



Michelle Annette Stewart

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Michelle Stewart, 61, of Decatur, Illinois, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025, in her home, surrounded by love.

Born on August 14, 1963, Michelle lived a life of warmth and devotion to her family and friends. Above all, Michelle cherished time spent with her children and grandchildren. Those who knew Michelle will remember her as larger-than-life, strong, compassionate and kind as well as someone with a great sense of fun and humor. She was also a devoted animal lover, especially to her beloved pugs, Mojo and Sadie, and her three cats who were constant companions. She was a natural caregiver, rescuing multiple cats over the years and ensuring they had a loving home. A proud homemaker who had many different jobs throughout her lifetime, she was always open to new things. Michelle especially had a passion for bringing her ideas to life through art. Whether she was outdoors tending to her gardens or indoors sewing, knitting, drawing, or engaged in any of the crafts she taught herself over the years, she found joy in expressing her natural talent for creating beauty.

Michelle is survived by three of her children: Corey Bechtel (husband: Jeff Brooks) of Sparks, NV; Colin Bechtel (fiancée: Tabitha Masterson) of Decatur, IL; and Chloe Bechtel of Warrensburg, IL; her beloved granddaughters Abriella and Adaline Corman of Warrensburg, IL; and her siblings Jon Duden of Watseka, IL; Michael Soules of Raleigh, NC; and Angela Black of Austin, TX. She was preceded in death by one child, Nicole Bechtel; her brothers Jeff Coventry and Jack Coventry Jr; and her parents, Carolyn Black and Jack Coventry.

Visitation for Michelle will be from 4pm to 6pm at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow the visitation at 6pm. Private burial in Fairlawn Cemetery will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Michelle's honor to cancer research organizations.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Events

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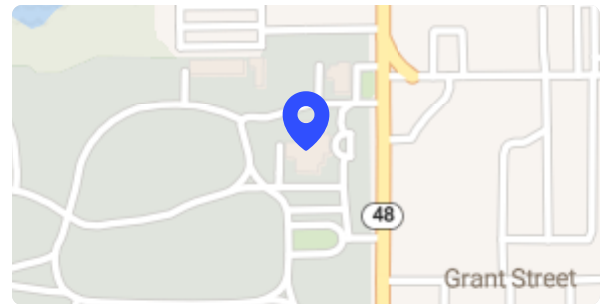
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, May 27, 2025


 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT


 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

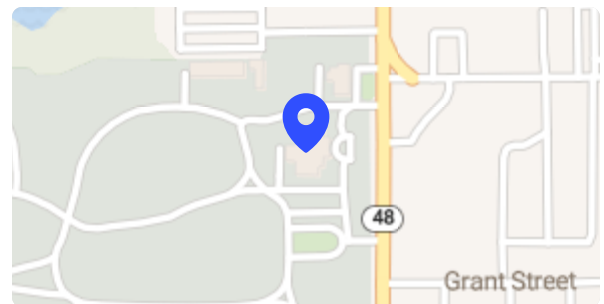


Funeral Service


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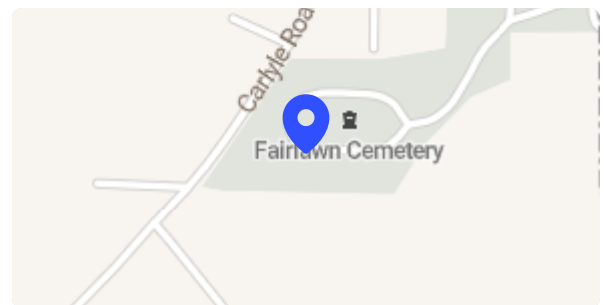
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Cemetery Details

 **Fairlawn Cemetery**
716 South 5th Street, Vandalia IL 62471





Tribute Wall

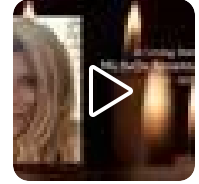
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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.

May 27 at 8:03 AM



Michael & Kristy Soules sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Stewart family.

May 22 at 3:01 PM



Kyle Kinder sent a Forever Our Angel Bouquet to the Stewart family.

May 22 at 10:04 AM



Pamela Simmons lit a candle in honor of Michelle.

I'm heartbroken by the loss of my beloved cousin,Michelle. She was more than just a family member, more like a sister, a confidant, and so much more in my life. The many memories we shared will always stay with me and I will tuck them away in my heart forever. May she finally be at peace and may we all find comfort in the love she left behind and that the Lord our God welcomed you into Heaven.The Gruesome Twosome forever!

May 21 at 1:09 AM



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May 21 at 1:06 AM





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Jon Duden shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The day I had been waiting on my whole life. Our 1st day meeting. My big sister.

May 20 at 5:59 AM



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I finally found my bio family and Michelle was my sister. Our time was short here on earth, but those years packed the most powerful punch in my life. I was her little brother and she was my big sister. Always missed. Forever loved.

May 20 at 5:56 AM



Sandra Mcreynolds shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

What a wonderful day I had with Michelle and my late daughter, Jody, touring this West End mansion. Lots of pictures and laughter and memories were made that day.

May 18 at 12:20 PM



Lucinda Linton posted:

Michelle had a great sense of humor and was extremely talented. She was a beautiful lady inside and out! She will be truly missed by many.

May 18 at 12:00 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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