



Michelle Don'l Rath Van Noort, daughter of Donald Wayne and Frances Ilenne (Hamm) Rath, was born August 3, 1968, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At a young age, Michelle and her family moved to Iowa where she attended Hinton High School, graduating in 1987. Michelle married Robert Sanders and to this union two daughters were born, Kaylee and Vanessa. The couple later divorced. On October 27, 2012, Michelle was united in marriage with Jeff Van Noort in Hawarden, Iowa where the couple made their home.

Michelle was a natural caretaker, and it showed in all she did. Whether it was caring for her daughters, time as a daycare provider, or her 32 years working as a certified nursing assistant, Michelle had a big heart and was selfless in taking care of others. Her commitment and dedication made an impact at the Akron Care Center in Akron, Hospice of Siouxland out of Sioux City, and the last 7 years at Hillcrest Health Care Services in Hawarden.

Michelle had an affinity for dragonflies; their symbolism provided comfort and inspiration after the loss of her father. Her deep love for her family was well known and she always enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed working on various arts and craft projects, listening to 80's music, singing karaoke, and throwing darts with friends. Her sense of humor and laughter will always be with us. Michelle passed away Friday, April 25, 2025, at her home in Hawarden at the age of 56.

Michelle is survived by her husband, Jeff; 2 daughters, Kaylee (Lindsey) Dee and Vanessa (Dereck) Kaskie; mother and step-father, Ilenne and Gerald Johnson; 3 grandchildren, Sabastian Sanders, Ryker Haeder, and Illah Kaskie; 11 additional grandchildren she got to love on after marrying Jeff; brother, Kelly (Cindy) Rath; sister, Donnie (Jon) Froehlich; goddaughter, Lindsey Van Bochove; nieces and nephews, Alex, Jeremiah, Bryley, Avery, and Caydence; 2 sisters-in-law; and 4 brothers-in-law.

Preceding Michelle in death was her father, Don Rath; niece, Alicia Rath; goddaughter, Alexis Van Bochove; and parents-in-law, Gerrit "Smokey" and Sharon Van Noort.

*Celebrating the Life of*  
***Michelle Don'l (Rath) Van Noort***  
*August 3, 1968 ~ April 25, 2025*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**  
10:30 AM, Friday, May 2, 2025  
United Methodist Church  
Hawarden, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**  
Pastor Barb Joy

**ACCOMPANIST**  
Julie Hummel

**EULOGY**  
Jeff Van Noort

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**  
*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*  
*"In the Garden"*  
*"Hymn of Promise"*

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS**  
*"When We All Get To Heaven"*  
Recorded by: Alan Jackson  
*"Dancing in the Sky"*  
Sung by: Tori Mendez

**PALLBEARERS**  
Kelly Rath ~ Alex Rath ~ Bryley Burgad  
Brett Van Noort ~ Terry Van Noort ~ Duane Van Noort

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**  
Sabastian Sanders ~ Ryker Haeder  
Isaac Van Noort ~ Gabe Van Noort ~ Casey Van Bochove

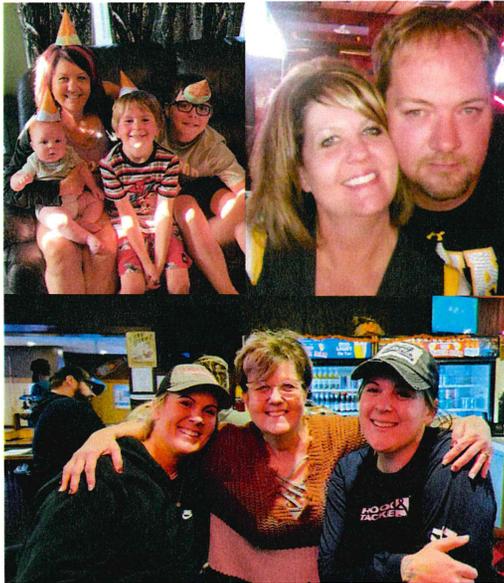
**INTERMENT**  
Grace Hill Cemetery  
Hawarden, Iowa

*Michelle's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the Hawarden Community Center following the committal service at the cemetery.*



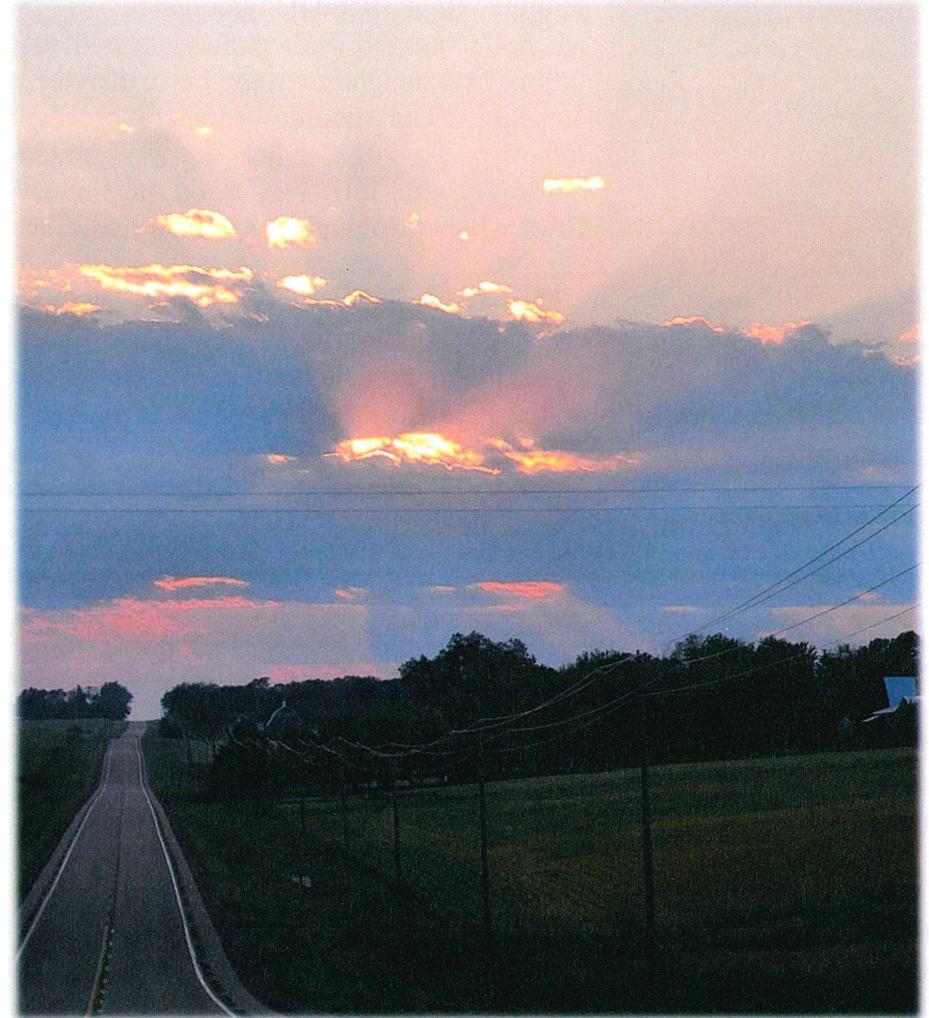
## *Remember Me*

*Don't remember me with sadness,  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all the laughter,  
We've shared throughout the years.  
Now I am contented,  
That my life was worthwhile,  
Knowing that I passed along the way,  
I made somebody smile.  
When you are walking down the street,  
And you've got me on your mind,  
I'm walking in your footsteps,  
Only half a step behind.  
So Please don't be unhappy,  
Just because I'm out of sight,  
Remember that I'm with you,  
Each morning, noon, & night.*



*Porter Funeral Home, Hawarden, Iowa*

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