



# Michelle Fishburn

MAR 6, 1985 - APR 14, 2025



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**M**ichelle Kristen (Burris) Fishburn, age 40, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 14, 2025 in Westminster, Colorado, with her husband, soulmate, and best friend Frank by her side. Michelle was beautiful, brilliant, and caring, with an outlandish sense of humor. She grew up in Brandon then lived in Orlando, Tallahassee, Jakarta, Washington D.C., Pittsburgh, and Austin before finally settling at her latest favorite home near the Rockies in Colorado.

She loved traveling, having visited Bali, London, Paris, Japan, Iceland, Norway, and all over America. She was an artist who also loved music, knitting, science, weather, her pet cats, and photography. She had an incredible mind, and was linguistically gifted, learning Bahasa Indonesian, Mandarin Chinese, French, and even a little Russian. She graduated from FSU with a degree in International Affairs and a minor in Mandarin Chinese.

She is survived by her husband Frank Fishburn; parents Sherry and David Burris; sisters Kelly (Ryan) Wilson, Nicole Burris, and Kristi (Andrew) Coppenger; nephews/nieces Zachary, Evan, Rubianti, and Abigail; mother-in-law Marie Fishburn; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She also leaves behind dozens of friends whom she loved dearly and who will sadly miss her. Michelle will live on in our hearts forever as one of the most beautiful, witty, and compassionate people anyone could ever know.

Memorial service will be held from 4-6 p.m. on May 17 at Sunset Memory Gardens in Thonotosassa, FL.




# Events


**Michelle Fishburn**

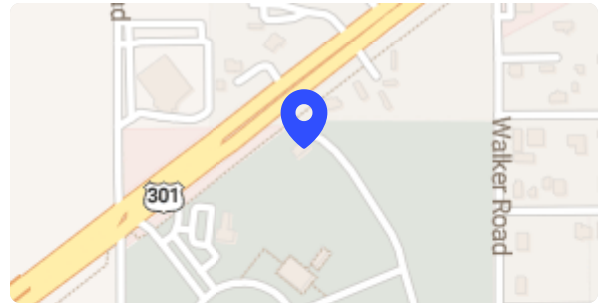
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, May 17, 2025

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Sunset Funeral Home**  
11005 N US Highway 301, Thonotosassa FL  
33592





# Tribute Wall

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**Sunset Funeral Home & Memory Gardens** shared a **Video**.



May 15 at 12:38 PM



**Tuti And Fardila -Jakarta, Indonesia** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Fishburn family.



May 17 at 4:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Fishburn family.



May 16 at 12:49 PM



**Bailey, Aj, And Waymond** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fishburn family.



May 16 at 7:14 AM



**Lori, Paul, Gabby & Bri Lara** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Fishburn family.



May 15 at 4:36 PM



**Lance Rachel Elijah Isaiah Atticus Edie** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michelle.



May 13 at 4:15 PM



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**Lance Rachel Elijah Isaiah Atticus Edie** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Fishburn family.

May 13 at 4:15 PM



**Franklin Ese Team** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Fishburn family.

May 13 at 10:04 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michelle.

May 3 at 11:22 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Fishburn family.

May 3 at 11:22 AM



**Kelly Wilson** posted:

I saw this and thought of my seester: "No one will ever be as entertained by us as us" Michelle's offbeat sense of humor was top notch. The memes, texts, and videos that we sent back and forth- if you went through my phone you'd most certainly scratch your head, but I laughed till I cried. ❤️

April 29 at 9:35 AM



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**David Burris** posted:

One night when I was working in DC and preparing to meet with a delegation of Russians the next day, I mentioned to Michelle on the phone that I forgot to prepare a short speech to deliver in Russian to the delegation before the translator took over. By this time, Michelle could already speak Mandarin Chinese, French and Bahasa Indonesian. A few hours later, I answered the phone - it was a woman speaking fluent Russian. Then I realized it was actually Michelle. She laughed and told me she taught herself Russian from an internet tutorial that evening, then helped me prepare my speech. Just one example of how helpful, brilliant and sweet our daughter was.

April 27 at 8:07 PM



# Media

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May 15 at 12:38 PM





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