



Michelle Leilani Landers

July 2, 1952 - January 30, 2026

Michelle Leilani Landers was born on July 2, 1952, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Euclid William Valentine and Deloris Marie (Michaeli) Valentine.

Although Michelle spent her childhood in several places, she and her family eventually settled in Illinois. She graduated from Belleville East High School with the Class of 1971.

Upon finishing high school, Michelle pursued cosmetology, where she earned both her license and instructor credentials. She worked in salons before marrying Michael Patrick Landers on September 8, 1975, in Litchfield, Illinois.

With Michael serving in the military, Michelle embraced the role of a military spouse. They were stationed in Germany and other locations. When Michael retired, they settled near Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

After relocating to Fort Leonard Wood, Michelle became an Admissions Specialist for Central Texas College on the military base, dedicating ten years to supporting soldiers and other students with enrollments before becoming medically retired.

Michelle enjoyed crafts such as diamond dots, crocheting, and quilting. She was also a talented cook, delighting in preparing meals for her family and

friends.

Michelle was baptized as a young girl at the Christian Church in Auburn, Illinois. She passed away on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the age of 73, surrounded by loved ones. Michelle will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

She is survived by her three sons, Donald Landers of Las Vegas, Nevada, Michael Landers (Cherie) of Seymour, Missouri, and Matthew Landers (Lori) of Roby, Missouri; four grandchildren: Damion, Gabriel, Michelle, and Margo; her brother, William Valentine (Jo) of Savannah, Georgia; two sisters, Yvette Summers (David) of New Braunfels, Texas, and Yvonne Reck (DJ) of Plato, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

Michelle was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Michael Patrick Landers, and her sister Lavonne D. Valentine.

Although Michelle is no longer with us, her spirit will remain in our hearts forever.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2026, in Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Pastor Jeff Wofford officiating. The songs "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" by Alan Jackson were played. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial Contributions in memory of Michelle Landers may be made, and contributions may be left at Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
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Funeral Service

FEB 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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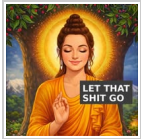
Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Michelle Leilani Landers*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 09 at 02:01 PM

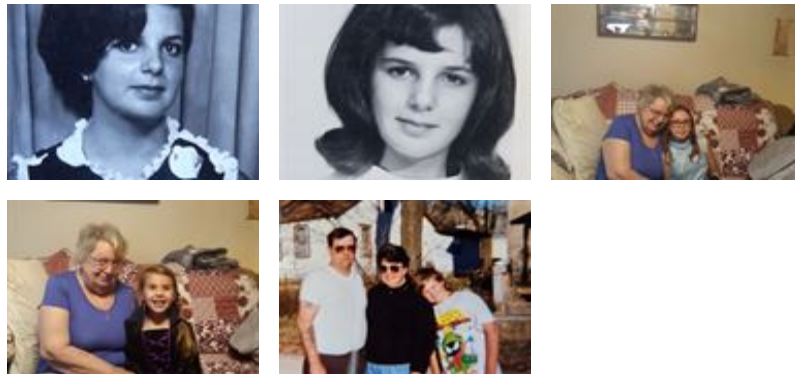


“ *I always enjoyed talking with Mrs. Landers when I would go and sign up for classes at Central Texas College. She was a lovely lady. My love to the family.*

Billie Jean Brown - February 17 at 10:32 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 07 at 11:04 AM

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“ *Bonnie Hunter lit a candle in memory of Michelle Landers*



Bonnie Hunter - February 04 at 10:06 AM

HD

Mike and Lonnie were great neighbors and trusted friends. Hal & Sidney Dandridge

hal dandridge - February 08 at 10:43 AM