



Anna Michelle Long

August 25, 1970 - April 1, 2025

Anna “Michelle” Long, 54, of Wilmington, North Carolina, passed away on April 1, 2025, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on August 25, 1970 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Michelle was known and loved for her fiery personality and unwavering passion for serving others. God led Michelle to become a nurse, a role she embraced for two years before her diagnosis. Working at The Davis Community in Porters Neck with her residents brought her immense purpose and fulfillment.

Above all, Michelle’s greatest joy in life was being a mother. She adored her daughter, Abigail Long, and the bond they shared was nothing short of extraordinary. Michelle cherished every moment spent with Abigail.

She is survived by her daughter, Abigail Long; her beloved mother, Dianne Stansbury of Wilmington; her father, Paul Stansbury, of Pasco WA; her brother, John Stansbury (Anne-Marie) and niece Lynn Elliot and nephew William Elliot of Raleigh. Michelle’s passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, but her legacy of love, strength, and service will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of being part of her life.

Michelle will be dearly missed, but her spirit and the love she poured to others will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on April 27, 2025, at 1:00 PM at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Tribute Wall

JN

“Michelle was such a wonderful person. I can't believe she has passed.
I am so sorry for the family's loss.

Julie Nemmers - May 26, 2025 at 08:33 PM

LD

“Diane - sincere and heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. Praying for peace and comfort

Laura Dicks - April 15, 2025 at 11:42 PM

JJ

“I had the honor of meeting Michelle during her cancer journey. What a spirit she had!! Will always remember her smile and fighting spirit

Jenel S Jackson - April 15, 2025 at 03:23 PM

SD

“We want to express our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Michele was a beautiful soul who radiated warmth and made everyone feel included. We are deeply grateful for the moments we shared with her over the years, and her presence will be missed forever.

Stan and Peggi DeFreitas - April 10, 2025 at 05:54 PM

JS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Michelle was an amazing woman and showed kindness wherever she went. She treated my daughter as her own and was an inspiration to all! Michelle will live on through Abigail that possesses Michelle's heart and goodness. We love you and stand with you Abigail.

Jennifer Slater - April 09, 2025 at 11:17 AM

LB

“ Dianne, I am so so sorry to hear of Abigail's passing. She will suffer no more. May she rest in peace. Lucinda

Lucinda Boyd - April 05, 2025 at 04:30 PM

DS

“ So sad for Michelle's passing. I first met her in 1980 when we were in Chapel Hill. I still regularly hang out with her dad, Paul Stansbury, and had kept in touch over the years. She was so positive and cheerful in the face of a daunting challenge. RIP, Michelle.

Daniel J Strom - April 05, 2025 at 02:39 PM

SG

“ Michelle was larger than life, always a positive force coming into any situation and making it brighter, lighter, and just better. She was great friends with my sister, Cat. I'll always remember her long, lanky legs and big bright smile. Rest easy, Michelle. You will be missed.

Sarah Halecki Gubitz - April 04, 2025 at 08:17 PM

ST

“ Abs,

You know I love you so very much. I am and will always be here for you. Your mom and I were kindred spirits, and my life is so much better because she was in it. I wish I had the words to tell you what she meant to me. I can't comprehend what you are feeling right now because my own heart is shattered, and she wasn't my mom... I am glad you are surrounded by so many people who love you and will support you, even when you miss her the most. Please remember that I am one of those people. I'm sending you and the rest of the family all my love.

Steph - April 04, 2025 at 07:40 PM

AG

“ *She was such an inspiration to me. Such a beautiful person. She will be missed. God bless you and your family during this time.*

Aimee Griffin - April 04, 2025 at 05:43 PM

CH

“ *Keeping you all in my prayers. Michelle was always so bubbly and fun to be around, even way back in junior high. I will forever remember our trip to Miami and all the fun times we had at the beach. ❤️*

Catherine Halecki - April 04, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Hang on to your wonderful memories.*

Billie Jean Millard - April 04, 2025 at 05:07 PM

AL

“ *Such a beautiful person inside and out. You will be missed.*

Alexis - April 04, 2025 at 04:11 PM

SS

“ *We knew Michelle as a mischievous seven-year-old. She was full of life and love. What a tragic loss for all of her loved ones.*

Susan and David Sherman - April 04, 2025 at 04:10 PM

PA

“ *There are no words to fully express my deepest sympathy to all family members. May happy memories sustain you through this most difficult time. Keeping you in thought and prayers,*

Peg Atkinson

Peg Atkinson - April 04, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RS

“ *Abby I'm so devastated I cannot even began to say anything I was always thinking of her what a precious person she was if u ever need anything honey please let me know you r always in my heart*

Ruby Smith - April 04, 2025 at 04:01 PM

KS

“ *Michelle was so amazing, she always took care of me and treated me as if i were one of her own. she's been there through every step of my life good and bad. she has always been so very loved and will continue to be. sending all of my love to your family*

kira slater - April 04, 2025 at 03:24 PM