



Michelle Merlo

December 8, 1952 - January 15, 2026

Michelle Merlo, age 73, of Canton, Michigan, passed away on January 5, 2026.

Michelle was born on December 8, 1952, in Detroit, Michigan, to Lew and Edith Vial. She grew up in Ferndale and graduated from Ferndale High School in 1970. She later built a long and dependable career in accounting, working as an accounting clerk with responsibilities that included accounts payable, accounts receivable, and budgeting. She retired in July of 2015.

On December 28, 1992, Michelle married Al Merlo in Plymouth, Michigan. Al survives her and shared many years of love and companionship with Michelle. She was a devoted wife and cherished her family deeply.

She was preceded in death by her son, Adam Landy; her parents, Lew and Edith Vial; and her sister, Linda Milks. Michelle is survived by her husband, Al Merlo; and her four brothers, Denny Vial, Kevin Vial, Tom Vial, and Mike Vial.

Michelle was Catholic and found joy in traveling, especially enjoying a good road trip. She appreciated time spent exploring new places and creating memories along the way.

Michelle will be remembered for her quiet strength, dedication to her work and

family, and her love of travel and life's simple pleasures.

Michelle will lie in state Monday, January 19th 10:30 AM until the Funeral Mass at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, National Headquarters, 6520 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2132 in Michelle's memory.

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Previous Events

In state

JAN 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Catholic Church
48755 Warren Road
Canton, MI 48187

Mass

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Craig &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michelle Merlo.

Craig &. - January 19 at 04:23 PM

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“ Michelle was such a sweet gal, she will be dearly missed. She would come to our house before the holidays and bake loads of cookies and bread to give to friends and relatives for the holidays. My wife Linda Michelle's sister would have such a wonderful time together. After all the baking was completed we would go to dinner and go to the show. My deepest sympathy to the Merlo family
Love Richard Milks

Richard J Milks - January 18 at 02:49 PM

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Michelle was my partner in life for 33 years. She was kind, genuine, down to earth, even tempered and very strong mentally. I was lucky to have found someone that special. Love always, Al

Alan Merlo - January 18 at 09:03 PM



I was blessed to meet Michelle during the summer of 2012 for the first time at Rosie O'Grady's in Ferndale, MI. I knew I liked her the moment I met her. I got to spend several fun times with her family & friends over the years. The last memorable day I got to see her, back in 2018, she, my daughter Savannah, & I attended a concert together. It was a great musical artist that I had turned Michelle on to a few years prior named, Myles Kennedy from the band Alter Bridge. I love that we shared similar music interest. This day was extra special because we did a "Meet & Greet" early in the day. Michelle got to talk to Myles & give him a big hug, photos & all! Then, we had a beautiful outdoor patio lunch across the street in downtown, Pontiac. After that the three of us went to the concert. It was a wonderful time, with an incredible lady, of whom I will never forget. Goodbye, Michelle and thank you for brightening up this world for all of us :)

Jennifer Masters - January 21 at 06:30 PM