



Michelle Lisa Renfield

August 21, 1973 - June 5, 2010

Renfield, Michelle Lisa

On Saturday, June 5, 2010 of North Garden, VA.

Beloved daughter of Richard L. and Marilyn L. Renfield; sister of Richard Jonathan Renfield. Funeral service will be held at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. Falls Church, VA on Wednesday, June 9 at 11am. Interment King David Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Temple Rodef Shalom or the National Alliance for Mental Illness. Arrangements by Jefferson Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michelle Lisa Renfield*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Recherchant depuis plusieurs ann#195;#169;es #195; entrer en contact avec Michelle, nous venons de constater son d#195;#169;c#195;#168;s par ce site internet. Nous sommes vraiment pein#195;#169;s de sa disparition. Nous gardons dans nos coeurs des #195;#169;motions et des moments de relations affectives que nous avons partag#195;#169;s intens#195;#169;ment avec elle. Nous pensions tr#195;#168;s souvent #195; elle en #195;#169;voquant toute la complicit#195;#169; profonde que nous avons tiss#195;#169;e. Nous savions qu'elle devait partir en Jama#195;#175;que et nous n'avons plus eu de nouvelles de sa part. Elle nous avait promis de nous recontacter mais Nous serions tr#195;#168;s heureux d'avoir #195; nouveau des nouvelles de Richard, Ludmila, Marilyn pour comprendre ce qui s'est pass#195;#169;. Avec toutes nos profondes et sinc#195;#168;res amiti#195;#169;s. Alain et Denise*

April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle came into my life only for say 6 to 9 months. She wanted me to take over her Eden Yoga studio as she could not administer it and was looking for a Yoga Teacher of her liking. Later she sought my help for her Bipolar condition where she had forgotten roads, etc. I helped her for 3 months when she recollected all roads, and she fell in love with me. I brought her to India to show India before she can commit to relationship with me. She honestly agreed that it was too hard for her to deal with Indian circumstances. Later, she married another Indian man in VA. I can never forget her. Regardless of her mental situation, her suspicious nature, her complaints, she was an extremely kind person, she was extrememely beautiful for me, and she was very loving. I always loved her even though she left me after we returned to Virginia. I later married Nancy. She was also a very serious Yoga student. I am sorry that I could not get her company for long and also could not witness all her intelligence and other skills which I was very interested. I am proud that I was able to generate enough confidence in her to give Yoga classes to Indian community groups, some of them are still recorded with me on Video. Michelle, may God give you all that you wanted. Love... Neel Kulkarni, www.authenticyoga.org.

January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle was very special. I didn't know her long but I'll never forget her. She has found the peace she sought during life. How saddened I am that she wasn't able to enjoy that peace during her life. I'll miss her.

February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I wish we would have time to become better friends as adults. You were an exceptionally accomplished young woman, with a kind and creative soul. I'm so sorry for your illness and your suffering, and I wish I could have known how to help you enough. This is a tragedy.

June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Michelle was a beautiful soul. She is the last person who should be dead now. This is a tragedy not only for those who knew her but also for the world. There really is no consolation except this: to carry on her legacy.

June 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Michelle, when you were on this earth, we understood each other without words. Our yoga connection was strong, I worked for you and with you...we had a lot of things in common and when we first met, it was Hannukah and you came to my place in Mclean and you saw my two shitzus, you couldn't believe your eyes, you went out to your car and brought yours: we had exactly the same dogs. Next we lit Hannukah candles and prayed doggies and all, it was deep it was very nice, it was awesome, no words necessary, just us, silence and G-d. The rest is history...I know you did absolutely everything to be able to bear your "demons" as they call them. I cannot name someone more aware of her person of her inner being than YOU..I also cannot imagine the torment that you must have had in this life. I feel for you and hope my soul touches yours and I send you so much love that may my love and that of so many who loved you and especially that of G-d's help you to be in peace. You deserve it. May your soul be in peace in eternity. Namaste.

June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michelle was a kind hearted person. she loved her dogs and she loved her coffee. God i will miss you michelle. Michelle you were my belle. rest in peace.*

June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My family and I were privileged to have been able to help you this past winter and spring (my husband and my daughter and I). We often prayed for you and wished that we could help you get beyond your demons. We loved you as much as you would allow us. I know that your parents are suffering greatly -- and your family and friends. All wish we could have done more for you. I place you in the hands of our most loving and gracious Father G-d. Amen*

June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle, I lived with you for several years in 2 different houses in Great Falls, We spend so much time together... having wine, with candles, watching the greens, with the wonderdogs next to us, laughing about simple things.... You like Comedy Channel and I like BBC america, we programmed the control to switch only to those channels. I go 2 grocery shopping and get your pills at the pharmacy.... were too many that people give me eyes, I get your nice fresh cheese, peanut butter and toasts. We love to hear "Sting" and you like specially "shape of my heart"... OMG I cant type anymore, my tears is dipping the keyboard and i can read what Im writing cause my eyes are full of tears. I really want you to forgive me please... Im gonna live forever wondering what you tried to tell me the past 20 days. I knew you were under pain, suffering... I swear If I can go back time and listen to you. I love you so much michelle, thank you for been my best friend and gave me the chance to be your confident. Please.... forgive me. Ill pray for you for the rest of my life. U have a space in my heart. Im with you.

June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle was a tortured genius. She graduated from Harvard in three years, did her senior year of high school in France and finished first in her class despite the fact that all her peers were French. She ran marathons, danced ballet professionally and wrote beautiful poetry. She seemed like she was destined for greatness and that she could do anything. Sadly, the demons of her mental illness were too strong. Still, she tried to heal herself and to help others. She used her talents and intelligence to become an accomplished yoga teacher and on the website from her yoga studio "eden yoga" there are many, many testimonials from people about what a great teacher she was and how much she helped them. Since her death I have come to think about the fact that a number of geniuses with psychological problems died at around her age. Mozart and Charlie Parker died at 35 and Van Gogh was only 37. While it remains to be seen if she will have a legacy that is recognized historically, I know that she made a difference for the better in my life and in many other people's too. She helped people and in so doing made the world that much better. I am grateful to have known her.

June 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle was a unique and loving individual. I will always remember her as a sweet, smiling and shy nine year old running with me through the halls of Temple Rodef Shalom--her Hebrew books in her arms and wearing a backpack that was almost as big as she was. She was always so kind to me and if not for her I certainly never would have passed Hebrew class. We had recently gotten back in touch and I was looking forward to possibly seeing her in the Fall. I am heartbroken that such a reunion will not be. May you find peace in the arms of Hashem, my old friend.

June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle and I carpooled from McLean High School to the Washington Ballet for a few years. I remember her as fiercely intelligent with a sly sense of humor. When she encountered something particularly difficult in her dancing, she worked at it with her head until it became a physical reality. She welcomed me into her circle of friends with great generosity. We wrote a few long letters to each other - which I still have (somewhere) - during subsequent summers and we lost touch until she contacted me through Facebook. My deepest condolences to her family. She was a lovely and remarkable person in all ways.

June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“I had just meet Michelle six months ago. Good times with a true person. Life is hard for everyone, but just plain unfair to Michelle. I will always chairish the time I had with Michelle. The laughs, the cries, the good and the bad times, true though out. Phebe and Mr. Man, I and the world will miss you dearly. Michelle is in a better place now. I'm being selfish, but I will miss you so very, very much. Michelle was a blessing to me, and blessed soul. In my heart with love forever. Love Shawn

June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle was one of my best friends at Haycock Elementary. She was funny and so clever and interested in everything. She had a flair for fashion at a young age, I recall a certain purple jumpsuit that I was so jealous of (it was the early 80's!). She and I both had a great fondness for the absurd and silly and had wild imaginations. I have fond memories of visiting her grandma after school and eating matzo with butter and watching soap operas. And all the fun we had at Friday night services at Temple Rodef Shalom -I mostly came for the cookies and the hope that my parents might let me get Bat Mitzvah'd. I remember Michelle and Ricky knew the "Who's on First" routine by heart and that Ricky brought a calculus book to read on a camping trip. Poor kid -we teased him mercilessly. Michelle stood apart for her gentleness and love of friends and animals and for her singular discipline and drive. As Sarah said, she could set her mind to anything and get it done. I just wish that had been enough for her to get through this crazy, mixed up world. If Pinkwater was right and there are different planes of existence, I hope she is in a happy plane now.

June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM