



## Michelle L Decker

January 9, 1971 - October 26, 2025

Michelle L. Decker (Ortega), 54, of Peoria passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at her residence. She was born in Peoria, Illinois on January 9, 1971, to Patricia Dixon and Pedro Ortega.

She married George Decker October 24, 1998, in Peoria. He passed away in May 15, 2024.

Michelle is survived by her four children: David Dean, Jacqueline King, Christopher Decker, and Sara Decker; Nine grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Mike Ortega and Pete Ortega.

She was preceded in death by her husband, son Zachary Ortega, Brother Victor Ortega, and her Parents.

Michelle was a jack of all trades when it came to work history. Juggling from management to phlebotomy and healthcare. Hobbies Included relaxing on the beach, reading books, family game nights playing cards and dice games with her children, as well as mind stimulating puzzles.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services.

A Celebration of Life with a balloon release will be held at Forest Hill United Methodist Church 706 E Forrest Hill Ave. Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 12pm. The color theme is purple and black. Please bring a balloon.

There will be a luncheon following. If you would like to share a dish, please drop food off at the church by 12:00pm.

Memorials can be made to Stella Strubhar for the cost of services and

cremation.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

Forrest Hill United Methodist Church  
706 E Forrest Hill Ave.  
Peoria, IL 60614

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *I just found out about Michelle's passing! I am truly heartbroken. When aunt Pat was in the nursing home I would pick Michelle up every day so we could go and visit. I miss those times with her. She always had such a great Irish humor! Love you Michelle rest in peace*

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**Dennie Jo** - January 13 at 08:23 PM