



## Michele A. Fretthold (nee Conniff)

December 11, 1958 - March 4, 2026

March 4, 2026 of N. Tonawanda, NY.

Loving mother of Sara and Patrick Fretthold; dear daughter of the late Donald and Mary "Hazel" (nee Desourdy) Conniff; dearest sister of Donald (Hyon) Conniff; cherished aunt of Nicole and Andrew (Hailey) Conniff; also survived by beloved dogs Zoey, Brynn, late Allie, Cleo, Tippy, Connie and many friends. Michele was a teacher for over 44 years and retired from the Ohio Elementary School in N. Tonawanda. She loved spending time with her family and enjoyed making annual trips to Disney World. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Monday March 9th from 4-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 7PM. Private entombment in Elmlawn Cemetery. Donations may be made in Michele's name to the Cleveland Clinic or the American Heart Association. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
(716) 668-3122  
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“*Mrs Fretthold was my childrens favorite teacher. All three had her when they attended Grant Elementary. She was so kind. We will never forget her and extend our deepest sympathy to her family. All our love, The Kellers*

Janice Keller - March 09 at 07:06 PM

AJ

“*Andrew, Hailey, Paul, and John purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michele A. Fretthold (nee Conniff).*



Andrew, Hailey, Paul, and John - March 08 at 09:48 PM

SS

“*Sara and Patrick, we are very sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a wonderful person to all her students and colleagues. Most of all, how much she cared about both of you. Cherish your memories. Our condolences. The Schrock family. (Ken and Susan and Dominic, Gabrielle, Nicholas, and Isabelle. )*

Susan Schrock - March 08 at 05:35 PM

JT

*I was so sorry to read of Michele's passing. We worked together at both Grant and Ohio School. She was a lovely person and a wonderful teacher. My deepest sympathy to her children.  
Judy Tyler*

Judy Tyler - March 13 at 07:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michele A. Fretthold (nee Conniff).



March 08 at 04:28 PM



“ Don and Hyon Conniff purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Michele A. Fretthold (nee Conniff).



Don and Hyon Conniff - March 06 at 11:56 AM



“ love you mom



patrick - March 06 at 10:44 AM



Sarah and Patrick, we are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. Our sincere condolences Ron, Derek, and Wanda Disorbo

Derek Disorbo - March 06 at 06:28 PM



I just found out about Michelle's passing. I was a long-time childhood friend of Michelle. We played at the park, had sleep overs and spent many hours just being kids. I am so sorry for your loss. May Michelle rest in peace. Louise Schroeder.

Louise Schroeder - May 31 at 11:56 AM