



Michele Ann Arthur

May 2, 1947 - January 9, 2026

Michele Ann Arthur, 78, of Bloomington, passed away Friday, January 9, 2026. She was born May 2, 1947, in Bloomington to Bernard and Violet P. (Webb) Goodman.

One of twelve children, Michele always found a way to stand out. In 1977, she married Lemuel Arthur, and the two shared fifteen loving years together until his passing. A woman of quiet mystery, Michele revealed little about her personal interests—but one thing was certain: she adored Elvis. Music playing piano, and dancing brought her great joy, as did peaceful evenings at home watching classic television shows from her youth. Mike & Molly was a particular favorite.

Michele possessed a magnetic energy that drew people to her. She was deeply proud of her volunteer work with the Area 10 Agency on Aging, where she dedicated her time and heart to serving others. Known affectionately by many as “the favorite sister,” Michele leaves behind a large and loving family who will forever cherish her spirit.

She is survived by her siblings: James I. (Diana) Goodman of Bloomington; Patricia A. (Paul) Lechler of Reno, NV; Rosemary S. (David) Landis of Bloomington; Susan E. (Silas) DeVaney of Martinsville; Janet M. Sample of Bloomington; Debora L. Inman of Williams, IN; Kathryn R. (Dan) Brown of Connecticut; and John P. Goodman of Bloomington. She is also survived by twenty-six nieces and nephews: Melody Richardson Norris, Samuel Goodman, Cody Goodman, Gabriel Hart, Charlie Dix, Pam Kirk, Cheryl Fike,

Bobbie Knapp, Tina Gilliatt, Jake Lechler, Robert Parks, Matthew Landis, Chris Landis, Melissa Smith, Kathleen Lorenzen, Charles Sample, Heather Fitzgerald, Danny Thomas, Sara Neidigh, Ashlie Chambers, Justin Chambers, Andrew Bernard Brown, Gracie Goodman, Samantha Goodman, Johnathon Goodman, Nick LaPresto, and many others.

Michele was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard Goodman and Violet P. Webb Goodman; her husband, Lemuel Arthur; her sisters, Barbara J. Dix and Mary J. (Guy) Gilliatt, her brother, Philip Goodman; and her nephews, Eddie Fike, Zachary Gilliatt, Colby Coe Nugent. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Area 10 Agency on Aging in Michele's honor. The family would also like to extend a special thanks to all the wonderful staff at Elders Journey for making her feel so special.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Garden. Visitation will be Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37.

“See you later, alligator; after awhile, crocodile.”

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
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Burial

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Valhalla Memory Gardens
310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I had the opportunity to care for Michele since 2024 as her home health aide. She was my first ever patient, and I remember how much she loved it when I played Elvis and her other favorites. For a while she was particularly fond of "Old Shep", and loved listening to all the different versions. She also loved hearing about the lives of the different singers - we both learned a lot! Every morning, she would ask about my cat, Gus, and every day before I left, she would say "Tell Gus I said 'hi'", and remind me to "take care of old Gussie". I am honored that I got to work with her, and I'll always remember her.

Maggie Cashman - February 25 at 10:48 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Michele Ann Arthur.



January 15 at 09:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michele Ann Arthur.



January 14 at 11:02 AM

LC

“ Love, Chris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Ann Arthur.

Love, Chris - January 14 at 11:02 AM

LS

“ I remember taking care of Michelle, she just loved asking me questions about my family and what they were doing

lynn sample - January 13 at 07:11 PM

LF

“ Love From, Rosie ,Dave and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michele Ann Arthur.



Love From, Rosie ,Dave and family - January 13 at 09:30 AM

SM

“ Steve and Mandy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michele Ann Arthur.



Steve and Mandy - January 12 at 08:30 PM