



Michele S. Devendorf

January 6, 1947 - July 2, 2018

Utica/Ft. Pierce, FL - Michele Paula Schag Devendorf, 71, was taken from family and friends, sadly, way too soon, on July 2, 2018.

Michele, (Chele) was born in Flushing, LI, NY, the only child of Michael and Jeannette (nee Paul) Schag. Her father's job called for moving around the state, so Chele lived in many places in NY, namely, Kingston, Sackets Harbor, Hamilton, Vernon and Sherrill. While married to Donald Devendorf of Watertown, NY, she lived on the Quantico Marine Base in VA and eventually again in Kingston. Since 1979, she has been pleased to call Utica her home, sharing expenses with Grace Jackson (deceased) and her daughter, Lois Bormann.

An over 30-year, devoted employee of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chele took early retirement from her District Business Manager duties in 2003 and since then has spent winters in Fort Pierce, FL, with her long-time friend, Lois and, of course, their two cats, Puffy and Tego.

Chele was an outgoing, steadfast, energetic, extremely capable person and very business-oriented. She was looked up to by everyone who really knew her. She served on the Board of Directors for the Adirondack Scenic Railroad and the Sandhill Shores Community in Florida. Michele will be so missed

Being an only child, Chele has no known close family left. She has a number of step-family members, including a step-mother, Felma Schag, FL; step-sisters and brother, Janet (Gary, deceased) Sears and Tom (Barbara) Ellingworth, FL; Kathleen Dove, NY and a deceased step-brother, Richard White, NY. A short list of her special long-time friends would include Doreen (Tony) Downing, Sue (Bruce) Snyder, JoAnne (Walt, deceased) Mintel and more recently, Pam Wilson and Cassandra Ingham, Carol (Billy, deceased) Tibbs, Colleen Farrell, Ann Kahler, Deb (Randy) Corona, Brenda Richmond, and Barb and Bill Green. She was predeceased by close friends, David and Elizabeth Gray. Chele had great friends in many places and she truly appreciated them all.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Friday at 2:30 p.m. at McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors, 470 French Rd., Utica. Funeral services will begin at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, Utica, NY or Spring Farm Cares in New Hartford, NY. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Comments



“ The pain of losing Chele, is just beginning to hit Me. I've only known Her, since 2005, but We went through many ups and downs, during those 13 Years...in Health, Volunteering, and Rebuilding a Community that We BOTH strongly LOVED and BELIEVED IN.
I felt that We would not be seeing Her, again, when She left for Utica, this Year. GOD, how I wish I'd been wrong!
We were the 2 'Old Timers', on Our HOA Board, and the Ones, with the knowledge of what would or wouldn't work, with the Owners and Residents.
I turned to Her, for the 'most common sense' approach to all situations.
I LOVE YOU, CHELE, and will so Dearly miss, the type of Friendship that You and I always had..

Maggie Stalhut - July 29, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ Mitchele had a real zest for life and loved to laugh and play. As young women we played many games if pitch and passed many pleasant hours together. I will never forget her patience on our fishing expeditions. She always baited the hook and took the fish off for me.
Mitchele will be missed by so many.
Blessings to her family and loved ones.
Kathleen Dove

Kathleen Dove - July 12, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ I just found out that Michele passed away. I'm so sad to find this out. I needed to stay better intouch. Michele was s fun person and Dick and I enjoyed visiting her and Lois in Florida and in Utica. I wish I knew how to get in touch with Lois. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.

Kimberly White - March 15 at 04:38 PM



“ A loss of a truly wonderful and strong woman is profound. I'm sad to lose my dear friend and 'mom' Michele. Some cannot be replaced as is the life of Michele. Fortunate to know Michele, and Lois truly once a lifetime friendships. I was there the last two days with Lois and Anjani... lots of love present and I know Michele is safe and not suffering anymore, for that I am grateful.

cassandra inham - July 11, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ I have fond memories of countless dinners between two Taureans and two Capricorns where open and frank conversations were shared as well as one unforgettable "camp trip". Chele was so strong during her long battle; she can now rest peacefully.

With great sadness and heartfelt sympathy we send our condolences,

Pamela Wilson and Family

Pamela Wilson - July 08, 2018 at 07:13 AM



“ So many wonderful times together, you will always be in my heart. Times you helped us in so many ways. My dear friend I will miss you so much.

God Bless you Always,
JoAnne Mintel

JoAnne Mintel - July 07, 2018 at 12:51 PM