



Michelle Dawn Arnold

January 26, 1971 - January 27, 2014

Age 43, of Albuquerque, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family and friends, Monday, January 27, 2014. Our beautiful Michelle was a gifted athlete, artist, wonderful daughter, tremendous sister, loving aunt, and caring friend. She is survived by her beloved dog, Skippy; parents, Don and Carolyn Arnold; sister, Courtney Summers and husband, Scott; niece and nephew, Makenzie and Mason Summers; Uncle Ben and Wendy Lucero and family; and numerous other family members. Services will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2014, 1:00 p.m. at FRENCH - Wyoming, with Pastor Dirk Gray officiating. The family wishes to thank special friends Tasha Caldwell and Andrea Blan. Memorial contributions may be made to Watermelon Mountain Ranch Animal Rescue at wmranch.org/donate.

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

JAN **30**. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - January 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *The love of a child never ceases, so sorry for your loss, she was amazing and you'll meet again in heaven.*

judy mikeska - July 25, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Michelle and Aiko at the Grower's Market*



Don Arnold - May 09, 2014 at 08:22 AM



“ <http://alibi.com/feature/46581/Best-of-Burque-2014.html>

It's hard remembering a time when there wasn't a Best of Burque—it's been around longer than lots of its voters, now. It was the first and remains the best “Best of” of Burque, even amid an ever-growing host of distracting start-ups and simulacra, vying for imaginary market share and kissing rump roasts harder than dignity abides.

Here's the secret, though. Our readers deserve to believe in something, so we count their votes. It's a lot of work, honestly, and the results don't always make everyone happy. But somebody's got to play it straight or else it's all just advertising. We don't release results early for that same reason; you won't see any “thank you” ads. We don't mix business with editorial. We write our paper to be read. Yes, it's boring to hear me talk about it, but you should think about the distinction, and you should pause before putting something else all the way into your eyeballs. Here's how you voted.

The Person We Lost in 2013 That We'll Miss Most

Walter White

In the chemistry classrooms, seedy drug dens and teevee-soaked living rooms scattered around town, “Breaking Bad” antihero Walter White will be missed. In our bright and sometimes troubling reality, beloved local artist and athlete Michelle Dawn Arnold and 9-year-old innocent victim—of child abuse and what an outraged citizenry decried as CYFD and APD neglect—Omaree Varela will be mourned ... not as celebrity fictives but as flesh-and-blood beings with souls that touched the hearts and lives of their fellow humans. Rest in peace. (AM)

2) Michelle Arnold/Omaree Varela

Sweet Girl....you were so loved and deeply touched so many....we miss you dearly. Dad





Don Arnold - April 06, 2014 at 02:57 PM

DA

“Michelle's friend and popular musician Luke Schmaltz has written, composed and performed an awesome tribute song for Michelle; please click the following link and listen to Luke's performance. Thank you Luke.
see link at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7jD-xA6z_8&feature=share&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Dg7jD-xA6z_8&feature=share&app=desktop

Don Arnold - February 15, 2014 at 08:52 AM

DA

“1 file added to the tribute wall



Don Arnold - February 06, 2014 at 02:25 PM

DA

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Don Arnold - February 06, 2014 at 02:27 PM

FW

“ *Franz-Erik Weiss lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Franz-Erik Weiss - February 06, 2014 at 12:16 PM

FW

“ *I don't know what to say. I didn't know. How could I know?*

Yes, Don. I gave her that name with those words "Michelle, ma belle Sont des mots qui vont très bien ensemble" inside my head. It is not a coincidence. Thank you. Your words are beautiful. Too beautiful perhaps because I can't read through it yet. I'm sure you don't see the effect of them upon me so far away in time, distance and you know.

I deeply hope that the loss your family is experiencing will at least be tempered to an unending light of an everlasting hope for the world.

My regards and condolences to your whole family.

F-EW

Franz-Erik Weiss - February 06, 2014 at 12:15 PM

MM

“ *Michelle M. lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Michelle M. - February 03, 2014 at 01:34 PM

DS

“ *Dawnelle Aragon Sohl lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Dawnelle Aragon Sohl - February 03, 2014 at 07:04 AM

KM

“ *Kiki Munera lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Kiki Munera - February 02, 2014 at 11:06 AM

PA

“ *So very sorry for the premature passing of Michelle. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Perry Alberto



Perry Alberto - February 02, 2014 at 12:36 AM

JS

“ *John and Sandra purchased the Peaceful Rest for the family of Michelle Dawn Arnold.*



John and Sandra - January 31, 2014 at 08:34 PM

DA

“ Today was Michelle's memorial--she had a packed house, standing room only!!--I opened, welcoming everyone to a celebration of Michelle's life.... Two of my Chaplains, Majors Gray (NMMI) & Hamilton (USASFC) plus French's Director COL Slaten, all long-time friends and fellow Vets led the way with my good friend COL Dofflemeyer, Silver Star & Ranger, who knew Michelle's courage well; they set the stage for Michelle's friends and family members-- Courtney read her moving eulogy about her sister with Carol's poem for Michelle from her Mom...then, I discussed my experience fathering this strong-willed, talented beauty, sharing the French chorus to the Beatles' song, 'Michelle', "Michelle, ma belle Sont des mots qui vont très bien ensemble". It means "my beautiful girl" "are words which go very well together". The idea was that Michelle -"ma belle", "my beautiful girl" were in perfect harmony." - I asked everyone to share their experience about Michelle,,,

Wow, the stories!!...I knew I had a unique and talented daughter but I never knew how remarkable she was to other peoples' lives...for about an hour those who attended told one after another stories of how this very wonderful, talented, quirky & beautiful woman had busted their chops, reached-out & touched their lives, many since childhood...at the end French's Director said it was the first time in 20 yrs he'd ever heard 'She's a bad mama jama' played in a service - during which two friends jumped to the floor & danced saying Michelle would have had us all for not dancing to her favorite song!!....

All of it blew Carol & I away--it was breath-taking!!...Just like the woman that our daughter was!..I thank all of you for this beautiful tribute to our gorgeous Michelle!

So, I'm sharing this with everyone---for as you know, Michelle suffered so much from such a horrific disease-its the monster that so unnecessarily took Michelle from this world such a great talent and personality who so unselfishly gave of herself and was loved by all of us and shall so sorely be missed!...If only I could have mustered a force to destroy it.and saved my beautiful

daughter....BUT....Pray we all rise to insist that this monster is defeated & destroyed before it takes another loving soul from us! FYI-The LaunchPad owners, Michelle's personal friends and her place "to be", is having an invitation-only memorial & benefit to celebrate Michelle's life this Saturday night. <http://www.launchpadrockers.com/>

Here's more about our gorgeous Michelle--Please join in to celebrate our beautiful daughter Michelle's life with your comments & stories--Carol & I want to know more---

LUV Ya 'Chelle', 'Ur Dad':

<http://www.frenchfunerals.com/obituaries/Michelle-Arnold/#!/Obituary>

<http://french.mem.com/Movie/5833736/73595760/73555868?title=Movie>

Don Arnold - January 31, 2014 at 01:09 AM

SM

Your beautiful amazing daughter was one of the best friends I will ever have. My father always told me that there was one level above perfection that applied to any task, and that is the way YOU would do it for yourself. For me there was still yet another level and that was the way Michelle would do it. She changed my life forever, and although she and I had a falling out we didn't get a chance to repair, her spirit flows on within me and she will forever challenge me to be a better person. Thank you so much for bringing such an amazing person into this world, if even for a short 43 years.

Sam Melada - February 04, 2014 at 03:44 AM

KC

I am so happy that Michelle's Life Celebration this past weekend was such a happy event for all of those who were able to be a part of it. Although it is incredibly difficult for me to use the word "happy" at this point in time considering the circumstances, I honestly felt a warmth & happiness that I hadn't felt since learning of Michelle's passing. It is my belief that this feeling of happiness for me stems from the simple fact that our Silly Girl was right there at the Launch Pad with us, her beautiful family & friends.

I hope that you, Carol, Courtney, & Scott all felt a sense of peace & happiness as we laughed, cried, & shared magical memories of your precious daughter & our amazing friend.

As if my evening wasn't already a great one, having the opportunity to walk you & Carol out to your car on Saturday evening was a memory I will forever cherish.

To see you both smile & express how awesome it was to learn of how deeply Michelle has touched all of her friends lives offered a bit of closure for me.

I lost my father at a young age so I realize that there are going to be days that are more difficult than others, but to hear your words of love & to see the pride in your eyes as we spoke about Michelle is a vision that I will never forget & it speaks volumes for me as to where Michelle's strength, loyalty, & ability to love with purpose comes from.

I thank you for giving me a friend that will be forever cherished & hope that you truly know how deeply we care for your family.

Love & hugs to you all

Krisinda Cheney-Jamnicky - February 04, 2014 at 02:55 PM

DZ

“ Don & Carol:

I was very shocked to hear about Michelle; I still remember what an adorable little girl she was.

Carol, please call me when you feel better as I am not sure how to personally contact you. (877-1465)

I am SO SORRY; please take care of yourselves.

Diana

Diana Zelnio - January 30, 2014 at 03:43 PM

DZ

“ *Diana Zelnio lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Diana Zelnio - January 30, 2014 at 03:40 PM

TC

“ *3 files added to the album Michelle and Aiko at the Grower's Market*



tess Coats - January 30, 2014 at 11:47 AM

MC

“ *Carolyn & Don,
We are so sorry for your loss. May God bring you and your family comfort and peace during this time. We will forever remember Michelle's beautiful smile and positive energy that filled the room when she was present.
Remember that heaven has gained an angel and she is now watching from above, smiling, laughing, and resting in peace.
Love always,
Aunty Eileen and Uncle Pete Cebada & family*

Madlyn Cebada - January 30, 2014 at 11:07 AM

MD

“ *Pita - you were the craziest girl in high school - but so loved!! You will be missed!!*

Molly Donohue - January 30, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JB

“ *see ya later, Arnold...*

joaquin baldwin - January 29, 2014 at 11:57 PM

AL

“ *I have loved you forever mi jita. Rest in peace Peewoo. Aunt Lela*

Aunt Lela - January 29, 2014 at 11:50 PM

RJ

“ *Rebecca Jameson lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Rebecca Jameson - January 29, 2014 at 08:32 PM

AB

“ *Amanda Brennan lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Amanda Brennan - January 29, 2014 at 03:17 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry for your loss Carolyn and Don. I remember attending your baby shower Carolyn before you had Michelle right after we graduated from Manzano HS. Those days before ultra sounds remember? I just felt you would have a girl and bought a beautiful little dress for her. Then it turns out that our daughters, your daughter Michelle and my daughter Rachel would become friends. I did not realize who this was until Rachel showed me the obit and said she was such a dear wonderful person and such a good friend. May you be surrounded by the love and comfort of family and friends at this difficult time, and may God grant you peace. Marian Gallegos Davis

Marian Davis - January 29, 2014 at 11:59 AM

DR

“ Dre lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold



Dre - January 29, 2014 at 10:27 AM

 Felicia Ann

“ Felicia Ann lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold



Felicia Ann - January 29, 2014 at 10:20 AM

FE

“ From the moment I met Michelle, I knew I wanted to be a part of her life. She had amazing energy that myself and many people were drawn to. She was outspoken, carefree and an independent woman all of which I struggled to be. She always said she believed she was put on this earth to teach people. She taught me so much about myself, about being a woman, about life in general. For this I will be forever grateful for and also to have known and loved her. She lives on in the life I live today leading by example. I will forever cherish our time together and strive to be more outspoken, carefree and independent just like she was. Shine on Ms. Machele.....shine on. Love you always??

Felicia - January 29, 2014 at 10:14 AM



Not sure why there are ?? Love you always!!!!!!

Felicia Ann - January 29, 2014 at 10:19 AM



“ Today I'm reflecting on all the laughs and the good times Michelle and I had.
So sorry for the loss of truly one of the most amazing smiles ever.
Now and forever everytime I hear Missy Elliot I think of her. Beep beep, who got the keys to the Jeep? v-r-rrrrrrrrrooom.
Enjoy a cigarette with Gregg.

Gerhardt Ackerman - January 29, 2014 at 08:59 AM

JL

“ Jennifer L lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold



Jennifer L - January 29, 2014 at 08:06 AM

AL

“ Aunt Lela lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold



Aunt Lela - January 28, 2014 at 11:27 PM

CT

“ Chantell Thomas lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold



Chantell Thomas - January 28, 2014 at 10:50 PM

VS

“ Blessings to the Arnold family.



Vancellen Sturgeon - January 28, 2014 at 10:19 PM

CP

“ christa P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Michelle Dawn Arnold.



christa P. - January 28, 2014 at 08:46 PM

CP

“ *Christa Pisto lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Christa Pisto - January 28, 2014 at 07:41 PM

SL

“ *Shannon Ludeman lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



shannon ludeman - January 28, 2014 at 06:31 PM

ME

“ *Mel lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Mel - January 28, 2014 at 05:03 PM

AM

“ *With the nickname PITA, this girl used to throw snowballs with rocks in them to 'charm' my attention, I appreciated your spark and unwillingness to settle. You fought well and with honesty. Thank you. Sweet dreams, dear one. Haunt us all. Your fire burns on.*

Amy - January 28, 2014 at 12:42 PM

GA

“My condolences to the Arnold family. Michelle was a longtime loyal friend and supporter of all my musical projects and one of my band's first and most fervent supporters! Her own creativity and love of music and people was such a positive contribution to the Life Force.

I remember when she first became ill and reached out to me, as we both shared dealing with that illness and the treatments. As always, she was strong and positive and despite looking to me for support, ended up being more of a support to me. But that's Michelle. Always there with love and concern for friends and family.

So many wonderful memories of the times we had together and long, silly phone conversations, especially when she was in New York.

Thank you for enriching my life Michelle. Although I am already missing you, you and your energy and love will forever remain on my mind and in my heart..

So long my friend. See you later.

Gordy Andersen and the members of Black Maria

Gordy Andersen - January 28, 2014 at 10:43 AM

TS

“I loved Michelle so much we would call each other up and laugh and laugh about the stupidest things especially me being overweight! I will miss her dearly.

Tony Sandoval - January 28, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *Ernie Vega lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold*



Ernie Vega - January 28, 2014 at 10:12 AM

SB

“ *12 files added to the album Just Pita to me*



Shauna Bearman - January 28, 2014 at 10:06 AM

PE

“ *I met Michelle in 1986. She epitomized cool to me. Everything about the day I remember vividly.*

I went with Michelle and her mom to her first Cancer Center appointment. I remember the day vividly as well. I had never experienced cancer as closely before. I hope I never will again. We love you M. Always.

Pete - January 28, 2014 at 09:58 AM

MH

“ I remember one, I think, one Thanksgiving when we were all at Ben and Wendy's for the family get together and dinner , but Michelle was living in NYC and not expected. However, there was a knock at the door and Michelle was there. What a wonderful surprise! ! Carole and Don's expression on their faces and that dazzling smile and laugh of Michelle were wonderful. Quite a Kodak moment!

I will miss you Michelle, you are in a beautiful place and completely healed. See you later sweetheart, Marilyn Hope

Marilyn Hope - January 28, 2014 at 09:39 AM

ER

“ Erica lit a candle in memory of Michelle Dawn Arnold



Erica - January 28, 2014 at 09:28 AM



Maryann
Seno-
Holcomb

“ Michelle You made my life better just by being part of it for past few years I will miss you my dear sweet niece.



Maryann Seno- Holcomb - January 28, 2014 at 08:54 AM

SB

“ I met Pita in seventh grade...or should I say we bumped into one another at Madison Middle School laughing. The laughter still rings in my ears, and we laughed for so many wonderful years. She got an alpha romeo convertible and would drive us to SHS, with the top down. She got an old vespa and would drive me around. She got an old BMW that would break down, but, looked good! We would ride our bikes smoking on the bike trail. We came out together, we traveled many roads and stumbled together. One thing about Pita, she was the most generous, thoughtful, kind, beautiful friend. she was, brilliant, creative and protective. She asked Morrissey if he liked soup, we waited in line for an hour, and she was so excited to see him that she blurted out "Do you like soup?" She was the tambourine gal in my HS band. She was so many things to many and more. Our friendship was close like sisters. Take a look around, there is not many who could ever fill her shoes, and not many who could come close. I love you sweet Pita, my sister. Take care of yourself and your Mom and Sister, they loved you more than anything on this earth.

Shauna Bearman

shauna bearman - January 28, 2014 at 08:49 AM

BL

“ I met Michelle '95 working at the doubletree hotel downtown, she was busing, I was in the pantry....we would go to BO and hang out after work...the most vivacious, effervescent, happy, person ever...always a kind word and or a good hug.....I will miss her, as will we all.

Ben L. - January 28, 2014 at 06:45 AM

KC

“ *Rest well our Silly Michelle.
Your memory & smile will FOREVER brighten our world.
We love & miss you more than words can express,
Mike, Krisinda, &
your Lil Bomb-Kieran Bella*

Krisinda Cheney-Jamnicky - January 27, 2014 at 11:13 PM



“ *Courtney Summers was added to the Family Tree.*

Courtney Summers - January 27, 2014 at 10:20 PM



My beautiful sister, thank you so much for blessing my life by being a part of it. You've always taken care of me and I believe that you are now watching over me, mom and dad, and my husband and our children. Please give me the strength to be strong like you've always been!

Courtney Summers - January 27, 2014 at 10:31 PM

SB

so sorry for the loss of your sister Courtney.

shauna bearman - January 28, 2014 at 08:56 AM

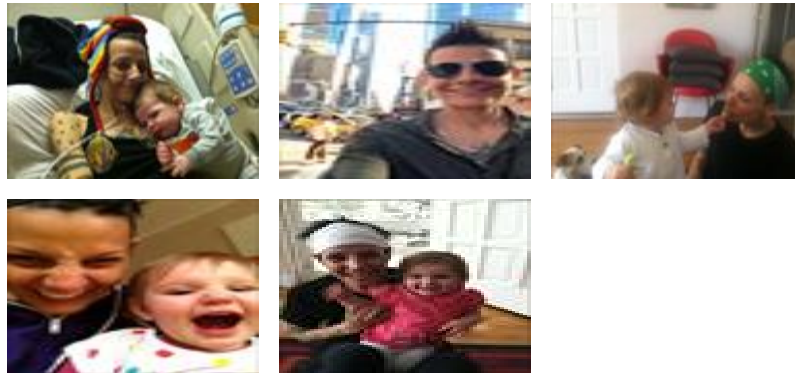
KC

*We love you & your family Courtney.
You are strong, Michelle had a way of making us all strong :)
Please let us know if there is anything at all you need during this tough time.
Hugs*

Krisinda Cheney-Jamnicky - January 28, 2014 at 09:14 AM



“ 38 files added to the album New Album Name

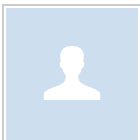


Courtney Summers - January 27, 2014 at 10:13 PM



“ We are so very sad to lose such a wonderful friend. Michele and you all are in our thoughts. We love you all. Alan and BJ

B.j. Firestone - January 27, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle Dawn Arnold.



January 27, 2014 at 07:18 PM



“ On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

Dave Slaten - January 27, 2014 at 12:53 PM