



## Misha M. Dorland

July 2, 1980 - May 28, 2024

Misha Mishelle Dorland (43) passed from this earth into God's hands peacefully on Tuesday May 28, 2024, surrounded by family and friends after a courageous battle with cancer.

Misha graduated from Holland High School and went on to receive her Bachelor Degree in Education from Hope College in 2002. Upon graduation she proceeded to use her talents in Kenya for two years where she served as a homeschool teacher for a missionary family. Living in the bush in Kenya was a true reflection of her adventurous spirit and grit and was a season of life where she grew deeply in her faith. Upon return from Kenya she taught 2nd grade for several years at Vanderbilt Charter Academy in Holland and also obtained her Masters Degree in Education at Cornerstone University. She then went on to teach at Black River Public Schools as a 4th/5th grade teacher which was a job and a community that she truly loved.

Misha loved teaching and always went the extra mile to make sure her students were successful in their studies. The most important role in life to Misha was being a mom to her two girls, Zuri & Zola. She always put their needs before hers, even when she was going through her own hard times. She filled their lives with fun activities and made sure they knew God's love for them. The outdoors were always important to her and the last couple of summers she camped with the girls at her happy place in Croton. Misha was a

swimmer and she wanted her girls to love nature and water as well. The girls especially enjoyed tubing behind Papa's boat.

Misha had many friends that she cherished immensely and they all surrounded her with love and care during her journey. They were amazing, supportive and truly special. Her closest friends carried many burdens and supported her in ways that the family will forever cherish. Her long time bible study group meant the world to her and she attended it until the very end. Her faith was foundational in everything she did. Misha loved animals and she leaves behind her beloved dog Mocha, her cat Bobo, and her bearded dragon which lives in her classroom.

Misha was preceded in death by her grandparents, Henry and Elaine Laarman, and her brother, Travis Molter.

She is survived by her family who will cherish her memory and unconditional love: her daughters Zuri Marie (7), Zola Mishelle (5); her parents, John and Jan Boockmeier; her beloved sister, Mandi Schebor; her brother-in-law, Neil Schebor; her niece, Lily Schebor; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Misha's mom superpowers are left behind for her daughters Zuri and Zola so they know she is always with them as they navigate life without her by their side.

Special thanks to all the doctors and nurses who navigated her through this hard journey. A special thanks to the ICU at Holland Hospital who cared for her with dignity in her last moments of life.

To view the livestream of the service, please visit, <https://foundrychurchzm.online.church>

Funeral services are planned for 1:00pm Saturday, June 8, at The Foundry

Church, 425 100th Ave., Zeeland, 49464. Dr. Tim Brown and Pastor Jeff Vander Molen will officiate. Tracey Hoesch will provide the eulogy. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation is scheduled for 5:00-7:00pm Friday, June 7, also at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shields of Hope West Michigan, Calvary C.A.M.P (Calvary Reformed Church) and Black River Public Schools. Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 396-4949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Foundry Church  
425 100th Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Foundry Church  
425 100th Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Tribute Wall



“ Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Misha M. Dorland



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - June 05, 2024 at 12:52 PM

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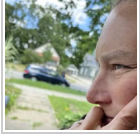
“ I liked her as a teacher because she had a loft and she was really nice” Valerie Rangel. Student at Vanderbilt

rosalba rangel - June 05, 2024 at 03:08 PM



She was my favorite teacher when I was in her second grade class at Vanderbilt and she was the reason I wanted to always become a teacher. She was a role model I always looked up to as a little girl and I miss going to her classroom every morning just to say hi even when I wasn't in her class. I was so happy when she moved to black river public school the same year I did and I'm so sad I didn't get to say goodbye when I moved. -madi Lynn schemke

Madilynn Schemke - July 01, 2024 at 03:40 AM



“ Misha and I were on water polo together the first year it started at HHS along with many of the other girls we were close with because of doing swim team together for so many years. It was a club sport so no bus funding and we had to drive ourselves to games. Misha became our unofficial driver for the team because her mom had a mini van. One evening we were driving back from a game near GR in traffic on 96 and there were traffic barrels next to us. Someone had the idea, my guess is it was Amy, to open the door and grab one. Several others vocally agreed, my self included, that this was a great idea. Even though Misha was usually the responsible one, for some reason, moved to the side and started slowing down the car. The door slide open we grabbed the barrel. As it turns out traffic barrels are more than just plastic. They're loaded down with sandbags and it did not go into the car as smoothly as we were imagining. Misha, probably out of concern for getting caught, started driving away as we're still trying to grab the barrel and dragged into the van. The bottom then breaks off, the sand bags fall and we finally get the barrel into the car and close as we drive on down the highway. I'm not sure what story Misha told her mom about the scratches on the van when she got home, but sorry about that Jan!



Sara Alsum-Wassenaar - June 08, 2024 at 03:41 PM

SH

I remember this Sara! I was in the van!!

Shannon - June 08, 2024 at 04:09 PM

KA

“ Misha and I studied in Wollongong Australia together, we only spent seven months together, but in that time we became firm friends. She had a brilliant sense of humour; was fun: open to try new things and embraced life. We had such fun together!

We kept in touch and I visited her in Michigan and met her family and she came over to the U.K. to see me and my family.

It is so sad her life was cut so short, but she enriched my life and I am sure she did for so many others. Rest in Peace Misha, I really valued our friendship and you will be immensely missed.

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**Kate** - June 05, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Misha M. Dorland.



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June 03, 2024 at 07:22 PM

AA

“ Misha was a fantastic college roommate and housemate during the last 2 years we were at Hope...I'll always love this crazy girl!!!



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**Amy Avery** - June 03, 2024 at 05:56 PM

MJ

“ Misha was a blessing to our cancer group. She loved her beautiful daughters so much and I am glad I got to meet her and her family. She made an impact on our lives and we will miss her deeply. Prayers for her daughters and her family. This was very sad news to all of us. 🙏



MJ - June 01, 2024 at 12:10 AM

VV

Jan and John talked about Misha all the time when we met annually in P.V. They were so proud of her..it was like we knew her personally..So so sorry for their loss..we do know first hand about the loss of a child Always in the. heart..love Vina and Phil Vandervelde..B.c. Canada

Vina Vandervelde - June 01, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Misha M. Dorland.



May 31, 2024 at 06:12 PM

AK

“ Misha was a part of my church family. I had the pleasure of meeting her when I volunteered to do some housekeeping for her over the past 6 months. I got to know her dog, Mocha & cat, Rainbow as well. Misha greeted me every week with such kindness, even on hard weeks, she was a beacon of light. She was such a hard worker and lover of Christ. From the stories she's shared, her greatest love was always her girls, Zuri & Zola. My prayers go out to them during this difficult time. I dedicate the song "Rescue" by Lauren Daigle to them. ☐

Abigail Kubeck - May 31, 2024 at 02:15 PM

TS

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Misha, her Mom and her 2 beautiful girls on a trip for cancer patients. She and I shared our stories with each other, and she was so encouraging to me! My thoughts and prayers go out to her girls and her Mom. 🌸



Tia Saunders - May 31, 2024 at 12:43 PM

MC

“ Misha was my 2nd grade teacher at Vanderbilt. Although she was my teacher, my mom and her were good friends and at every party or gathering, she'd be the first person I'd run to for a hug. She'd do the trick where she holds my hands and I walk up her legs. That was my favorite. One project we did in second grade was choosing a country and writing about it. She saved Kenya for me❤️. Every morning I went to school it felt like I was just going home. That's what Misha did. She made every place feel like a home. ❤️

Marcy Creevy - May 31, 2024 at 10:09 AM

JB

“ I worked with Misha for many years at Vanderbilt. I always looked forward to when it was her turn for Friday treats. She would always make a spectacular éclair dessert that everyone loved. It became very popular among the staff and she eventually started making double the batch so everyone could have a piece.

-Jim Bozek

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**Jim Bozek** - May 31, 2024 at 08:31 AM