



Mrs. Michele Elizabeth Dirks

May 4, 1955 - March 5, 2024

Michele Elizabeth Dirks, transitioned at home on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, surrounded by family, in Lexington, South Carolina. Born in Flushing, New York, Michele was the only child of the late Roosevelt Bland and Josephine Miles Bland.

Michele graduated in the Class of 1973 from Chickapea High School, in Chickapea, Massachusetts. She later attended Altamaha Technical College in Jesup, Georgia and graduated in 2001 with a Certificate in Electronics Tech. She also served her country in the United States Army, joining in 1976 and was honorably discharged in 1980.

Michele was stationed in Washington, D.C. at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and later in Frankfurt, Germany. While in Germany, in 1977, she met her future husband Ronald L. Dirks. On June 29, 1981, in Fairfax, Virginia, Michele and Ronald were united in holy matrimony. To this union they were blessed with two sons Roland and Brian. The couple would have celebrated forty-three years of marital bliss this coming June.

Michele worked in many different positions within the Federal Government system before finally coming to work at FLETC, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia. After working over 20 years as a Federal employee, she retired in 2018 as an Administrative Assistant with FLETC.

In her spare time Michele volunteered with The National CASA/GAL Association for Children which provides a judge appointed advocate for

children or youth who have been a victim of abuse or neglect. Michele had many hobbies including sewing, knitting, crossword puzzles and reading. One of her most favorite pastimes, was traveling. Over the years, with her wonderful husband Ronald, she saw most of the United States and traveled extensively across Europe.

They toured many countries including France, Italy, Poland, Germany, and the Netherlands.

In addition to her parents, Michele was preceded in death by her son Roland Dirks.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her husband, Ronald L. Dirks; one son, Brian C. (Tanisha) Dirks; three granddaughters, Sophia Rose Dirks, Paloma Raye Dirks and Norah Rayne Dirks; four sisters-in-law's, Erma King, Renee (the late Larry) Battle, Cassie (Marcellus) Dukes and Diane (the late Eugene) Dirks and a host of other relatives and friends

Previous Events

Live Streaming

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com

The services will be live streamed on the day of service. You may find the live stream on the Palmer Memorial Chapel Facebook page.

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ Sending deepest condolences and prayers to the family and relatives.

Take your rest my veteran/battle buddy. (Rip)



MSG TAMMY EDWARDS - April 10, 2024 at 10:51 PM

CS

“ My prayers and condolences to Michele’s family and friends. Many fond memories of Michele. Such a sweet and mild spirit. I met Michele through a very dear and special Sister in Colorado and We all traveling to Winter Park Jazz festivities and enjoying her company. You will be dearly missed Michele ❤️🙏

Chiquita Stewart - March 18, 2024 at 07:04 AM

IS

“ I meet Michele when she came to Oklahoma, I enjoyed meeting her. Praying for the family to be strong, love from Stillwater

Iris A L Cole Thomas Slade - March 17, 2024 at 06:09 PM

TJ

“ To know you was to adore you.. Continue resting in Jesus arms.. Sending sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Mrs. Dirks 🙏

Tremeka Jones - March 17, 2024 at 10:23 AM



Susanne
Hauptstue

“ *RIP Michele ,miss you . Now Mami and you together . You always be in my heart .Susi from germany.*



Susanne Hauptstueck - March 17, 2024 at 10:13 AM



LB

“ *what a wonderful woman. she was full of life. kind, tell it like it is person. we will suffer a tremendous loss. may she rest in god's loving arms. luisa and bill bennette*

luisa bennette - March 17, 2024 at 09:53 AM



MP

“ *Mike, Charles, and the Men of Delta Phi purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mrs. Michele Elizabeth Dirks.*



Mike, Charles, and the Men of Delta Phi - March 16, 2024 at 01:44 PM



PA

“ *Michele, your bright smile and winning personality are fondly remembered from our Elementary School: Anna E. Barry School in Chicopee, MA. In High School we never had any of the same classes but it never stopped us from sharing a quick nod and a smile as we passed in those congested hallways going to and from our classes.*

Patty Croteau Coleman

Patty - March 15, 2024 at 10:00 PM

RB

“ *Rafael and Jacqueline Brunson-Rodriguez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Michele Elizabeth Dirks.*



Rafael and Jacqueline Brunson-Rodriguez - March 15, 2024
at 09:15 AM

JB

“ *You are going to be missed big sis! Never forgotten! Sending love, prayers and my deepest condolences from the Dominican Republic!*



Jacqueline Brunson - March 15, 2024 at 09:01 AM

JB

“ *This is still so unbelievable! We should be discussing our trip to Winter Park, CO for their annual Jazz Festival! So glad that you and Ron came the past few years and we all got to laugh while hanging out together. Our friendship goes back to Wurzburg, Germany, 88-92. I will always cherish the memories and you will be deeply and sorely missed! Sleep on now big sis and get your rest! We got Ron! Love and miss you! My prayers and condolences to the family!* ❤️🙏❤️



Jacqueline Brunson - March 15, 2024 at 08:52 AM

IP

“ *Sleep in Peace my fellow Female Veterans*
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE 🙏🙏❤️❤️✨

Ioma Prioleau - March 14, 2024 at 11:29 AM

VC

“ *May you rest in holy peace my dear cousin. I will truly treasure the wonderful conversations we had, our mutual love of African art and jazz music, and the hilarious and heartfelt family gatherings at your home.*

Vivian Counts - March 14, 2024 at 09:35 AM