



## Michelle D. Balm

September 27, 1963 - March 12, 2016

Michelle D. Balm (1963-2016)

JESUP – Michelle D. Balm, 52, of Jesup, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, March 12, 2016.

She was born September 27, 1963, in Waterloo, Iowa, daughter of Rev. Thomas and Darline (Miller) Balm.

She graduated from Northern University High School in 1981 and attended the University of Northern Iowa. She worked primarily in the food and beverage industry. She also had a child care facility in her home for several years.

Michelle loved animals, especially horses and dogs. She had a tender heart towards any person or animal she felt was being abused in any way.

She is survived by her daughter, Amelia “Mia” Balm of Cedar Falls; her mother, Rev. Darline Balm-Demmel of Cedar Falls; three brothers, Stephen (Sara) Balm of Spirit Lake, Jon (Angie Story) Balm of Brooklyn, IA, and Brian (Nancy) Balm of Flagstaff, AZ; a step-brother, Matt (Bressa) Demmel of Union; and a step-sister, Tanya Demmel of Tipton; six nephews and four nieces.

Preceded in death by: her father; step father, Gary Demmel; aunt, Sally (Balm) Dempsey; and uncle, Jerry Balm.

Family Directed Memorial Services will be held 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016, at St. Timothys United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. Family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be directed to ASPIRE Therapeutic Riding Program (Waterloo) or Wesley Woods Equine Program (Indianola).

Condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

# Previous Events

## Family Directed Memorial Service

APR 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Timothys United Methodist Church  
3220 Terrace Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-0464  
<http://sttims-umc.org>

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Darline and the boys in your loss of Michelle. I know she is in the arms of Jesus and will be at peace waiting to see you again. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Jean Andres*

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**Jean Andres** - April 11, 2016 at 04:25 AM

CK

“ *Dear Darline, Steve, Jon and Brian,*  
*So saddened to hear of Michelle's passing. May the arms of Our Lord, who reached out and took her home, be around you now to give you comfort and peace.*

*Cindy (Fischer) Keller*  
*Mason City, IA*

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**Cindy (Fischer) Keller** - March 28, 2016 at 04:21 PM

WM

“ *We send our thoughts and love to dear Mother Darlene and Brothers Steve, Jon, and Brian during this time of adjustment to the sudden loss of Michelle. She was a pre-teen when we knew her in Le Mars in the 70s but we enjoyed the reconnection at her father Tom's Funeral a few years ago. The many years with our horse, Thunder, helps us relate to the joy she found in her love for horses. May you all find peace in good memories. Wayne & June Marty*

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**Wayne & June Marty** - March 22, 2016 at 09:48 AM

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**Dale Wendland** - March 21, 2016 at 02:51 PM

DW

“ Dale Wendland lit a candle in memory of Michelle D. Balm



Dale Wendland - March 21, 2016 at 02:51 PM

DW

“ Michelle and I shared every birthday together for the 10 years that I lived in Iowa. We closed the Sweet Basil for my 30th (her 31st) and had a pool party inside the Cafe. So many stories....her ferret attacking my ankles (I was in the bathroom), ended up standing on the toilet! .....adventures in Mexico

Dale Wendland - March 21, 2016 at 02:48 PM

AK

“ My memory was back at church when her dad was pastor and we became fast friends. She and I celebrated the same birthdays which we thought was so cool. She also invited me to her grandparents farm and it was there I learn how to ride a horse. Boy that was back in 74 but I will never forget it. Wonderful times. When the sunset of sorrow be fails you, look by your side, an Angel of God will always be with you to comfort and strengthen you. My prayers are you . Allison Ketter

allison ketter - March 20, 2016 at 02:00 PM

SR

“ So many memories of Michelle as a baby and small child. Happy times. I still have a stuffed dog that she played with as a baby when my mom cared for her. So sad for all your loss. Love, Sharon (Young) Reed

sharon reed - March 17, 2016 at 12:54 AM

MJ

“Michelle had a huge heart , and cared about people that needed help in life, she loved her daughter very much!

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**mike jensen** - March 16, 2016 at 11:26 PM

JH

*I have known Michelle since the 90's, we've lost touch over the years but ran into her about 10 years ago. We always had a great time together and she had a huge heart! We laughed a lot together and we were always there for each other when one of us needed something. I wish we wouldn't have lost touch. She's very special.*

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**Jeff Heidemann** - March 17, 2016 at 08:01 PM