



Michelle "Michi" Zambrano

November 26, 1983 - April 10, 2024

On April 10, 2024 in New York, NY at NYU Langone Hospital, Michelle "Michi" Zambrano went to be with our creator. Our warrior lost her battle to cancer. She fought for those she loved. She was always the smallest and yet somehow the strongest. She fought bravely without any complaints in true Michelle fashion. She complimented others and was a joy to be around. She won over people, all the nurses, doctors, patient care technicians, nurse practitioners, as she always does. She would say, "I have to flirt, it's boring in here." Staff would come in just to visit with her. She was nothing but love.

Our little love was born in Del Rio, Texas and very proud of the community she came from. Michelle was a writer, most recently a blogger and contributor valued for her Latina viewpoint. She also worked with her father in the family business. To know Michelle was to be loved and if you knew her, God shined down on you. Michelle was light, life, love, joy, God-fearing, all about sisterhood and family. She was a collector of sentiments. Every card, every child's drawing and picture, she kept as if they were a priceless piece of art. Her home is like a museum full of people's mementos. All were her treasures. As many times as she was complimented, she would never just say thank you. Somehow, she found a way to always give that compliment back to the one that gave it to her. She was selfless, the best listener, non-judgmental and welcoming. She had a way of making everyone feel not only comfortable but special. She was everyone's favorite and never knew it.

Similar to her favorite authors she felt like an outsider. Her favorite authors were Henry David Thoreau (whom Henry her pug is named after), Emily Dickenson and Emerson. She had something in common with them, she was brilliant, an independent thinker and did not conform to societal norms. To quote Thoreau, "it's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see." "Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth." "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer."

Here's to Michelle, to what she saw, to the different drummer she heard, and to her truth.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents: Jose Maria and Candida Zambrano, and Wenceslao and Aurora Rodriguez; and uncles: David DeLeon, Roy Gonzales, and Mauricio Garza.

Michelle is survived by her parents, Ruben and Socorro Zambrano; sister, Maritza Zambrano and husband Jeremy Spector; her beloved dog, Henry. Also surviving her are her aunts and uncles: Filemon and Mariaelena Ortiz, Antonio and Oralía Partida, Jose and Velma Zambrano, Olga Gonzales, Lydia Esparza, Rudy and Dora Padilla, Rosa DeLeon, Raymundo and Debbie Rodriguez, Luis and Ana Martinez, and John and Mandy Rodriguez; Michelle is also survived by her numerous cousins, other relatives and friends.

The wake will be held Friday, April 19, 2024 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Faith. A Holy Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday the 20th of April at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 1pm with internment to follow at Sunset Memorial Oaks Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Paul Rodriguez, Jeremy Spector, Chris

De Leon, David De Leon, Tyler Rodriguez, Corey Rodriguez, David Ortiz,
Louis Martinez, and Selwyn Fredrick.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

5144 E. Hwy 90
Del Rio, TX 78840

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary
206 Kings Way
Del Rio, TX 78840
(830) 775-2230
info@trinitymortuary.com
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

Holy Rosary

APR 19. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

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(830) 775-2230
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<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

Catholic Mass

APR **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
510 Wernett St.
Del Rio, TX 78840

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Zambrano family. May you cherish every precious moment and gift she gave you all. Our prayers are with you. 🙏🙏🙏
Rudy & Bea Robles



Rudy & Bea Robles - April 20, 2024 at 12:31 AM

VF

“ Our Condolence 🙏! May she rest in peace. Ruben, Soccoro and Marissa. My heart ❤️ hurts for you. I remember Michelle since she was little. Beautiful daughter! May your hearts heal in time.

Velma & Mario Martínez and family - April 19, 2024 at 10:30 PM

EP

“ Sorry for your loss Praying for you and your family. RIP in the Arms of Our Heavenly Father.



Elizabeth Partida - April 19, 2024 at 06:54 PM

YF

“ Your OSC Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



Your OSC Family - April 19, 2024 at 01:00 PM

BS

“ Words elude me. My most heartfelt condolences on the loss of Michelle. Wishing you the knowledge that she is resting in the arms of our God and the knowledge that He will carry you through this most difficult time in yours. My love to each of you. 💜💜

Barbara and Fred Sumpter - April 19, 2024 at 11:58 AM

PS

“ Polly/Jackie Stokes lit a candle in memory of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano



Polly/Jackie Stokes - April 19, 2024 at 11:53 AM

LA

“ Our deepest and most sincere condolences. May she rest in peace. Leticia and Eduardo Amezcua

Leticia & Eduardo Amezcua - April 18, 2024 at 10:09 PM

MP

“ Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Partida purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Partida - April 18, 2024 at 08:12 PM

MR

“ Maribel & Robert Reyes purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



Maribel & Robert Reyes - April 18, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MR

“ Maribel & Robert Reyes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.

Maribel & Robert Reyes - April 18, 2024 at 05:02 PM

DF

“ DiJulio family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



DiJulio family - April 18, 2024 at 12:58 PM

AA

“ My sincere condolences and prayers the Zambrano and Rodriguez families ❤️✝️

Amanda Aguirre - April 18, 2024 at 08:40 AM

CT

“ Carina, Trent and Tucker purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



Carina, Trent and Tucker - April 17, 2024 at 05:51 PM

VG

“ Velma Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano



Velma Gutierrez - April 17, 2024 at 02:41 PM

EG

Our Most Sincere Condolences 🌸 So Sorry for Your Loss , Prayers for God peace and comfort ; May She Rest in Peace 🌹

Elva Guevara - April 18, 2024 at 04:21 PM

JE

“ My deepest most sincere condolences 🌸 to her family and us her friends may God give us all strength to bypass this time of grief fly high beautiful see you on the other side with all the other classmates that left us too early we will always love and remember you forever

jewles - April 17, 2024 at 01:57 PM

LS

“ *Lady Senior Sisters purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.*



Lady Senior Sisters - April 17, 2024 at 01:31 PM

MS

“ *My deepest Condolences to the Zambrano Family on the loss of your beautiful daughter, sister, niece, and friend. May our God almighty give you all Peace, Comfort, and Strength at this heartfelt loss. God Bless you all.*



Mario Saucedo - April 17, 2024 at 10:20 AM

“ I lost a cousin last week to cancer. Now, before anyone says the cliché "sorry for your loss" please hear me out. Yes, it's sad that as a family we will never get to see her again and I will grieve her loss, but I'm not sorry that I got to experience a warm embrace from her. What a blessing to receive her smile, which left an imprint on everyone she knew. What an honor it was to feel her deep love she had for me and my family. I remember during the holidays she'd say, "Primo, your family is beautiful". And you felt how sincere she was when she spoke.

I have vivid memories of spending time at Guelita's(Grandmother) house during Christmas. Our grandmother would sit at the end of the table, on her chair to observe all of the family together. It was probably her favorite thing to do, was just sit there and stare at all of us with love. You could see how content she was and giving thanks to God for the blessings in her life, which were all the grandchildren. She wouldn't say a word, she didn't have to because you could feel it. Michelle was a lot like that too. She LOVED all her cousins, aunts, and uncles. She was always there, excited to see us and give us a warm embrace and smile, just like our grandmother did.

I was reading Philippians chapter 4:12-13 the morning I got the text she had passed. In Paul's letter, he wrote while in prison he says these things, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength". So, in the presence of Michelle, it was easy to be content, and in her loss, I will find content because of the imprint she left on my heart. I don't have to worry about how I'm going to live my life without her, but what I'm going to do because of her. What she gave to this world outweighed my loss.

Don't get me wrong, I am sad. But sorry I am not. I continue to pray for my Aunt, Uncle, and cousin who lost a bright light in their life. My love for my little cousin Michelle will always be there.

A Ortiz - April 17, 2024 at 09:22 AM

NV

My deepest condolences to the Zambrano family for the loss of your sweet daughter Michelle, may God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace & strength. Warmly, Norma Villarreal

Norma Villarreal - April 19, 2024 at 11:25 PM

LT

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Zambrano and Maritza, we were devastated to hear of Michelle’s passing. Please accept our deepest condolences and we wish you strength during this time. Our hearts are with you all. - The Tuten Family*

Laura Tuten - April 16, 2024 at 08:21 PM

GO

“ *Michelle was one of my students and a friend of my daughter Sarah. She definitely was a brilliant and delightful young woman. Sarah and I had a conversation of the time I took both of them to Austin to participate in a webcast to represent DRHS for a water study on the Rio Grande. It was a wonderful experience for all three of us. The Overfelt family offers our deepest condolences to Michelle's family and friends.*



Glenda Overfelt - April 16, 2024 at 07:30 PM

FM

“ *To the family: Please accept our most heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Michelle. Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord. May the Perpetual Light shine brightly for her. 🙏*

Fernando Maldonado - April 16, 2024 at 03:08 PM

RC

“ My sincerest and deepest condolences for the loss of your precious daughter, Michelle.

Ricky Contreras - April 16, 2024 at 02:12 PM

GO

“ Glenda O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.

Glenda O. - April 16, 2024 at 02:08 PM

LM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. We cannot begin to imagine your pain. May God keep you strong and hold your special memories with peace. May Michi rest in eternal peace.



Lou Edna and Robert Musquiz - April 16, 2024 at 01:37 PM

LT

“ My deepest condolences to Michelle's family on your heartbreaking loss. May she rest in peace and provide comfort to those who mourn her passing.

Lilly T. - April 16, 2024 at 07:16 AM

LP

“ Our Dearest Zambrano Family, We are heartbroken for your precious loss of our beautiful Michelle. She was a beautiful soul and wonderful young lady that spread her genuine joy and love to all ever since she was a tiny little girl. May she rest in Heavenly Peace with Jesus Christ Our Savior. No words to express the pain we feel for you! We pray for your strength, peace and comfort from our hearts.

Much love to you always.

Sincerely,

Richard Hodges, Lety Paniagua-Hodges and Jackie Hodges

Leticia Paniagua-Hodges - April 16, 2024 at 02:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



April 15, 2024 at 11:18 PM

MS

“ Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Guzman Sr. purchased the Stars in the Sky - Elements Angel for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Guzman Sr. - April 15, 2024 at 08:34 PM

MB

“ I am heartbroken to hear about the loss of Michelle. I am praying for you, Socorro and Ruben; I cannot imagine the pain that you are suffering, but I know that the faith and love of Jesus that you have will carry you through this most difficult time in your life. I send you my love. Please let me know if there's anything I can do for you.

Mary Ball - April 15, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



April 15, 2024 at 07:26 PM

EH

“ Emily Hilton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.

Emily Hilton - April 15, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



April 15, 2024 at 04:27 PM

FF

“ From Jose & Velma Zambrano & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.



From Jose & Velma Zambrano & family - April 15, 2024 at 04:25 PM

FF

“ From Jose & Velma Zambrano & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle "Michi" Zambrano.

From Jose & Velma Zambrano & family - April 15, 2024 at 04:25 PM