



Michelle Yvonne Roepke

January 24, 1958 - September 13, 2019

Michelle Yvonne Roepke was born January 24, 1958, in Denver, Colorado to James Regal and Patricia (Lee) Regal. She passed from this life on Friday, September 13, 2019, in Skiatook, Oklahoma, at the age of 61 years. Michelle was raised in Fort Collins, Colorado and moved to Huntington Beach, California, where she graduated high school. After high school she went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts in History from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. Michelle was married on May 25, 1991 in Fort Collins to Frank William Roepke. She spent most of her working life at home, raising her three children. Michelle had a variety of pastimes such as quilting, reading, sewing, knitting, cooking, and gardening. Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Her Husband;

Frank Roepke, of Skiatook

3 Children;

Rebecca Roepke, of St. Paul, Minnesota

Patrick Roepke and wife Nikki, of Tulsa

Kassi Roepke-Huffman and husband Braden, of Tulsa

1 Grandson;

Drake Huffman, of Tulsa

1 Sister;

Monica Lee, of Portland, Oregon

1 Brother;

Larry Little, of Fort Collins, Colorado

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Patricia.

Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Leonard Pirtle officiating. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

Events

SEP **Memorial** 01:30PM

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Mowery Funeral Service Chapel

9110 North Garnett Road, Owasso, OK, US, 74055

SEP **Memorial Fund** 01:30PM

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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN, US, 38105

Comments



“ Thuri Calafia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michelle Yvonne Roepke.



Thuri Calafia - September 26, 2019 at 04:05 PM



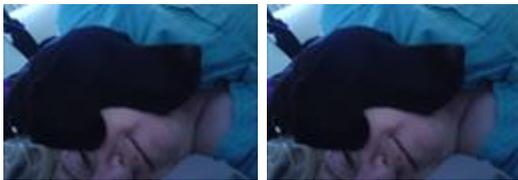
“ Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center Staff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michelle Yvonne Roepke.



Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center Staff - September 23, 2019 at 11:30 AM



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Thuri Calafia - September 22, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ Ours was not an easy childhood. The thing that saved us, I think, was our humor and our love for each other, even though we didn't always agree on everything. What siblings do? But oh how we could make each other laugh!

My most cherished memory of Michelle, however, is not about funny stuff, but rather, it's about the way she stepped up to parent her terrified 15-year old little sister when Pat abandoned us in California in favor of our abuser. Michelle became my champion, in the most traditional sense of the word: she was my defender and protector, and thanks to her, I didn't have to suffer any more of Ken's – or Pat's - abuse and emotional poison, and neither did she. Michelle's courage and grace in that situation was, and always will be an inspiration to me; it's the biggest part of my driving need to reach out in kindness and love to those who are less fortunate, to show compassion, to lend a hand, because that's what she gave me all those years ago. I suspect that the mother-child dynamic we created became both a blessing and a challenge to our relationship all our lives. But no matter how strong our challenges, Michelle always tried, always acted with the best of intentions, never made me feel invisible. In her home, I was always welcome and made to feel like I mattered. In my whole life I never once had reason to doubt her love for me. I know that she very well may have saved my life. Certainly, she saved my heart - and my humor!

So I can remember her in happier ways now, like the time we pretended we were scared while walking across the Royal Gorge bridge, running the last half of the distance while laughing our heads off.... Picking out mugs for my collection at the Hallmark store the year the “Frankly My Dear” line came out, laughing so hard we could barely breathe. Driving our boyfriends batty by getting the giggles and being unable to stop, not even noticing when they gave up and went into the house as tears rolled down our cheeks... even our last words to each other were of love and humor, regarding my giving my Labrador a kiss for her and me telling her to be careful, or Bree will slip her the tongue.

I will miss her laughter and her love for the rest of my life. I will long for her hugs, her friendship, her encouragement, and her good cooking. I will continue to be inspired by how much she strived to heal from our childhood, to be a better person, to have the courage to look at herself and to always keep trying. I am forever grateful to her for her presence in my life. Our time together was entirely too short.

Thuri Calafia - September 22, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ Jim&Kathy, Patty&Keith, Anne, Rhonda&Dan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michelle Yvonne Roepke.



Jim&Kathy, Patty&Keith, Anne, Rhonda&Dan - September 21, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ The Roepke family purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Michelle Yvonne Roepke.



The Roepke family - September 20, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Becky Bolt and Sherri Coe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michelle Yvonne Roepke.



Becky Bolt and Sherri Coe - September 17, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ Michelle and I met when we were about 5ish years old when she was visiting her grandparents nearby. Luckily, shortly after, her family moved into the neighborhood a few blocks away and a beautiful friendship was begun. After a time, her family moved to California. But when Michelle returned to go to school in Fort Collins we re-connected. She taught me to love playing games and we got together and played Dungeons and Dragons, Bridge and other games. She met and married Frank during these times. She, Frank, Rebecca, Patryk and Cassie eventually ended up in Oklahoma.

We kept in touch through the years and my friendship with Michelle has been invaluable, helping to mold and shape who I have become. She has been a positive influence in my life, teaching me, first and foremost, that I'm lovable. She has been there for me as a sounding board, listening with non-judgmental ears, whenever I needed to talk. Helping me to sort out my feelings and make sense of them. She has helped me to understand the world around me and make it seem just a little smaller. I will always be grateful to my friend, Michelle, for her loving presence in my life. Rest peacefully my friend, I will miss you. Love, Becky Bolt

Becky Bolt - September 17, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle Yvonne Roepke.



September 17, 2019 at 01:27 AM



“ We have had so many fun & precious memories. We transitioned to living in Oklahoma together, learned new things & watched the kids grow into great human beings. Will continue to love & miss you. Enjoy the peace n comfort of being home. All our love, hugs & prayers Hill family.

cathy coco hill - September 16, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michelle Yvonne Roepke.



September 16, 2019 at 03:19 PM



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Frank Roepke - September 16, 2019 at 03:06 PM



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Frank Roepke - September 16, 2019 at 03:04 PM