



## Michelle R. Neitzel

September 3, 1965 - April 23, 2026

Michelle R. Neitzel, age 60, of Versailles, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. She was born September 3, 1965, in Indianapolis, Indiana, a daughter of the late Joe and Carol (Hicks) Leslie.

On June 8, 1997, in Redlands, California, she was united in marriage to her surviving husband, Chris Neitzel.

Michelle was a devoted member of New Life Assembly of God Church, where her love for God and steadfast faith were the foundation of her life. She loved her grandchildren with all her heart and would do anything for them, finding her greatest joy in the time they spent together. Her faith, selfless love and devotion to her family will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In addition to her husband, Chris, she is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Apodaca, Karisma Brey and Destiny Armstrong; her son, Daniel Armstrong; grandchildren, Bricen Apodaca, Ionna Apodaca and Lydia Wry-Apodaca; her brother, Benny Apodaca; her sister, Tonya Alvarez and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of Michelle's life will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 23rd, at the New Life Assembly of God Church in Barnett with Pastor J.D. Montgomery

officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to New Life Assembly of God Church.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **23**. 1:30 PM (CT)

New Life Assembly of God  
22139 Highway 52  
Barnett, MO 65011

# Tribute Wall



“ *Angela Crawford lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



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**Angela Crawford** - May 05 at 11:06 PM

EF

“ *Michelle is the reason I'm where I am today. Ten years ago, she opened her home and her heart to me when I was hopeless, lost, and struggling with addiction. She saw something in me that I couldn't see in myself. She never gave up on me, even when I had given up on myself.*

*Because of Michelle (and Chris), I'm now coming up on 10 years clean. She was my steady place—someone I could always lean on, someone who showed up no matter what, without judgment. Her strength, compassion, and belief in me changed the entire course of my life.*

*I will never be able to fully put into words what she means to me, but I will spend the rest of my life grateful for her and the love she gave so freely.*



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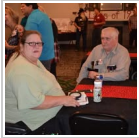
**Erica Frazier** - April 28 at 07:49 PM

JA

“ *Julie Alger lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



Julie Alger - April 28 at 03:19 PM



“ *George Wood lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



George Wood - April 27 at 10:06 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Branch lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



Sharon Branch - April 27 at 01:00 PM

ES

“ *Esther lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



Esther - April 27 at 09:13 AM

JO

“Michelle was a very good friend me and my family knew for years on end. We loved her as a friend deeply and always had a good time when we were near her and her family. We'd even talk about nothing and everything at all when we got the chance and when we met at church. She was very kind and sweet.



Joseph - April 27 at 07:47 AM

BB

“Michelle was a very good woman and friend for many years. She is gonna be missed. Im gonna miss seeing her smile and running into her at Walmart or seeing her at church when I get back on my feet. Sending lots of love, hugs and prayers to the family. Fly high my friend.



Bobbi Jo Bennett - April 26 at 07:26 PM



“I love you Aunt Michelle ❤️ you were there for me in my worst moments and im praying ill see you in heaven one day 🙏 you until we meet again Ill miss you

Rebecca Parker - April 26 at 12:14 PM

SA

“Our deepest condolences. The Apodaca Barrett Petersen Family.



Susan Apodaca - April 26 at 02:03 AM

BI

“ *Billybob lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



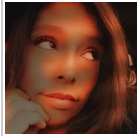
**Billybob** - April 26 at 12:39 AM

MI

“ *Missy lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



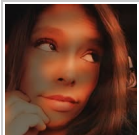
**Missy** - April 26 at 12:33 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Carolyn Apodaca** - April 25 at 09:50 PM



“ *Carolyn Apodaca lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel*



**Carolyn Apodaca** - April 25 at 09:49 PM

AB

“ Anita Bumgardner lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel



Anita Bumgardner - April 25 at 09:02 PM



“ I love you so much and I hate the facts that it never got to tell you how much I appreciate for not only being one of the most honest and most loyal and real friend to my mom and not even second-guessing taking care of all the responsibilities you took on and you were going to be greatly missed and I appreciate for all the conversations we had when I was out there f\*\*\*\*\* off and doing dumb s\*\*\* I'm just glad you and Christopher was there to you know tell me how much dumb s\*\*\* I was doing I love you R.I.P I miss you

Harriet Dashaw - April 25 at 08:31 PM

SO

“ You will be missed, comadre and forever loved



Sonia - April 25 at 06:11 PM

KL

“ I’m gonna miss our summer visit our silly message we sent each other our late night texts to each other ur advice u always gave me most of all IM GONNA MISS U!!! Fly high with the angels my beautiful cuz/ friend love u always Kim ☐☐



kim lewis - April 25 at 06:10 PM

KK

“ Katheryn Kauffman lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel



Katheryn Kauffman - April 25 at 03:59 PM

CI

“ Camilla Iman lit a candle in memory of Michelle R. Neitzel



Camilla Iman - April 25 at 02:33 PM