



Michelle Spande

October 1, 2006

Michelle L. Spande (1971-2006)

WATERLOO?Michelle (Gray) Spande 35, formerly of Alpha, Iowa died Sunday, October 1, at Harmony House in Waterloo from complications of an auto accident.

She was born February 23, 1971, daughter of Susan Gray. After serving in the Air Force from 1992-1997, she married Alexis Spande in January 1998; they later divorced in 2005. She worked at Alterra Nursing Home in Englewood, Colorado until her auto accident in September 2005. She is survived by her Mother, Sue (Dan) Strebe; two aunts, Nancy (Whitey) Patrick and Judy (Ron) Lowe; an uncle, John (Gayle) Alexander; and her dog (Chula). Proceeded in death by her Grandparents, William Alexander and Iva Simmons; and brother, James Alexander.

Services will occur at 3:00 p.m. at Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery, with visitation from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm not sure where to start, I'm saddened to learn the passing of Michelle and am having a hard time coming to grips with this. I lost touch with her in 2005 and was actually just trying to see if I could locate her again 3 years later.

I met Michelle in the spring of 2004 online. Her and I were both going through some personal issues in our lives and ended up becoming very good friends because of this. We lived 20 min from each other and decided to meet. I remember meeting her for the first time in person and thought 'this is one laid back hippie girl'. She had such a care free attitude, I can honestly say I've never met anyone like her.

For the next year we called and hung out with each other constantly. It was so relaxing to be around her, I didn't feel like I had to be someone that I wasn't. We consoled each other with our problems and helped each other through those tough times.

Eventually she moved to her own apartment and it was at this point she started seeing one of the other tenants. My marriage started to pick itself up again and the two of us became distant. Through a series of incidents we lost touch with each other. My last email from her was in June of 2005.

For the past 3 years Michelle has been on my mind - the way she smiled, the way she laughed, the way she always smelled of incense. I decided to try to find her and as I said, I found this online. I haven't been able to sleep and am sad that I never got to say goodbye. I always wanted the best for her and I always told her so. I can only hope that she's in a better place.

Since it's been so long since her passing I don't know if this will reach anybody. I really hope it will. I just couldn't sit here without saying something about her. She made a huge impact on my life

and everyone needs to know that she was a wonderful human being.

*I miss you and love you dearly kiddo,
-Cory*

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