



## Lorraine Merry Michel

August 16, 1953 - September 17, 2024

Lorraine “Lorry” Merry Michel passed away peacefully on September 17, 2024 at Bayleigh Chase in Easton, MD. She was 71.

She was born on August 16, 1953 in Jersey City, NJ. She attended Dickinson High School there before her family moved to Westover, MD. She graduated from Pocomoke High School (Pocomoke, MD) and Salisbury State College (Salisbury, MD). While at SSC she found her passion for athletic training and continued her studies at Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN) where she received her Master’s degree in 1976 and completed requirements to become a Certified Athletic Trainer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Florence T. Michel and Walter F. Michel. She is survived by her brother, Walter G. Michel; sister, Barbara M. Ackermann (Charles); and brother, William R. Michel (Kristin); and several nieces and nephews.

Lorry joined Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) as an assistant athletic trainer in 1977 working with all student-athletes. Four years later, she became the head trainer for men’s basketball at the request of Head Coach John Thompson Jr. Lorry was the first full-time female trainer in the nation for a major college men’s basketball team. During her first four years in her new position, the Georgetown Hoyas advanced to three national championship title

games and captured the championship trophy. She worked at Georgetown for 40 years and was inducted into the Georgetown University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013. Her legacy at GU was further cemented in 2016 when the John R. Thompson Jr. Intercollegiate Athletic Center opened its doors. In recognition of her selfless dedication and her outstanding contribution to the safety, health and welfare of Georgetown student-athletes, the sports medicine facility was named in her honor. The Lorry Michel Sports Medicine Center, a state-of-the-art facility, provides services for all of GU's 30 varsity sports and more than 700 student-athletes.

During the summer of 1987, Lorry served on the training staff at the 1987 Pan Am men's basketball team trials in Colorado Springs. She progressed to assignments at the Olympic basketball team trials in 1988, with the 1988 European tour of the USA men's basketball select team, and at the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs in 1989. Lorry joined the sports medicine staff at the 1990 Summer Olympic Festival in Minneapolis and at the 1991 World University Games in Sheffield, England. She reached the pinnacle of her profession as a member of the sports medicine staff at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

In 2011, Lorry was diagnosed with a brain tumor. After a successful surgery, Lorry thanked God every day for her survival. As time went on, she lost movement on her left side and in 2021, she moved into Queenstown Landing Assisted Living in Queenstown, MD. In May 2024 she moved to Bayleigh Chase, a nursing home in Easton, MD where she was well treated.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 301 S. Liberty St., Centreville, MD at 11 am on Tuesday, October 1. A reception will follow immediately after the service upstairs in the church hall. All are welcome. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
301 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lorraine Merry Michel*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - September 26, 2024 at 03:56 PM

CW

“ *Chris Wright purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.*



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**Chris Wright** - October 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CW

“ *Chris Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.*

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**Chris Wright** - October 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM

VP

“ Lorry, the amazing woman that was ALWAYS there for you. She was there to help, to be your friend, and always to figure out a way to make your body work. She was tireless, and she fought her illness tirelessly also. There is no one that can ever take her place, her knowledge and her energy was amazing. You will always be with us. Thank you

vivianne pommier - September 30, 2024 at 03:57 PM

VP

“ Vivianne P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.

Vivianne P. - September 30, 2024 at 03:51 PM

TF

“ The Thompson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.

The Thompson Family - September 30, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



September 30, 2024 at 02:31 PM

BF

“ Brendan Gaughan and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.

Brendan Gaughan and Family - September 30, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



September 30, 2024 at 01:57 PM

JW

“ Jonathan Wallace purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



Jonathan Wallace - September 30, 2024 at 11:25 AM

TC

“ The Hoya Hoop Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.

The Hoya Hoop Club - September 25, 2024 at 12:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



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September 25, 2024 at 12:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



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September 24, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ The Green Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.

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**The Green Family** - September 24, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ Hibbert Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.

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**Hibbert Family** - September 24, 2024 at 08:29 PM

HF

“ Hibbert Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



Hibbert Family - September 24, 2024 at 08:29 PM

DG

“ Drs. John and Elaine Martin and Grace purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



Drs. John and Elaine Martin and Grace - September 24, 2024 at 05:31 PM

J8

“ Johnny Jones C/O 89 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Merry Michel.

Johnny Jones C/O 89 - September 24, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



September 24, 2024 at 03:49 PM

GB

“ Georgetown Men's Basketball purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



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Georgetown Men's Basketball - September 24, 2024 at 11:43 AM

RL

“ Such sad news 💔 Lorry Michel, long time athletics trainer at Georgetown University passed away today after a long and courageous fight with cancer. Lorry and I started in the Big East together in 1982 doing basketball. We became very dear friends, never succumbing to the Hoya-Redmen rivalry and bad blood. Lorry and I did many USA Basketball and USOC events together including the '91 World University Games in England and the '92 Barcelona Olympic Games. Always the consummate professional, Lorry was a role model for all athletic trainers. Even when she no longer could work hoops at GTown, Lorry always attended the SJU games in DC so we could hang together and reminisce pregame about our great times together. Rest in Peace Lorry 🙏



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Ron Linfonte - September 21, 2024 at 10:24 AM

PM

“ Oh Lorry... what a legacy you have left behind. Such a sweet soul with a great personality, always smiling. I was so proud when you agreed to be my maid-of-honor. You will forever be in my heart.

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pam Massey - September 20, 2024 at 05:43 PM

DT

“ Remembering a classmate.  
*Deborah Wilson-Taylor*

Deborah W Taylor - September 20, 2024 at 01:38 PM

KF

“ Lorry...how you will be missed...loved discussing the rivalry between the Knicks and Lakers in Mr. Dondero's class especially...such a marvel and pioneer in your field and a HUGE lover of basketball and the kids who played it...love you...hugs and prayers for you and your family...Karen Rees Freiberg

Karen Rees Freiberg - September 20, 2024 at 12:38 PM

WR

“ We love you, Cheryl, Daryl and Rob purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lorraine Merry Michel.



We love you, Cheryl, Daryl and Rob - September 19, 2024 at 03:38 PM

TL

“ So sorry for your loss of Ms. Lorrie.. She had a great sense of humor and a beautiful smile... Tracy Lord -QTL



TRACY LORD - September 18, 2024 at 04:14 PM

QL

*The Queenstown Landing family is so sad to hear of Lorry's passing. We are grateful for the time we had with her and her wonderful family. We send our prayers, condolences and love.*

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**Queenstown Landing** - September 19, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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*A wonderful woman and a dedicated professional. A very sad loss.*

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**Gerry O'Brien** - September 26, 2024 at 06:50 PM