



Mrs. Michelle D. Parks

January 7, 1968 - January 7, 2026

Michelle Denise Parks, 58, passed away on January 7, 2026, at St. Luke's Plaza Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. She was born January 7, 1968, in Kansas City, Kansas to Emmanuel Bey and Rowena Nelson. Michelle grew up on both sides of the state line Kansas and Missouri. She graduated from Southwest high school in Kansas City Missouri in 1986.

She attended Penn Valley Community College where she received her associate's degree in early childhood education. Michelle went on to use her college education to start her own in-home daycare business as her love for children was shown through her career in life. She also enjoyed catering as her and her husband ran their own catering business and worked various catering events throughout the years. Her last job was a server at the fine dining restaurant known as Webster House. She worked there for 12 years until she was forced to retire in November 2019 when she received her lung cancer diagnosis. She never let that stop her from living her best life. She continued to travel show up for friends and family and be the fabulous Gamma she was. She enjoyed reading, traveling, HGTV, reality TV, good music and was a true foodie. She gave lung cancer a phenomenal fight for six years until her healing needed to occur in heaven.

Michelle got married to Dwayne Parks in 1994. They were happily married for 31 years. Michelle, better known as Gamma, far too fabulous to be just

Grandma, took pride in her family. Her husband, children and grandchildren meant the world to her. She truly was the matriarch of her family moving with so much class and grace.

Michelle is survived by her spouse, Dwayne Parks; her son, Terry Parks, and daughters LaKayla Bey, LaShawn Lloyd and Warren Lloyd (son-in-law), LaTanya Parks-Bey, LaChelle Parks and Makyah Parks (daughter-in-law); her only sister, Yvette Bey; her grandchildren, Warren Lloyd III, Lathan Frazier, Waylon Lloyd, and Bubba Parks (in heaven). Her nieces, nephews, a host of other relatives, and friends. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all those who have comforted us during this process.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations be made to Hope House Kansas City.

Memorial Services will be held on January 31, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Watkins Heritage Chapel 4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. KCMO 64130. Interment: Private Disposition. For further information call Watkins Heritage Chapel at 816-861-3030. Arrangements entrusted to Watkins Heritage Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website watkinsheritagechapel@yahoo.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Watkins Heritage Chapel
4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64130

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I met Ms. Michelle 20years ago through her daughter lachelle during basketball practice. She had a beautiful smile! A smile that gave warmth and comfort and a safe place! Truly believe seeing her smile knowing all shes been through motivates me to continue to give grace, love, and peace, especially during hardships! I love you all Parks family!

LaKesha L - January 31 at 04:24 PM

SB

“ Michelle was a precious jewel. She was my neighbor for years and we had so many things that we talked about. I'm going to miss her beautiful smile and hearing her laugh. Michelle loved to entertain her Family and Friends and will be truly missed. Love U Michelle Rest in Peace 🙏

Stephanie Bowman - January 30 at 06:38 PM

FF

“ From Carter & Davis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Michelle D. Parks.

From Carter & Davis Family - January 30 at 05:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Michelle D. Parks.



January 30 at 05:55 PM

FF

“ From DaLaina, Tom and family! purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Michelle D. Parks.



From DaLaina, Tom and family! - January 30 at 12:10 PM

SM

“ Mama michelle,
The care you took of my mom's sis jamesetta is unmatched!
In spite of working daily,caring 4 your house, fam, friends ,all the
doggies& smoothmouth(bird) your attention to detail& wisdom
never wavered!
We (simmons sis& bros) are honored to hv been a part of your
circle of love!
You inspired love,tradition,wisdom,grace& beauty that will echo
down thru the ages!
Grateful to know you,
s.(simmons) mcdowel

sl mcdowel - January 29 at 10:15 AM

RP

“ Ruby Parks (Grandma Ruby) words cannot explain how I Feel At This Moment I miss You Very Much No Listen No Calls No laughters No Sounds just Remember She’s Looking Over All of us All I ask love each Other As Michelle loved us her Beautiful Smile her Nurturing for her family Caring for her family Remember her love for her Husband lord have Mercy lol her kids Terry you did a good job taking care of your Mom and Lashawn Everyone thank you take her love and love each other please that’s what she wanted For you ones you know who you are that didn’t have her love for centuries like me you miss out out on a wonderful and beautiful Angel your lost my gain I’m gonna miss you Love you forever my angel love your family when their here not when they cannot here you God Be With All Of You

Ruby Parks - January 28 at 09:01 AM

DF

“ Danita Saffold and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Michelle D. Parks.



Danita Saffold and Family - January 23 at 02:38 AM

RP

“ Ruby Parks Michelle (called Me Grandma Ruby) I’m gonna mess talking about the old times you giving me advise laughing crying just having fun going out of town you driving fast in your red ride lol fast as hell you are the best daughter good Wife Mother Glatma Sister I k ow you will be our Angel looking after us I love and I Will Never Forget our Love

Ruby Parks - January 18 at 07:28 PM

YH

“ My Condolences to the Parks Family. Michelle was always I saw spoken person she will be missed by many rest easy Michelle. Sending hugs and prayers to the family. Yolanda Hill, Las Vegas NV. 89084

Yolanda Hill - January 18 at 12:37 PM

RM

“ My Chelle, there is so much to celebrate and remember. She was the light in a dim room. She was the kind of personality that would NOT take no for an answer. Chelle lived life on her own terms, never apologizing for who she was. She would just say “this is just me dammit” then smile that golden smile. My heart will always hold her near and dear. This loss has hit our family hard, But we all thank God for the time we had. To know Chelle was to love her. RIP our Angel.

Renea Maghe - January 14 at 12:49 PM

YB

“ My sister was so loving and kind. A real sweetheart who was my bestfriend as well as an awesome big sister. She exuded love and class and shined bright in every room she was in. Pure beauty inside and out. I will miss our talks, her sweet soothing voice and everything about her. She was fun to be around and a true foodie, great cook that cooked with love and knew all the great spots to go eat. She was a leader and loved her family and friends deeply. She will be missed dearly! Love you always, RIP Michelle

Yvette Bey - January 14 at 01:58 AM

AN

“Michelle was very dear to me, we spoke or text everyday, when she was younger we would get together and I would fix her liver and onions with smothered potatoes and onions with rice. she would fix her plate with sideboard on them and just say how good it was yummy 😊 yummy yummy, she loved her food

AnaWells - January 13 at 07:20 PM