



Michelle A. Benassi

August 9, 1963 - January 23, 2021

Michelle A. Benassi, 57, of Sarasota, formerly of Bermuda passed away on January 23, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Branco. She is survived by her son Jordan Baker (Nicole) and daughters Cayla Garber (Aaron) and Shae Benassi.

Michelle is also survived by her father Daniel Branco and her step mother Connie Branco along with her three sisters, Sonia Hollis (Charles), Denise Branco and Cari Branco. She also had a niece, Alexandria Greenslade (Thomas) and nephew Anthony Smith (Jackie), and several great nieces and nephews, along with her granddaughter, Adalynn.

Michelle was born in Bermuda and came to the U.S. in 1981. She loved her island and visited yearly. She enjoyed showing her children where she grew up. She was a kind and caring person who was full of life and loved her family and others dearly. She will be sorely missed by all.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 20, at noon, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota. There will also be a live remote screening available.

Link for the Website:

www.moonbeamvideocasting.com/mblivestream3

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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Sarasota, FL 34236

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Tribute Wall

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Toale Brothers Funeral Home - February 26, 2021 at 09:54 AM

CL

“ My love and prayers to the family of beautiful Michelle. I met Michelle in Sitka, Alaska - she was full of life - highly spirited and authentic. She adored her children and was ecstatic about her grand baby. She was also very proud of her Bermuda - I will be praying for all of you. I will miss her beyond words.

Sending you all God's blessings as you carry the heavy burden of sorrow.

Cristina Lamoureux - February 20, 2021 at 11:39 AM

EF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all today as you Celebrate Michelle's life. She will always be in your hearts and memories that you have all made together. God Bless You All, Love Edie



Edith Flint - February 20, 2021 at 11:10 AM

NJ

“ To the family of Michelle Benassi. Words cannot express what you are feeling at this moment. I knew Michelle from primary school. We were in all the same classes together. I was saddened to hear of her passing. Even though we all will eventually be gone from this world it is sometimes hard to accept that someone who is so special and could just light up the world with her infectious smile has now left us. I hope that you find joy and peace knowing that Michelle has touched the lives by of so many people in both Bermuda and in Florida.

My heart goes out to all of you, especially her children. Michelle will surely be missed.

Sonia & Denise my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family.

With all my Love ❤️🙏🏻✝️

Nicole Jeffers & Family
BERMUDA

Nicole Jeffers - February 20, 2021 at 09:08 AM

JJ

“ June & Norma Jean Hassell & David, Debra, & Jacqui purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.



June & Norma Jean Hassell & David, Debra, & Jacqui -
February 19, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 18, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 17, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 17, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Karen L. Richardson lit a candle in memory of Michelle A. Benassi*



Karen L. Richardson - February 17, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ *Mary Pereira lit a candle in memory of Michelle A. Benassi*



Mary Pereira - February 16, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 16, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 16, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 15, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 15, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Gino purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



Gino - February 14, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 13, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



February 13, 2021 at 06:20 AM

EF

“ *Edie Flint lit a candle in memory of Michelle A. Benassi*



Edie Flint - February 12, 2021 at 04:10 PM

PI

“ *Pachai Family & Patterson Family, Northern Ireland purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michelle A. Benassi.*



Pachai Family & Patterson Family, Northern Ireland -
February 11, 2021 at 11:54 PM

MR

“ *Michelle and I were cousins. We were very close and I often thought of her as the daughter I never had. She was the most loving person I have ever known. She was kind and so considerate. I have been in her home many times and that is how I will remember her, in her beautiful home. I live in Toronto and we talked on the telephone at least once or twice a week. She was a shining light to anyone who knew her. That beautiful light has left us, left us all with broken hearts. My deep condolences go to her father, Danny Branco, Connie, Sonia, Denise, CariAnn, Jordon, Nicole, Adalynn, Shae, Calya, and her aunt June Hassell in Bermuda, and Gino. Sail on Michelle, you will always be in my heart. MaryAnn Robertshaw*

MaryAnn Robertshaw - February 11, 2021 at 10:16 PM

CE

“Michelle has been a wonderful and important part of my life for almost a decade. She was truly a free spirit, optimistic, energetic and engaging. As the years passed, we became very close even though we lived in distant states. It did not matter. By telephone, text or in person we would reach out. There is an empty whole without her. Carol Epner

Carol Epner - February 11, 2021 at 07:43 PM

LS

“Michelle and I met when our children attended Faith Christian School together. Michelle was always a wonderful, kind, loving friend. I could always count on her for a smile. I remember fond field trips and other school events. Even though Michelle and I had not seen each other in a while, I ran into her several years ago and it was like we had not lost time. We talked and caught each other up on what was going on in our lives. I am happy to know that she is in heaven and whole. My prayers for Jordan, Kayla, Shae and the rest of the family.

Elizabeth Sahagian

Liz Sahagian - February 11, 2021 at 06:11 PM

KS

“ I met Michelle in 2018 because she rented out her home to me and my husband while he was working in Sarasota. We immediatly became great friends. It was like I had known her forever. While I was there a tragedy happened in my life and Michelle was there to help me pick up the pieces. She was one of the most compassionate, caring, and funloving people I ever met. I moved out of her home in 2019 and even after that we continued our friendship. I miss our weekly conversations and hearing about how over the moon she was in love with her new granddaughter. Thank You Michelle RIP my dear sweet friend.

Kelly Seguin - February 11, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SG

“ Michelle was one of my favourite students from my first year at Warwick Academy. There were only 10 students in the class and they really were an awesome group. I have had the pleasure of seeing her twice in the past few years and have thoroughly enjoyed catching up. She loved her family and enjoyed being a grandmother! Her smile is one I shall always remember! My thoughts are with Sonja, Denise and the rest of her family.

Shelly Grace - February 10, 2021 at 08:20 PM

WS

“ Michelle was a beautiful person at Warwick academy she was an easy person to talk to and always laughing

wanda swainson - February 10, 2021 at 07:51 PM

NP

“ *Norma Pacheco lit a candle in memory of Michelle A. Benassi*



Norma Pacheco - February 10, 2021 at 05:29 PM

NP

You will be missed, rest in peace dear friend, so happy I was a part of your life ❤️

Norma Pacheco - February 10, 2021 at 05:30 PM

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A beautiful, kind wonderful girl at the Warwick Academy. Sad to hear she has transitioned.

Terence Herbert - August 29, 2021 at 10:05 AM

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Bruce Moniz - February 10, 2021 at 04:25 PM

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Bruce Moniz - February 10, 2021 at 04:07 PM