



Michele Collins Knigge

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Michele Collins Knigge of St Petersburg, Fla, a soul too bright for this world, passed away on January 11, 2025, at the age of 66. Born in Buffalo, New York, she moved to St. Petersburg during her childhood, graduating from Northeast High School. She was a woman of unwavering faith, deep compassion, and a commitment to helping others. She made a significant impact on the lives of many through her work and personal connections.

Michele was a proud graduate of Eckerd College, where she earned her degree in Human Services. She furthered her education by obtaining a master's in mental health counseling, demonstrating her dedication to supporting those in need and making a difference in the world.

Michele was preceded in death by her loving parents, George Collins and Caryl Geiselhardt, and husband, Jan Knigge. Together, they shared many years, making memories that will bring laughter and tears to all those who knew them.

Michele's legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched and the positive influence she had on her community. She will be remembered for her kindness, strength, and lasting impact on those fortunate enough to know her.

A memorial service will honor Michele's life and contributions on Friday, March 28th, at 3:00 PM at Memorial Park, 5750 49th St. N., St. Petersburg, Fl. Following the service, please join us to celebrate her life at Campanella's Restaurant and Pizzeria at 7420 49th St. N., Pinellas Park. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a no-kill animal shelter to honor Michele's great love for animals.




Events

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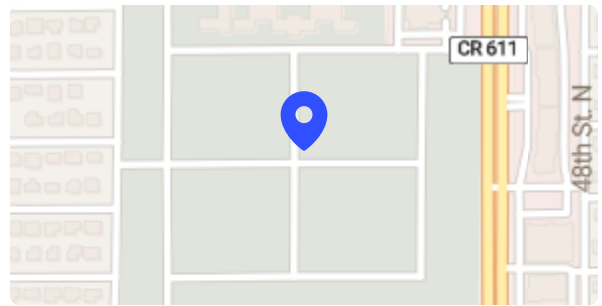
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Graveside Ceremony

 **Friday**, March 28, 2025


 3:00 PM ET

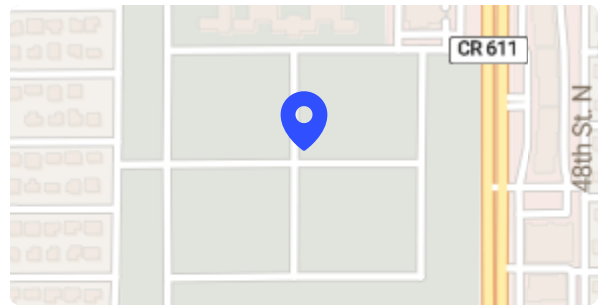
 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Cemetery Details

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 **(727) 369-8228**





Tribute Wall

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Elvie Guy lit a candle in honor of Michele.

I happened across the news of Michele's passing when I saw her name on a Northeast High School alumni list and decided to look for her contact info, and shockingly, her obituary appeared in the search. What a loss to this earth, and far too soon. Michele was a delight – I met her well over 50 years ago, when she and her parents moved to St. Petersburg from Buffalo and she enrolled in the 6th grade at Holy Family Catholic School. She was intelligent, thoughtful and caring. I remember one day after classes we were on the playground when a poor family drove up to seek help from the church. While they were inside, Michele collected every coin she could get her hands on and quietly dropped them in the car through the backseat window and then quickly left before they could return. Michele's caring side did sometimes put a strain on her though – I also remember the Friday "Girls vs. Boys" math chalkboard competition we were put through every week of the 7th grade. Michele was the star girls' competitor, but the poor thing would worry endlessly the night before because she didn't want to disappoint her team. And she never did – I don't recall her losing once! I also have very fond memories of her parents, as they had a way of including the kids and listening to their opinions. I was lucky enough to be invited on a summer weekend trip with the family to Sanibel Island and it was a great time. I also remember that the family frequently went to the movies, seeing just about every new release the first week. As a result, Michele's celebrity crushes were a bit more sophisticated than the average pre-teen's – she was enamored with Kris Kristofferson and Tom Laughlin when others her age were falling over David Cassidy and Donny Osmond. I'm very sorry I waited too long to try to get back in touch with Michele, that is my loss. However, the memories she left us are a true lasting gift that will hold us until we are all reunited.



April 29 at 3:45 PM



Teresa Trudeau lit a candle in honor of Michele.

Michele and I were co-workers for several years at Raymond James, where we became close friends. When I asked her to be my Maid-of-Honor, we each shed happy tears. She was the most beautiful Soul I have ever met, a true Angel on earth. I'll forever be grateful for our friendship and cherish my memories of Michele; she was a once-in-a-lifetime friend, a loving bright spot.



March 20 at 1:22 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michele by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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