



## Michelle Newton Rhodes

March 15, 1969 - February 4, 2017

Michelle Newton Rhodes, 47, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Mercy Hospital St. Louis in Saint Louis, Missouri.

She was born March 15, 1969 in Hayti, Missouri to Kenneth E. and Nova L. Butler Newton.

Michelle was a 1987 graduate of Cape Central and attended Southeast Missouri State University. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

She worked for Mid-America Hotels as a front desk attendant at the former Victorian Inn.

While Michelle did not have children of her own, she loved spending time with kids. She was also very fond of animals, especially, cats.

Survivors include her parents, Ken and Nova Newton of Cape Girardeau; grandmother, Emma Newton of Caruthersville, Missouri; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Thomas Newton and Fred and Mabel Butler.

Friends may call 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the funeral home with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, 359 Cree Lane, Jackson, MO 63755.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *i am so sorry to see that Michelle passed away. She was a biology student of mine at Central. Michelle was a wonderful person* ”

Linda Schild - February 15, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *8" Angel holding Dove was purchased for the family of Michelle Newton Rhodes.* ”



February 12, 2017 at 06:15 PM

KG

“ *Our prayers and condolences goes out to you Ken and Nova and your family for you loss. I can't imagine how bad you feel as I know how we would if we lost our daughter.* ”

*Ken & Kathy Goodbread*



Ken & Kathy Goodbread - February 12, 2017 at 05:01 PM

CS

“ *I am so sorry Kenny and Nova for your loss....my prayers are with you.* ”



Carey Simmons - February 12, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michelle Newton Rhodes.*



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February 10, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle Newton Rhodes.*



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February 09, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ *Kenny and Nova, I was saddened by the passing of Michelle. She was a beautiful spirit inside and out. I still can see her helping out in the office and checkout lanes, and hear her laughter. She had a cute laugh. Praying for you and Nova, as I know your heart is heavy thru this. God keep his hands on you both.*

*Karen Eatmon*

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**Karen Eatmon** - February 09, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle Newton Rhodes.*



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February 09, 2017 at 05:55 PM

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**brenda kirk** - February 09, 2017 at 03:10 PM

BS

“ We are so very sorry to here this... praying for comfort and peace for your family we love you very much Kenny and Miss Nova....thinking of you...Beckiann and Cowboy



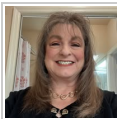
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**Beckiann satterlee** - February 09, 2017 at 07:27 AM

BB

“ My memories of your precious Michelle are so very crisp and clear. One I'd like to share is when she was about 7 and went with me to take a client to a rehab center in St. Louis. She always loved all our DYS house guests and was so kind to them.. The facility to which we transported our client was a huge disappointment to all of us..After we left her there, we were all silent and our hearts were heavy..even your little girl's. She broke the silence..with a priceless expression from her young tender heart. "When I grow up if I have a problem, I will never turn to a "realrehabilitation"place. I will always depend on my Mom and Dad" She had early awareness she was loved deeply and unconditionally. Tho it has been a long time since I had the joy of her presence in my life, I know you both far exceeded her anticipation of what loving parents do for their child. My heart is broken as I know are yours. But I am so thankful that she was so very on this earth and that she was profoundly special...Always, "Betty"

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**beth butler** - February 08, 2017 at 07:47 PM



*Kenny and Nova, sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tina & Shannon Stone*

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**Tina Stone** - February 09, 2017 at 02:35 AM

MH

*Ken and Nova, You two have been on my mind for days. I am so very sorry about Michelle, she was always such a happy go lucky young girl and I loved her and her friends, what a bunch! When they graduated, I remember thinking, Thank you Jesus! You are in my heart and prayers!*

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**mary henneman** - February 10, 2017 at 05:19 AM

SP

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Newton- I'm so sad to learn of Michelle's passing. We attended Southeast Missouri State University together and were sorority sisters. I absolutely adored your daughter. She was one of a kind. Beautiful inside and out. I was so excited to reconnect with her a few years ago on Facebook. We shared so many fun times together. I feel blessed that we were friends. My deepest condolences to you, your family and her friends. - Susan (Bloom) Phillips*

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**Susan Phillips** - February 08, 2017 at 05:46 PM

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**Brandi Springmeyer Greene** - February 08, 2017 at 04:40 PM

BG

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Newton - I am so sad to learn of Michelle's passing. We had reconnected on Facebook and I loved catching up with her. I have so many wonderful memories of growing up in our neighborhood, and all through high school. She was such a kind person and wonderful friend. I will keep your family in my prayers during this difficult time. Love from Atlanta - Brandi Springmeyer Greene*

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**Brandi Springmeyer Greene** - February 08, 2017 at 04:37 PM

TT

“ Kenny and Nova, I am so, so sorry for your loss. Although I have not seen Michelle in many years, I can still hear her laugh. She had the best smile and laugh ever. Michelle was always such a joy to be around. She was a beautiful young woman and I know you will have many fond memories to look back on. May God Bless you both.  
Terry Taylor.

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**Terry Taylor** - February 08, 2017 at 01:53 PM

PL

“ Kenny, I did not know your daughter but was really sorry to hear of your loss.  
Peggy



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**Peggy Ledbetter** - February 08, 2017 at 12:20 PM

JF

“ Dear Ken & Nova

*It's been a long time since we have seen each other. I often thing of the fun times we had together years ago. I didn't know if you two were still around here or had children.*

*Please except our sympathy. I apologize for not expressing our sympathy in person. I would love to see you two again, but we are going to be out of town this weekend.*

*Sincerely  
Jim & Vicki Frank*

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**Jim Frank** - February 08, 2017 at 10:18 AM

SL

“ Hello Kenny and Nova,  
We are so very sorry for the loss of your daughter Michelle. With  
sympathy, Bob and Susan Lawrence

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**Susan Lawrence** - February 08, 2017 at 09:52 AM