



## Michelle Jean Quistorff

May 21, 1965 - September 5, 2024

Michelle Jean Quistorff, 59, passed away Thursday, September 5, 2024 at MercyOne-Waterloo.

She was born May 21, 1965, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the daughter of Lawrence Wayne and Mary (Richman) Baker. She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1983. Michelle began working at Hy-Vee Cedar Falls in 1983 while attending the University of Northern Iowa, where she met her future husband. On September 10, 1988, she was united in marriage to Jim Quistorff at Glad Tidings Church in Cedar Falls. After their marriage, she worked at Hy-Vee Corporate HQ for four years. Following the birth of her first child, Zach, they returned to Cedar Falls. She worked for Hy-Vee Cedar Falls until her death, her favorite job being the Garden Center Manager.

Michelle was the sunshine of any room. Her smile was infectious and she lived with a purpose to bring joy to those around her. Known as Momma Q, she was a shoulder to lean on, a beacon of guidance, and a steady hand for anyone who needed it. She brought unconditional love to her husband and children. She taught them what it means to care, what it means to be family, and what it means to stay true to yourself. Michelle always took time to make sure that those around her were taken care of. She always gave more than she cared to receive, and appreciated all that she had.

The simplest pleasures in life brought joy to Michelle. Whether it was at the Garden Center or around the acreage, Michelle always made sure she was surrounded by the most beautiful flowers & greenery. She had a green thumb and anyone who came out to the house knew immediately. She planted all varieties of flowers and veggies; her favorite flower was a Gerber Daisy.

Her love did not end with friends, family, or gardens – it extended to all the animals the Quistorff's have cared for over the years. So. Many. Dogs. It didn't matter what kind of animal Jim brought into the house, she cared for every single one. She leaves behind her favorite one of all, Princess Daisy.

Above all else, Michelle was a devout follower of Jesus Christ all of her life. She spoke to God regularly, always making time in her day to pray for her friends and family. In Michelle's words, "Love Jesus first and then care for each other."

Michelle is survived by her husband Jim of Shell Rock; three children: Zach (Aimee) Quistorff of Waukee, IA, Erika (Joe) Friedrich of Columbia, SC, and Nick (Samantha) Quistorff of Des Moines, IA; siblings, Rod (Susie) Baker of Cedar Falls, Linda (Richard) Juhl-Stampe of Cedar Falls, and Steve (Anita) Baker of Martinsburg, WV; and her first grandchild on the way, Kennedy Ann Quistorff expected on October 10th. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 9, 2024 at Orchard Hill Church, Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated at a later date. Online condolences may be left at: [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church  
3900 Orchard Hill Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ Only yesterday during a trek to Hy-Vee did I learn of your family's, and this community's loss, and was immediately saddened - and shocked.

*Michelle really was the epitome of the 'smile in every isle' at HV, and she was always more smiley when in her garden shop atmosphere.....years ago working with Teri, and more recently with Jill.....what a team.*

*As Abraham Lincoln reportedly suggested, 'for in the end, its not the years in the life - but the life in the years'. Michelle brought a lot of life and smiles in her years.*

*God bless your family, and treasure those memories.*

*DOUG*

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**DOUG** - November 03, 2024 at 08:19 AM

JB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Michelle's passing. She and I worked together at Hy-Vee in college, and were roommates for about a year off campus. I remember that she drove a (I think) Gremlin (or similar car). Always smiling and bubbly. My sincerest condolences to all of you.

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**Jean Pinegar Baker** - September 09, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



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September 09, 2024 at 04:36 PM



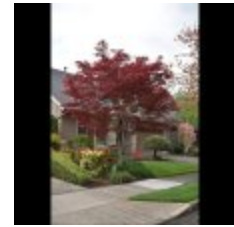
“ HON Southeast planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

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**HON Southeast** - September 09, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



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September 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ Mike and Kim Zierath planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

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**Mike and Kim Zierath** - September 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM

MJ

“ Melinda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

Melinda J. - September 08, 2024 at 07:15 PM

AJ

“ To Michele’s family, please accept my sympathy. I was shocked to read about her passing. I always enjoyed seeing her cheerfully working in the garden department but she was joyous when working inside also! Praying for you to feel God’s presence with you in the coming days.

Alice Janssen - September 07, 2024 at 11:05 PM

SF

“ Sernett, Immerzeel, and Megan Families purchased the Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



Sernett, Immerzeel, and Megan Families - September 07, 2024 at 10:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



September 07, 2024 at 03:45 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss 😞. Rod and family. You have our deepest sympathys. Yourvall in our prayer's! Her journey is over and now has gone HOME! To be with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! In Jesus name, Amen!

James A Wahner - September 07, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



September 07, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JF

“ Jennifer & Parker, Kelly & Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



Jennifer & Parker, Kelly & Family - September 07, 2024 at 12:28 PM

FC

“ From Allison, Taylor, Sami and Courtney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



From Allison, Taylor, Sami and Courtney - September 07, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JD

“ Jenny (Baker) Drahos purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



Jenny (Baker) Drahos - September 07, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JD

“ Jenny (Baker) Drahos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

Jenny (Baker) Drahos - September 07, 2024 at 11:15 AM

DW

“ Dee and Steve Walters purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



Dee and Steve Walters - September 07, 2024 at 10:45 AM

DW

“ Dee and Steve Walters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

Dee and Steve Walters - September 07, 2024 at 10:45 AM

HO

“Hobo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



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Hobo - September 07, 2024 at 08:53 AM

MF

“Merle & Shelly Sorensen & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



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Merle & Shelly Sorensen & family - September 06, 2024 at 10:14 PM



“Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



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September 06, 2024 at 08:29 PM

BO

“Bob & Cely Bailie, John & Claire O’Hare, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

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Bob & Cely Bailie, John & Claire O’Hare, - September 06, 2024 at 08:29 PM

RO

“ Rosie Burt & Peggy Owens purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



Rosie Burt & Peggy Owens - September 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

RB

“ I will miss you my friend, we shared great memories and a lot of laughs together. Until we meet again I'll always carry you in my heart. You will be missed so much. RIP my friend. ❤️❤️🌹



Rosie Burt - September 06, 2024 at 07:25 PM

DB

“ David & Kayla Bailie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



David & Kayla Bailie - September 06, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



September 06, 2024 at 06:26 PM

MN

“ Michelle P, Brianne, Jon, and Natessia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

Michelle P, Brianne, Jon, and Natessia - September 06, 2024 at 06:26 PM

CD

“ Michelly you were truly a light in my life and I will miss you terribly..to the family she cherished I send you all my love ..prayers and comfort❤️🙏



Cindy Dahl - September 06, 2024 at 05:56 PM

PB

“ Patricia Baker purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.



Patricia Baker - September 06, 2024 at 05:48 PM

PB

“ Patricia Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Jean Quistorff.

Patricia Baker - September 06, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michelle Jean Quistorff.*



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September 06, 2024 at 05:46 PM