



Michelle L. Hilkemann

September 14, 1971 - September 23, 2014

Michelle L. Hilkemann, 43, of Kearney, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at her home. Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the St. James Catholic Church with Fr. Art Faesser officiating. Burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, September 26, 2014 at the Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral Saturday morning. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Kearney Area Children's Museum, Kearney Family Y.M.C.A., or Kearney Tackles Cancer. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Michelle was born September 14, 1971 in Kearney to Mick and Chris (Price) McKeon. She attended school in Ravenna and graduated in 1989. Michelle then received her degree in marketing and communications from the University of Colorado in Denver. Michelle married Brian Hilkemann on October 21, 2000 in Grand Island.

She has been the Marketing Manager at the Hilltop Mall since 2003. Michelle was very giving of her time and talents by being involved in many community activities including; Kearney Area Children's Museum, Kearney Family Y.M.C.A. Board member, Leadership Kearney Class 20, United Way Dining Out, the St. Jude's telethon at the Hilltop Mall, and being a billet family for the

Tri-City Storm. Michelle loved attending and being part of her children's activities and sporting events. She also enjoyed playing golf and scrapbooking. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church

Michelle is survived by her husband Brian Hilkemann of Kearney, son Evan Hilkemann of Kearney, step-son Austin Hilkemann of Kearney, sister Shari Spaulding and her husband Tom of Ravenna, father Mick McKeon and his wife Deb of Ravenna, mother Chris Sommer and her husband Arnie of Wood River, paternal grandparents Harold McKeon and his wife Eva of Ravenna, niece Rylie Spaulding of Ravenna, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Michelle was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Richard and Evelyn Price.

Friday

September 26, 2014, 4:00

- 7:00 pm

at

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Chapel

[Click for Map and Directions](#) Saturday

September 27, 2014, 9:30 am

at

St. James Catholic Church

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Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Michelle L. Hilkemann*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Michelle -- we had many good times when we were lifeguards at the Ravenna Swimming Pool -- you will be missed!*

Aaron Boucher - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I only met Michelle a handful of times through working with her at Hilltop mall...but the times we did talk was truly inspirational. As a recent survivor of cancer myself, we shared stories about chemo, cancer, and the joy of wigs (we owned the same one!)we laughed and hugged several times. Michelle truly touched my life and was an inspiration to me. She will be greatly missed....I consider myself so extremely lucky to have met her. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you*

Jenna Finkenhoefer - September 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I KNEW SHELLI THROUGH MY COUSIN WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL, RIVAL TEAMS THEN-BURWELL~RAVENNA. SHE WAS A WARM HEARTED GAL AND ALWAYS WELCOMED ME. GOD BLESS..*

Jennifer (Vore)McBride - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *What a wonderful, sweet and caring friend Michelle was. One of the strongest people I know. Even though we lived so far away from each other I'm so glad we were able to stay in touch and I was able to follow her struggles. I prayed for her often and she will always be in my heart. RIP sweet friend. I love you always.*

Crtystal Rogers - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *so sorry for your loved one passing. She come from a real nice family and was a light for us to follow.*

alan and marilyn musil - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *I met Michelle by working with her in the Mallwalkers program when I worked at the hospital. Michelle was always such a happy, fun person to work and visit with. Michelle lived her life helping others and bringing a smile to their faces. She leaves a special place in everyone's hearts that knew her.*

Carol Smith - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *My deepest sympathy for Michelle (Shelly) family. I so fondly remember her when she and my kids were growing up together. My prayers are with all of you.*

Ardath Kusek - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ To Michelle family my heart goes out to you Brian,Evan,Austin,Shari,Mick,and Chris and so many other family members and friends.Michelle so strong , such courage , a fighter ,loved and gave love ,she embraced lie to the fullness . May our LORD comfort give you strength threw this hard time . In my prayers love Esther .

Esther Miller - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I have known Shelli & her family for many years. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. My sympathies go out to all her family & friends.

Kristi Habe - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Many memories from our childhood, from our dads trucking and us making them drive side by side just so we could wave at each other,numerous sleep overs, cheer practices in your garage to finally after years of not seeing each other she showed up at hospital to see me! Always positive, full of love and life....love ya Shelli ur spirit will live on

Candice Stubbs - September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *What an amazing women, I met Michelle through the Y Board. I remember giving her the Christmas Tree with all the ornaments from the Board and how hopeful I was yet so concerned. We all loved her so much! She did so much for so many and will be forever remembered. I know your loss is great and the boys will miss their mom so much. I am so sorry for your loss and just know Kearney loves Michelle and we are here for you. I am very sad and I will miss her so much. With love, thoughts and prayers. Dawn Chavanu*

Dawn Chavanu - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *There would be no tears if there was no love. Michelle truly expressed what God's love is all about. She did and always will make an impact on everybody who she came in contact with. Will miss her beautiful nature and bubbly personality here on earth but glad she is not suffering anymore. We have another angel watching over us. Till we all see you again; God Bless to all who knew her.*

Rebecca Brecht - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *On behalf of The Arc of Buffalo County, I want to extend our great sympathy to Michelle's family. Michelle was a wonderful friend to our organizations. She helped us bring a lot of joy to children with disabilities over the past few years by allowing us to borrow the Hilltop Mall's Easter Bunny outfit for our Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt. The first few years of the event, Michelle even made arrangements for her son to wear the costume. Michelle had a servant's heart and was always willing to strengthen our community. She will be missed.*

Kristen Larsen - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Brian, Evan and Austin -- Please accept our deepest sympathy. You are all in our thoughts and our prayers. May God comfort you during this time and wrap His Heavenly arms around you.

Fondly -- Chuck, Diane, Drew, Tyler and Kennedy Dorantes

Chuck and Diane Dorantes - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ My deepest sympathy to Michelle's entire family...she fought such an incredible valiant fight! God Bless..

Shelly Miller LeFever - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I have know Shelli since 5th grade. We played sports together, laughed together, cried together, shared many holidays together and took childhood vacations together. She was the strongest woman with the most positive attitude of anyone I've ever known. Through our lives NOTHING made her happier than her life with Brian, Austen and Evan. She will forever be loved and missed!!!!!! Love you Shell!!

Diana Haney - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing her at hockey.

Steve and Dawn Beans - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Deepest sympathy and thoughts and prayers for family .amazing and giving woman of God. Love you

Susan BETKE - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM