



## Michelle E. Bassani McKenney

June 24, 1970 - August 9, 2018

Sussex - Michelle Bassani McKenney, age 48, peacefully passed away on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at Chilton Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Born in Dover, Michelle grew up in Sussex County, where she has lived all of her life. She was a 1988 graduate of High Point Regional High School and earned her Bachelor of Nursing degree from William Paterson University. She was dedicated to her nursing profession and began her career at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex, where she continued to work per diem. She was a RN-BSN and had been employed by Chilton Medical Center in Pequannock. Growing up on a farm in Wantage, Michelle became very fond of all animals, but had a special love for all cats. She was a member of Psi Chi, International Honor Society of Psychology, International Association of Forensic Nursing, and the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses.

Michelle was predeceased by her parents, Bertha Bassani in 2010 and Vincent Bassani in 2016. She is survived by her loving sons, Adam McKenney of Elizabethtown, PA and Nicholas McKenney of Sussex; her brothers, Peter Bassani and his wife Diane of Hawley, PA, Ronald Bassani and his loving companion Judy Ann Castiglione of Wantage, Vincent Bassani of Wantage, and Donald Bassani and his wife Tanya of Wantage; her sister, Donna Nacarlo of Effort, PA; and her devoted companion, Rich Linden of Sussex. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday prior to the service from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at

the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made in Michelle's memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or to Father John's Animal House, 50 Father Johns Lane, Lafayette, NJ 07848. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Sincerely, your friends at SSI purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michelle E. Bassani McKenney.



Sincerely, your friends at SSI - August 14, 2018 at 10:33 AM

NF

“ Nicola Dublirer (nursing school friend) purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Michelle E. Bassani McKenney.



Nicola Dublirer (nursing school friend) - August 13, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Michelle E. Bassani McKenney.



August 13, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michelle E. Bassani McKenney.



August 13, 2018 at 04:13 PM

ST

“ *Shane Force and Team purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Michelle E. Bassani McKenney.*



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**Shane Force and Team** - August 13, 2018 at 02:06 PM

JM

“ *Bassani Family. So sorry for your loss.*

*Aunt June*

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**June Mierop** - August 13, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle E. Bassani McKenney.*



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August 13, 2018 at 06:02 AM

DJ

“ *I will forever remember Michelle for her sweet nature, the kindness she portrayed and the strength that she had. My heartfelt condolences to her family. She will forever remain as a role model for patience and perseverance. God bless Michelle and all those who are feeling her loss. To her boys- you can be proud of your mother and know how proud she is of you. When you see signs that she is with you, believe that she is there watching over you. God bless.*

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**Denise Johnson** - August 12, 2018 at 08:48 PM

RW

“ To the Bassani family: My thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss. Renee Westerkamp

Renee Westerkamp - August 12, 2018 at 05:07 PM

MH

“ Ron, Janet and I were so sorry to hear about Michelle's passing. Please pass our condolences on to your family

Michael & Janet Hart - August 12, 2018 at 04:57 PM

RH

“ To the Bassani family: We are so sorry to hear about Michelle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ronnie & Rhonda Rome

Rhonda - August 12, 2018 at 10:49 AM

PM

“ Michele; though light of your stature \_ you carried the weight and responsibility of all souls on your shoulder each and every day. And were great full for the opportunity to make this world a better place. You won!

Thank you for teaching me resilience, courage and determination to do and be better.

Two rainbow arches were seen over Chilton before you left us... and it speaks to the warm welcome you will receive!

Until we meet again.... three deep breaths and a bunch of lavender!

That will do it,

With love and appreciation for the amazing woman, mother and friend you are and will always be.

Safe trip and you are in my heart always

Pat McQuade

patricia mcquade - August 11, 2018 at 10:00 PM

HT

“Michelle was a beautiful person on the inside and out. Never a negative comment about anyone or anything. We were truly blessed to have known her and worked with her. The Lord must have decided that he needed this wonderful angel. You will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in Peace beautiful lady. Our sincerest condolences to your family. Jim and Helen Toback

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**Helen Toback** - August 11, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“She was a wonderful caring nurse. We watched her grow into a great nurse. God has gained an angel Rose and Gary Mowery

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**Rose Mowery** - August 11, 2018 at 08:11 PM

PB

“My sympathy and prayers to the family. She was the most caring and special person that I got to know and work with.

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**Patty B** - August 11, 2018 at 05:05 PM

SS

“The entire management team at Chilton will deeply miss Michelle and the courage she displayed every day during the past year. We should all be so fortunate to have her strength. Her kindness toward patients and the deep care that she offered as a nurse and colleague will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to her sons and family at this time. We wish you much peace. -Stephanie Schwartz and the Leadership Team at Chilton Medical Center

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**Stephanie Schwartz** - August 11, 2018 at 03:46 PM

MA

“ I will always remember how we rode our bikes everywhere and all the good times we shared. You will always be one of the best friends I ever had in my life and I will never forget you.

*Meredith Albers*

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**Meredith Albers** - August 11, 2018 at 03:23 PM

KM

“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences. Michelle was kind sweet soul who will be missed by all of us. Love and prayers to her family.

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**Kaysie and Alex Mesias** - August 11, 2018 at 03:01 PM

CR

“ It was a privilege to know and work with such a great person and competent nurse. Michelle you will be missed by your colleagues at Chilton. My condolences to the family and friends who were there for her when she needed them most. 🙏

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**Carol Reardon** - August 11, 2018 at 02:30 PM

LD

*Michelle is such a very seeet , kind person ,.. soft spoken , , always a smile on her face . I don't think I ever hear her say anything negative . Always that sweet smile !!! That's how I would always remember you , Michelle!! May you Rest In Peace !!! I will miss you 🥺*

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**laura duivenvoorde** - August 11, 2018 at 09:27 PM