



Michele Cox

May 14, 1971 - November 2, 2025

Michele Cox was born on Friday, May 14, 1971, to Cynthia Cox and the late Thomas W. Cox Jr. in Harrisburg, PA.

Michele was a lifelong resident of the Steelton/Harrisburg area, where she built a life centered on family and friends. She attended Swatara Junior High and later became an alumna of Central Dauphin School District, Class of 1989. It was then that she played clarinet in the band and was part of different social clubs and courts. It was also during her early educational years that she met classmates who would become her lifelong friends. She continued her education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Michele began her career as a claims examiner for BlueCross BlueShield before following her true calling. She opened her own daycare in Harrisburg, where she touched countless lives with her nurturing spirit and warmth. The children in her care became part of her extended family, and she gave generously of herself to each one. Her home was a place where everyone felt safe, welcomed, and loved.

A devoted member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Harrisburg, Michele served as a junior usher and sang joyfully in the choir. She later became a member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her in all she did. She could often be heard humming and

singing along to old church hymnals and various gospel artists.

She had a vibrant spirit and lived life to the fullest. She was the mom who never missed a game, practice, project, homework assignment, or milestone for any of her five children. She loved exploring new places, spending time with family and friends, and creating memories that would last a lifetime. Her greatest joy came from moments centered around her children, games, graduations, weddings, holidays, and time with her beloved grandchildren.

Strong-willed, private, and deeply loving, Michele made sure those around her never felt less than. She had a gift for making people feel valued and cared for, whether family, friends, or the children she nurtured in her daycare. Her home was the gathering place where laughter filled the rooms, friends always felt welcome, and love overflowed.

On Sunday, November 2, 2025, Michele peacefully transitioned from this life into eternal life in her hometown of Harrisburg, PA, surrounded by loved ones, joining her father, Thomas W. Cox Jr., and her paternal and maternal grandparents.

She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love, her mother, Cynthia Cox of Oberlin, PA; her children, Edward Cox-Cowan Jr. (Xiomara) of Manteca, California, Ahkee Cox-Cowan (Bre'Ana) of Harrisburg, Alexis Cowan of Harrisburg, Tyree Cowan of Harrisburg, and Sabree Cowan of Harrisburg; six cherished grandchildren; her sisters, Antoinette Mason of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Donya Bullock of Harrisburg, and Monica Cox Crite (Tilovon) of Charlotte, North Carolina; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, and family and friends whose lives she touched.

Michele's legacy is one of unconditional love, unwavering strength, and a heart that made room for everyone. She will be deeply missed and forever

remembered.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A
MEMORY
TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES,
REFLECTIONS OR
SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Monday, November 10, at The First Baptist Church
of Steelton.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
1850 S. 19th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Harrisburg, PA 17104

Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Michele Cox



Wallace Funeral Directors - November 10, 2025 at 10:13 AM

EC

“ Elijah & Elin Cowan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michele Cox.



Elijah & Elin Cowan - January 02 at 12:11 PM

EC

“ Elijah & Elin Cowan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Cox.

Elijah & Elin Cowan - January 02 at 12:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.



November 12, 2025 at 10:19 PM

YC

“ Yolanda Garfield Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Cox.

Yolanda Garfield Campbell - November 12, 2025 at 10:19 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.



November 10, 2025 at 12:24 PM

TW

“ My heart goes out to Michelle and her family. I met Michelle at Kutztown University when our sons played there and she was always with her sister and cousins having a great time. That’s when she became my grandsons first babysitter “Kamdyn” loved her and she was like you know I run a daycare and from then on we were friends. Michelle was kind and loving and always there for her family. She will be missed.

I am truly sorry for your loss.

Tracy Wylie-Perry



Tracy Wylie-Perry - November 10, 2025 at 08:06 AM

LF

“ *Sending heartfelt and sincere condolences to Monica, the children, her mother and the entire family. May God cover your hearts and minds during this time and may her memory always bring you peace, gratitude and love.*

LaTisha Carter and Family - November 10, 2025 at 07:26 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences and continued prayers of comfort to the family.*
Gale and Darin House

Gale House - November 10, 2025 at 05:58 AM

BT

“ *Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Cindy and the ENTIRE family. Keep Michelle's beautiful smile and spirit in your hearts and she will always be with you. 🙏*

Beverly Bowman Thomas - November 09, 2025 at 11:57 PM

ND

“ Cousin Cindy and family,

No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. However, I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories.

Words fall short of expressing sorrow; but when we lose a loved one like Michele here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven who watches over us. The world has taken one of your most precious loves, your daughter Michele, and has broken your heart, as well as mine. We are well aware, when I lost my Michelle, out went a part of my life. Loss is a part of life, but that doesn't make it easier. No child should die before their parents—I am so sorry you are living this nightmare.

So I send all my love, strength and support to you as you navigate these uncharted waters.

Always here for you, Cousin Norma

Norma Birckhead (Washington, DC) - November 09, 2025 at 02:32 PM

RW

“ *Michelle you were another big sister to me in a strong foundation of my younger years. Our time at Mount Olive serving the Lord with Monica.....priceless..I know it's not a coincidence you're joined with our other sister, Angela in Heaven on her birthday! My sister used to babysit you and know you all get to spend eternity together! Sending love and prayers to you and the family!! Be blessed!*

Robyn White - November 09, 2025 at 02:28 PM

LF

“ Love, Antoinette & family purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Michele Cox.



Love, Antoinette & family - November 09, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.



November 09, 2025 at 12:47 PM

LG

“ Lisa GREENPOWELL lit a candle in memory of Michele Cox



Lisa GREENPOWELL - November 08, 2025 at 11:17 PM

KL

“ Michele was a dear friend that will be missed. She was beautiful, fun, loving, kind, and supportive. We were friends from just about the moment I moved into the neighborhood in 9th grade. She was a true friend throughout the years and easily became family. Rest in peaceful glory my dear Sister. My deepest condolences to the family and friends that were touched by this angel's life. We love you Michele!



Karen Lawson - November 08, 2025 at 08:39 AM

DR

“ To the family, prayers of comfort for you and sincere condolences 🙏 Cherish Your Memories 🕯️



Dawn Reeves - November 08, 2025 at 12:29 AM

NL

“ Michele, we shared so many memories throughout the years. From our antics as early teens to college girls to becoming mom’s and figuring out how to navigate the world. Our laughing fits were epic. Your beauty, style and grace will remain in my heart. You never ended a conversation without saying I love you, I love you my friend.



Nicole Bates Leto - November 07, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.



November 07, 2025 at 07:50 PM

QS

“ QUE E Line Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Cox.

QUE E Line Sisters - November 07, 2025 at 07:50 PM

YD

“ *Your Linesisters, DSTAMSpr98 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michele Cox.*



Your Linesisters, DSTAMSpr98 - November 07, 2025 at 05:56 PM

AW

“ *Michelle was my classmate since middle school. Her beauty was evident both inside and out. I am deeply grateful to have known her and called her friend. She truly left a lasting legacy through every life she touched.*

I am praying for the family during this very difficult time.

With deepest condolences,

Angela Wiley

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Angela Wiley - November 07, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.*



November 07, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.



November 07, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.



November 07, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Sharon Huey Moffett and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michele Cox.



Sharon Huey Moffett and family - November 07, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ Sharon Huey Moffett and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Cox.

Sharon Huey Moffett and family - November 07, 2025 at 12:28 PM

LR

“ I want to express my sincere sincere condolences to the Cox Family

Lucille Ray



Lucille Ray - November 07, 2025 at 11:28 AM

TF

“ Toste Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Michele Cox.



Toste Family - November 07, 2025 at 11:15 AM

KA

“ Cindy ,my friend and co-worker, my sincere thoughts and prayers to you and your family.i really wanted to attend the funeral but Fred has had some problems since hip surgery , and I do not walk too good. But enough about us ,please call me sometime as I would love to talk to you Michele was certainly someone I would always care about and the time we spent working together . 717 856-1946

kathy - November 07, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.



November 07, 2025 at 09:44 AM

RG

“ To my cousin Cindy & entire family, I was so deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your daughter Michele. She was a bright light, and her memory will be cherished. I can't imagine what you're going through, but I love you and am thinking of you. May the cherished memories of Michele bring you comfort in this time of sorrow. Sending healing prayers and comfort during this tough time. May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this challenging time. I Love You All!

Robin Green - November 07, 2025 at 07:11 AM

RA

“ I'm sorry Monica to hear about your sister. I just remember a pretty girl with a Honda civic and a little attitude. Life is so short. Tomorrow is never promised. Contact me any time you want to 7045177542, rrozier 1@icloud.com. I was just thinking about you guys and then I talked to my brother and he broke the news. Our condolences sincerely. When you need me, I'll be there. If you need me.

RA - November 07, 2025 at 02:13 AM

JB

Tragic loss to an epic person.. So sorry for the loss of a great God fearing woman and awesome cousin. We didn't spend much time together but, when we did it was always special. I remember going out to your mom's house and cutting the grass when you started the day care an you come out and said don't you wake my kids up . I said cuz the lawn mower don't come with a silence button. And she joked and said moms dog don't either. We laughed and I got on my hustle to complete the job and cuz gave me an ice cold bottle of water. Love you cousin . You will be missed RIP KEEP YOUR EYES ON US AS. WE REMEMBER OUR SHARED MOMENTS OF GODS GRACE AND BLESSINGS.

James Skeet Brickus - November 07, 2025 at 07:11 AM

AS

“ I’m so sorry to hear about the passing of my elementary school classmate Michelle. Sending my prayers and condolences to her entire family in this difficult time. She was a very special person who surely will be missed.

Adrian W. Arp Sr. - November 06, 2025 at 10:49 PM

CW

Condolences to the Cox family. Praying for the family at this difficult time.

C. Wiley - November 07, 2025 at 04:33 PM

TS

“ The MISP Office Staff purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Michele Cox.



The MISP Office Staff - November 06, 2025 at 10:06 PM

SS

“ Sabree,

My heart goes out to you. Your mother loved you so very deeply. I hope that in the coming days you can find comfort and peace in your memories of your mom.

*Love,
Mrs. Shaffner*

Shannon Shaffner - November 06, 2025 at 09:09 PM

RH

“ To the Michele Cox family. We were sadden to hear of her passing but we want you all to know this is not the end of the story she is resting in the arms of Jesus. Joy, happiness, no more sickness. She is just beginning to live. Her earthly stay is over but heaven is forever. Love you all much. Mim and the entire Roberts/Evans family.



Rev. Mim Roberts Harvey - November 06, 2025 at 09:03 PM

RH

“ Cindy and family, we share in your sorrow and we want family to know we stand with you in this difficult time. Love and prayers. Sorrowful submitted, the St. Paul AME Church family and Pastor Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey.



Rev. Mim Roberts Harvey - November 06, 2025 at 08:49 PM

SW

“ My condolences to the family



Sylvester Whitlock - November 06, 2025 at 07:53 PM

PH

My DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family. A beautiful HEART

Patti Holmes - November 07, 2025 at 08:21 PM

CH

“Michelle was such a kind person with the biggest ❤️ ! She provided childcare for my son Anthony when he was 6 months until he was four years old and became more than just a caregiver she became a cherished part of our extended family, and we will forever treasure the genuine love and peace of mind she brought us. Her memory will always be a blessing, and the beautiful legacy of kindness she leaves behind will never be forgotten! Sending my deepest condolences and prayers 🙏 to her mother, children and the entire family. RIH beautiful 🧡



Cynthia Hunt - November 06, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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Cynthia Hunt - November 06, 2025 at 06:30 PM

AB

“Michelle, I'm definitely going to miss you Steelton Elementary One of my best friends in our younger years. Those were the days I still remember them St. Mary's drive ❤️❤️ My deepest condolences goes out to Miss Cindy Michelle's children and her family. I'm so sorry for your loss for such a great loss 💙💙

Avon Burton - November 06, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.*



November 06, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Cox family and all who loved her. Michele was one of the most beautiful, kind and loving women I'll ever know! We went to CD East together; she was a year behind me. I remember hanging out; attending games and parties together. I am blessed and grateful for her. Michelle may be gone, but she will never be forgotten! Rest in Power Queen!*

Love you,

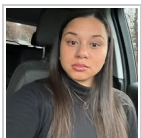
Ann Marie Green

Ann Marie Green - November 06, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family and her children may God wrap you in his arms. Such a sweet spirit I had the pleasure of talking and getting to know her, felt like I knew her forever, such an impact in a short time. Rest well my Red Chick ❤️*

Chanda Lewis - November 06, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to Ms Cindy and her children from the Stephens family . Such a beautiful soul . Treated my kids as her own . You will be dearly missed!*

Briana Stephens - November 06, 2025 at 02:53 PM



The Family has been my neighbor and friend for years. She will be missed dearly!!!

Prayers n hugs to the family...

God has been given a beautiful angel 🙏 ✨💖

Denise Spyke - November 06, 2025 at 03:10 PM

LS

“ *Sending my condolence 🙏 and prayers for the family and friends
God bless 🙏🙏❤️ the DUBOIS SHOFFNER WARREN
WASHINGTON FAMILY*

Leivada Shoffner - November 06, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ms. Cindy and Family,
I was devastated to hear the news of Michelle's passing. I will
always cherish the memories of us worshipping and clowning
together at Mt. Olive BC and watching her transition into a beautiful
and wonderful mother.*

My prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory,

L. Evelyn Thompson-Dunn

Houston, TX

Ev Thompson-Dunn - November 06, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JK

*Cindy and family you have my deepest condolences 🙏 in the loss of
your beautiful daughter Michele who we share good times at Mt Olive
my thoughts and prayers are withyou In loving Memory*

*Joyce Kennell
Harrisburg Pa.*

Joyce Kennell

Joyce Kennell - November 07, 2025 at 03:17 PM

SF

“Michelle and I sat on the board for CD East cheer together while our daughters cheered through high school. Without Michelle, I never would have made it through those years. She was such a fun, loving, strong and constant friend. She will always be remembered and missed.



Stefanie Feldmann - November 06, 2025 at 11:11 AM

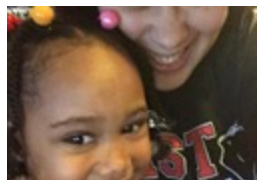
AS

“Michele was who I trusted to watch my first baby at just 8 weeks old. She had Gia for 3.5 years. She showed Gia an immense-less amount of love & Gia loved her just as much. She will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Rest easy & THANK YOU 🙏🕊️❤️

Ashlee Staub - November 06, 2025 at 10:48 AM

SS

“1 file added to the tribute wall



Stacey Smith - November 06, 2025 at 10:37 AM

CF

“ Carter Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michele Cox.



Carter Family - November 06, 2025 at 08:53 AM

DT

“ Sending prayers and my sincere condolences to Ms. Cindy as well as her kids and family. Michele played an immense role in my life as well as my family for sometime from my children to watching my granddaughter . She was the epitome of an Angel on earth. She will be greatly missed.

daffini torain - November 06, 2025 at 08:16 AM

EB

“ E Darren and Melanie Baskerville purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michele Cox.



E Darren and Melanie Baskerville - November 06, 2025 at 07:26 AM

EB

“ E Darren and Melanie Baskerville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Cox.

E Darren and Melanie Baskerville - November 06, 2025 at 07:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Cox.*



November 05, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. God bless you all stay strong. Love you guys. She's no longer in pain R .I.H .*

Tina Parks - November 05, 2025 at 10:02 PM



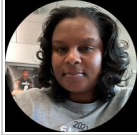
“ *My deepest condolences to Michelle’s family. Michelle was such a profound presence in my child’s life—and in mine. Her nurturing spirit, patience, and unwavering willingness to help made a lasting impact on our family. From the time my son was one until he turned six, she wasn’t just a caregiver—she was a guiding force in his upbringing.*



He absolutely adored her. As a young mother, I truly don’t know what I would have done without her support. She helped raise him and played a vital role in shaping the person he is today. Michelle wore her heart on her sleeve and gave so much of herself to those around her.

I loved her dearly. Her spirit will be deeply missed, but her legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched—especially in my son’s.

Jasmine H - November 05, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Michele's family. Praying for you all during this difficult time.* ”



Bryanne Hickerson - November 05, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to the family.* ”

Lisa Tate - November 05, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *My granddaughter, Londynn, attended Michele's daycare about 6 years ago. Michele took great care of her for 4 years and even though we weren't related, she made us feel like family. We are deeply saddened by her passing. My heartfelt condolences to her family. She will truly be missed* 🙏🏾🙏🏾 ”



Lynnette Wade - November 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *To Cynthia and the entire Cox Family, I am sorry for your lost. I remember the family when my now deceased mother attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church.*
Brenda G. Johnson ”

Brenda Johnson - November 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM