart! You've run the race and finished in 1st place with your Savior. Kurt Keller BST III CenturyLink Monticello District (Retired).

Kurt Keller - January 23, 2024 at 11:49 AM

DW

“ Donna Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Donna wright - January 23, 2024 at 11:49 AM

DW

Love you michele may you rest in peace till we meet again ❤️ my deepest sympathy to your family and your pride and joy Shelby im so sorry for your loss prayers for you all and I pray for comfort 🙏❤️

Donna wright - January 23, 2024 at 11:57 AM

CG

“ Cathy Goin lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Cathy Goin - January 23, 2024 at 11:48 AM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Greg Kaufman - January 23, 2024 at 11:44 AM

GN

“ Glenda Nagel lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Glenda Nagel - January 23, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CS

“ Cindy Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Michele Marie Keys



Cindy Sheffer - January 23, 2024 at 11:30 AM