



Michelle Crowder Vest

August 11, 1968 - July 2, 2018

Michelle Crowder Vest passed away on Monday, July 2nd following a long and courageous battle with cancer. She left this world to join those that she missed so much. Waiting for her arrival was her father, Butch Crowder and her in-laws Roland and Dorothy Vest.

Treasuring her memory are her husband, Mike Vest; her sons, Michael Lee and Mason; mother, Donna Martin Crowder; sister, Christi Barbour (Ricky) and niece, Allison.

Michelle was born and raised in small town Mechanicsville (before it became "The Ville") where she graduated from Lee-Davis, class of '86. After receiving her teaching degree in 1990 from VCU, she began her career in King William County Public Schools. She continued her education receiving her Master's Degree in Literacy, Language and Culture from Longwood University in 2013. Utilizing her newfound expertise, she filled the position of Reading Specialist until her career was cut short. After 28 years of teaching at KWCPs, she reluctantly retired to focus on her health and her family.

Michelle loved living life to its fullest; though not necessarily on everyone's time schedule. She loved her boys. She enjoyed reading, trips to the beach, kicking back watching a movie and family game night. She was never afraid to take a new route or an impromptu trip. Sarcasm, laughter and dance parties were a must in her company (no matter where you were).

Rest assured that Michelle and her father are together again, pickin' crabs, eating Hanover tomatoes and sitting by the river, playing a friendly game of

poker with her In-Laws. They are all together, keeping a watchful eye as her boys continue through life.

It was very important to Michelle that we put the “fun” in FUNeral. With this in mind, we ask that you celebrate her rather than mourn her. Think bright colors, fun stories, cold drinks and your best pair of dancing shoes.

If there were a title for most determined and tenacious cancer patient, we have no doubt she would be the title holder in both the U.S. and Mexico. Make no mistake - she did it her way.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 11th at Old Town Farm, 370 Pocahontas Trail, King William, VA 23086. A memorial service will be held at Sharon Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 12th with a reception following at Old Town Farm.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Rd, King William, VA 23086. If you'd like to help pass along Michelle's passion of children's literacy, please bring new children's books to the visitation and/or service or simply read to a child.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Michelle Crowder Vest*



Brenda Lee - July 16, 2018 at 07:52 PM

BJ

“ *Recall fondly her warm smile and genuine love of her students and all those who supported them. She went above and beyond and her passion for life was an inspiration and blessing to those privileged to know her. Serving with her on an advisory committee and having her teach our children taught me how exceptional and loving a teacher can be. Our heartfelt prayers of comfort to sustain and strengthen those in her circle of life.*

bruce johnson - July 11, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *I'm a school bus driver for Cool Spring Primary where she worked. Mrs Vest was a very sweet person. She always had a smile on her face. During afternoon bus duty she would always wave or come over to the bus to speak, with that infectious smile on her face. That's what I'll remember about her. My prayers of comfort go out to her family.*



Juanita Johnson - July 09, 2018 at 10:10 PM

BC

“ Going to Cherry Grove, sC with Mike, michelle, Mike's and Michelle's parents, myself and my 2 children and Christie Crowder, teaching line dances on the deck of the beCh house, going to Fat Harold's, THE Shag club in Myrtle Beach, tsking over the dNce floor and teaching the Shaggers how to do Country line dancing, all of is on the floor taking over! So mich fun!!!

beth covington - July 07, 2018 at 09:00 PM

RG

“ We are thinking of all of you and sending all of our love in this time of grief. I know Michelle's spirit walks side by side with all of those she loves. She has earned her wings and will use them to protect her loved ones. We love you.

Rebecca Gardner - July 07, 2018 at 06:34 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Loves Me
I Am Special To God



Thomas Widgeon - July 07, 2018 at 04:43 PM

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Thomas Widgeon - July 07, 2018 at 04:19 PM

RS

“ *Sending lots of love and thinking of all of you*

Ronilee Small - July 07, 2018 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for you loss. Mason I only met your mother a few times but liked her at once. Know that I will be praying for you and your family. Chloe's Grandmother Judith Sutterfield.*

Judith Sutterfield - July 07, 2018 at 09:51 AM

TI

“ *I remember she would make field trips really fun for the children
She was one of the best teachers King William ever had.*



Tammy Ingram - July 07, 2018 at 07:15 AM



“ *What a beautiful description of who Michelle is. She will be missed so much! We love you all.*

-Jennifer Sevon

James Jennifer - July 07, 2018 at 06:00 AM

PN

Sending prayers to the family.

patricia norman - July 07, 2018 at 09:39 AM

TW

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Thomas Widgeon - July 06, 2018 at 03:03 PM

VM

After meeting Michelle 25 years ago at Acquinton Elementary I knew I had a friend for life. Her love for her students was genuine. She is one of my favorite ladies and she always told me I was one of hers. My heart goes out to her family. Vicky Moren

Vicky Moren - July 07, 2018 at 07:55 AM

MB

Sorry for your loss

marguerite bartol - July 07, 2018 at 08:58 AM



I was deeply saddened to hear about Michelle. My thoughts and prayers have been and still are with you all. She loved her family and friends. And she had a passion for Literacy for all children. Her laughter and her beautiful smile will always be missed. God knows your every hurt and pain. He catches every tear in a bottle. May you feel His Love and His Peace. Marva Burrell

Marva Burrell - July 11, 2018 at 03:46 PM