



Michaela Cruz-Smith

March 20, 1970 - May 1, 2022

Michaela was born on March 20, 1970 in West Point, Nebraska to Carol and Walter Cruz. She grew up in South Omaha, attending St. Mary's Elementary School, before graduating from St. Joseph's High School in 1988. As she was growing up, Michaela tried out many different activities including piano, tennis, and basketball. However, her work ethic was in place from a young age and she found most joy in working.

Continuing to be a hard worker throughout her life, Michaela enjoyed managing the service department at Omaha Door and Window. Her biggest blessings were her children, Amanda, Zachary, Sophia, and Isabella, and she was thrilled to recently become a gammy with the birth of her grandson, Mac. Michaela raised her children to be fiercely strong and independent, yet caring for others, just like she was. She would often say, "Behind every good kid is a great mom", and she strived to set a great example for her children.

In her free time, Michaela enjoyed watching football, and loved listening to all types of music, raising her kids to appreciate music as well. She was a loving, caring, compassionate woman with a contagious laugh, who spent as much time as possible with her friends and family. Everything she did was for her family; there is nothing she loved more than being a mom and a gammy.

In 2015, Michaela had a brain aneurysm that she survived. Her family considers the last 7 years to be their miracle. They are so happy they were able to have that additional time with her and have her present at more milestones in their lives. Michaela had another brain aneurysm which led to

her passing on May 1, 2022. She continued to be selfless even after death by giving the gift of tissue donation.

Michaela is survived by her children: Amanda (Michael) Chick, Zachary Mangiamelli, Sophia Mangiamelli, and Isabella Mangiamelli; grandson, Mac Chick; parents, Walter and Carol Cruz; brothers, Michael Cruz and Matthew Cruz; nephew, Andrew Cruz; and niece, Abigail Cruz.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20500 W. Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Memorial Mass

MAY 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20400 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Michaela Cruz-Smith*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *No words can ease the loss of your beloved Michaela. May all your beautiful memories be of comfort at this difficult time. Her memory will be eternal.
My deepest sympathy to you all. Anna Kounas*



Anna Kounas - May 12, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.*



May 04, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Your BDC family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.*



Your BDC family - May 04, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.



May 04, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.



May 03, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.



May 03, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.



May 03, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.*



May 03, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *We love you all!! Sending prayers.*



Chris Parrish - May 03, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.*



May 03, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *My prayers and love are with all of my cousin Michaela's family. No words can describe the sadness I feel for the family. She was always a beautiful person. She is now our angel and will be missed so very much. ❤️❤️*
Love Yolanda and Rigo



Yolanda - May 03, 2022 at 11:39 AM

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“ *Your WSC School Counseling Cohort Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michaela Cruz-Smith.*



Your WSC School Counseling Cohort Family - May 03, 2022
at 10:55 AM

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“ *BOBBIE JO TOSTENSON lit a candle in memory of Michaela Cruz-Smith*



BOBBIE JO TOSTENSON - May 03, 2022 at 10:52 AM