



## Michelle S. Kingsley

May 8, 1951 - November 14, 2020

Exeter – Michelle S. Kingsley, 69, of Exeter, died Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Exeter Hospital after a sudden illness. She was born in Flint, MI May 8, 1951 a daughter of the late Donald and Dolores (Fournier) Smith.

Michelle was raised in Flint and attended local Flint schools. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in anthropology. Most recently and for the past several years Michelle served as the welfare director / social worker for the Town of Hampton. Previously she held the position as a graphic artist in the training department at the Cook Nuclear Power Plant in Bridgman, MI.

She was also a freelance photographer and served as a medical photographer for the McLaren Hospital in Flint. She made her home here on the NH seacoast since 1989 coming from St. Joseph, MI and was a member of the Hampton United Methodist Church.

She shared nearly 34 years of marriage with her husband Grant Kingsley.

In addition to her husband she leaves siblings, Robert Smith of Surprise, AZ, Sharon Ouellette of Wellington, FL, Jeanine Smith of Flint, MI, nieces and nephews including Edward Ouellette and his wife Tanya of Ayer, MA.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her sister Barbara.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to Seacoast Family Promise (<https://www.seacoastfamilypromise.org/about-us>) Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michelle S. Kingsley*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *This news saddens my heart and brings a flood of memories. We met in 10th grade at Ainsworth in Flint and have been lifelong friends since then. Michelle looks at me every day from her photos that hang on my walls to the amazing little mending kit she made for me to the rubbings we made from my ancestors' gravestones in West Boyleston. Motorcycle adventures, hiking adventures, dog adventures, boyfriend adventures, adventures with Paul and David, Dr Kren's chemistry class at Flint UM, Dr Crum and the Herbarium, sketches all over our apartment in Ann Arbor, Blandford Nature Center in Grand Rapids . . . it just goes on. Art and care for the people and the world around her ran through all of it. Grant, you were wonderful for her and I am so sorry she had to leave us so soon. I think of her often and she will continue to live in my heart.*

*Love, Caryl Laansma Burke*

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**Caryl Laansma Burke** - November 29, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of my Aunt's passing. Even though I have not seen her for many years I still have fond memories of her. Such a positive, outgoing person who gave the best shoulder massages ever. Praying for you Grant.*

*Love,  
Trica (Mathis) Yordy*

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**Trica Yordy** - November 23, 2020 at 02:04 PM

JC

“ Grant, I am greatly saddened to hear of Michelle's passing, and for you. I loved and will always appreciate her keen mind, her generous heart, her wonderful sense of humor, her presence as friend and helper, She is in my fond thoughts every time I make scones. So many fascinating conversations,, exploring human nature together! And she clearly did much for others right along. I am deeply grateful to have known her. My heart goes out to you, Grant. Prayers with you.

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**Judy Cassidy** - November 23, 2020 at 01:48 AM

PW

“ I first met Michelle at Flint U of M and we had many years of adventures. And then she went away and later we learned she got married to a man who "boiled water" for a living. Grant, David and I are so very sad for the loss of your life's partner and of our friend. She was a most extraordinary person and a great loss to our world.  
Paul A. Wizynajtys & David W. Barber

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**Paul A Wizynajtys** - November 22, 2020 at 09:29 PM

KS

“ My brother and I are deeply saddened to hear about Michelle passing. She helped us numerous times with advise and paperwork. We considered her a real friend. What we will miss the most is her energetic being, great sense of humor and beautiful smile. We will keep her in our hearts.  
Jeno Kovacs and Kathy Soni

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**Kathy Soni** - November 20, 2020 at 02:41 PM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss, Grant! In these strange times, I hope you get the comfort and support you need.

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**Brent Caperton** - November 19, 2020 at 06:58 AM

JB

“ Remembering Michelle, and her kind and generous spirit. She was so helpful in volunteering and enjoying the kids and families at the “lucky few”. She was adored, and will be missed. We are so very sorry Grant, and her immediate family. Love Jeff, Lauren, Sabina, and Liana

jeff Bower - November 18, 2020 at 07:20 PM

VS

“ Vicki Silver lit a candle in memory of Michelle S. Kingsley



Vicki Silver - November 18, 2020 at 03:21 PM

AZ

“ May she Rest In Peace 🙏👉



Ann Myranda Zigler - November 18, 2020 at 01:41 PM

MG

“ Grant: We at the Town of Hampton thank you for sharing 14 years of Michelle's working life with us; she was a beloved member of our Town Office family. The welfare of human kind was her life's work, and she touched the lives of so many in very positive ways.

*She will be sorely missed and not forgotten.*

*Mark Gearreald and the Town Office staff.*

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**Mark Gearreald** - November 18, 2020 at 10:11 AM

DG

“ Deb Gendron lit a candle in memory of Michelle S. Kingsley



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**Deb Gendron** - November 17, 2020 at 08:49 PM

TD

“Michelle has been one of my best friends since we met working at Odyssey House in Hampton back in 1993. We shared the love of art, gardens, animals and lifelong learning. We shared many adventures getting lost on the way to a destination, wondering how we ended up in Maine when we were headed west. The COVID crisis put a damper on going out for lunch and rides about the seacoast but she was only a phone call away and we could talk for hours about everything or nothing in particular. Michelle had the biggest heart and always found the silver lining on the cloudiest day. Michelle could always figure out creative ways of solving problems by asking, "What would Delores do?" She will be missed so much. My heart goes out to you Grant and know that I am here if you need anything. My thoughts and prayers are there with you.

*Terri Demaine*

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**Terri L Demaine** - November 17, 2020 at 07:22 PM

SC

“Grant, condolences on your loss. I saw the obit in the St Jo, MI newspaper. I initially knee Michele from attending school outside of Flint (not an easy time for either of us). She was a good, honest, pretty straight forward person. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Steve Cherba** - November 17, 2020 at 11:01 AM

SC

... I initially knew Michele...(not "knee")

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**Steve Cherba** - November 17, 2020 at 11:02 AM

CS

“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear of Michelle's passing. I will always remember her as a gracious hostess for the SWE holiday party and her faithful attendance at so many of our concerts. Prayers and hugs to you, Grant.

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**Cathy Stevens** - November 17, 2020 at 10:33 AM

BW

“ I will miss you my friend , I will miss our phone calls bouncing things off each other.  
You have always been just a phone call away ,our towns border each and we had shared so much more than the town lines  
You will be greatly missed . I think back to our last conversation and how much I valued our friendship  
Rest in peace ❤️

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**Bonnie Armentrout Seabrook Welfare** - November 17, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JR

“ My heart is so heavy in hearing this news. Michelle was a spit-fire social worker and I enjoyed every interaction I had with her. She paired her dedication to her role in the welfare department with equal amounts of accountability and love. You knew what Michelle was thinking and what she never apologized for it! She made the collaboration as the school social worker easy by fiercely loving and taking care of all of the "school babies." After our "work" content was done, she always made a point to ask how my family and I were doing. She was full of love and kindness. I will truly miss my visits and phone calls with her. Prayers to Grant and Michelle's family.

With love,

Janine Richards, LICSW

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**Janine Richards** - November 17, 2020 at 10:05 AM

ST

“ In my work at Rockingham Community Action, I collaborated with Michelle for several years assisting Hampton residents in need. I was always impressed with her kindness, and her willingness to find creative solutions for these households we served together. I know she will be missed by many, many households that were assisted in their time of need over many years. I know that I and my colleagues will miss working with her.

*In loving memory,*

*Steve Thompson  
Southern New Hampshire Services*

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**Steve Thompson** - November 17, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JK

*From Jen Kovacs :i miss you Michelle you was the best of the best my hart is broken.*

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**Jeno Kovacs** - November 20, 2020 at 02:45 PM

SO

“ Sheri Ouellette lit a candle in memory of Michelle S. Kingsley



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**Sheri Ouellette** - November 17, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SO

*Michelle was a caring and loving soul putting others before herself. She always knew the right words to say to help you realize your problems were not so big.*

*Michelle you've blessed and touched so many lives you will be truly missed but you are at Home now 😊 Love you!!*

*Grant, praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Sheri*

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**Sheri Ouellette** - November 17, 2020 at 09:49 AM

TW

“ *This is devastating news for so many, and a huge loss to the family support network in our community. In my many conversations with Michelle over my career, I always appreciated her compassion and her sass in working with the families in Hampton and was especially moved by her strength and courage during her cancer fight. I will miss her partnership for all our "kiddos" and your family will be in my prayers in the days ahead. Please give her beloved pup some extra scratches from me...*

*Warmly,*

*Talley Westerberg, LICSW  
Winnacunnet High School*

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**Talley Westerberg** - November 17, 2020 at 09:23 AM

PA

“ *Many years ago I had just started at Rockingham Community Action and thought that I might learn much more by going out to our partners and chatting with them about where community action fit in everyone's mission. Michelle warmly welcomed me, gave me the history of how she started the Information and Referral process, explained the difficulties that she (and other Welfare Directors) face, and then specifically in Hampton. I walked out of there believing that I had a touch stone, someone who would tell me her honest thoughts, who wasn't interested in game playing.*

*The sudden loss has affected so many of us. I'm sending peace to Michelle's family, especially during this exceptionally difficult holiday time.*

*Warmly,  
Patte Ardizzoni*

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**Patte Ardizzoni** - November 17, 2020 at 09:15 AM

BH

“ I met the Kingsleys back in 2001. I met Grant at Seabrook Nuclear Station where I was working as a software consultant. My home is in Canada. I flew down to NH every week, with an apartment in Exeter. In October, Grant & Michelle invited me over for a Wednesday night dinner. Michelle was a great cook and made me feel very much at home. The Wednesday night dinner became a regular thing. I enjoyed sitting on the couch, petting the puppy, and talking to someone outside of work. I ended up being a regular Kingsley guest for the better part of two years. They came up to visit us, staying at Horseshoe Valley Resort just north of Barrie.



*Michelle I am truly saddened by your passing, rest in peace.*

*Brian Hannigan*

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**Brian Hannigan** - November 17, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ A true friend from beginning to end. I will miss our long talks of laughter and trying to fix the impossible. Grant I'm so sorry that you're going through this. Hugs from me to both you and Brinkley.

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**Deb Kiernan** - November 17, 2020 at 07:30 AM

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“ Uncle Grant, I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Michelle growing up with all the Holiday parties and her first dog Flea (I believe) that would somehow always end up under the kitchen table during dinner! Those memories will always be with me. Michelle was a kind, giving and loving person who will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time



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**Alisa Matouka (Ouellette)** - November 17, 2020 at 07:23 AM

JW

“ Grant, I am so sorry to hear that Michelle is gone. I have such good memories of being at your home for the SWS Christmas party, and seeing her at our concerts. I will be thinking of you, and sending thoughts for Gods blessings and comfort.

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**Jacqueline Williams** - November 17, 2020 at 06:22 AM

SC

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Michelle's passing, Grant. She was a sweet, funny, kind soul. Her smile brought light to my day when I got to see her at our concerts. Please know I am sending love and peace to you both.



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**Stephanie Cottrell** - November 16, 2020 at 09:36 PM

AN

“ We have many wonderful memories of dinners together at Michelle and Grant's home or at ours. I have several delicious recipes from those dinners. She was a great cook.

*Everytime we ran into her at band concerts, we always looked forward to her smiles and big hugs. She was a very sweet and caring friend who will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives she touched.*

*Arden and Sheryl Niswender*

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**Arden Niswender** - November 16, 2020 at 07:31 PM

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*Arden and Sheryl Niswender*

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**Arden Niswender** - November 16, 2020 at 07:36 PM

NP

*How sad it is to lose someone so kind and caring as Michelle is. A great loss to all of us! Each time I see or consume a scone I shall think of her and all the laughs we had together! RIP friend.*

*NANCY Philbrick*

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**Nancy V. Philbrick** - November 17, 2020 at 09:33 AM

RS

“Michelle, since a little girl always positive, giving and so willing to help. We had a nice phone call from her 2 weeks ago. Our daughter Kelly & grand daughter Shelby were visiting so it was a great catch up on life visit for all of us. Her positive input will be sorely missed. We love her.

*Robert & Jo Ann Smith*

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**Robert Smith** - November 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM

TB

“We take comfort in knowing Michelle will live on in the hearts and memories of her family and friends, in the acts of kindness she bestowed upon each of us and inspired us to forward on to others. She was an angel here on earth who helped lift the spirits of so many of us. Her sense of wit and humor, her intelligence and determination when she put her mind to something are what we will remember most. She will be missed by the community. We will miss her friendship too. What a legacy she leaves behind for us to behold. Grant we wish you comfort and peace and a knowing that she will be with you always now and when you meet again. Michelle blessed us all. We will honor her memory by trying to be as giving as she was. Peace be with you Grant. -The Boudreau's

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**The Boudreaus** - November 16, 2020 at 06:00 PM

KE

“Michelle I can't believe you're gone. Over the last year we have become close- in all the years I've known you - you have never had anything negative to say about anything.

*You supported me - you loved me- and you showed it often. You were full of laughter and kindness and I am truly blessed to have had you in my life. I will never forget you. I love you my friend.*

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**Kris E** - November 16, 2020 at 05:32 PM

BD

“ *A caring soul with a big smile, an infectious laugh, and a huge heart. She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Beth Dupell - November 16, 2020 at 05:15 PM

MF

“ *Michelle and Grant welcomed me into their home last year when I was working in New Hampshire and treated me like family. I have so many fond memories of my time there — Michelle was always such a joy. She will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Grant and family. ❤️ Margaux Fontaine*



Margaux Fontaine - November 16, 2020 at 05:15 PM

KD

“ *Kathleen Dow lit a candle in memory of Michelle S. Kingsley*



Kathleen Dow - November 16, 2020 at 04:47 PM

GK

“ 26 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Grant Kingsley** - November 16, 2020 at 04:10 PM