



Migel Elizabeth Elie

March 19, 2026

Migel Elizabeth Elie departed this life on March 19, 2026 at the age of 66 after a long struggle with breast cancer. She died at the Carrollton Retirement Community. She was born on September 25, 1959 at Flint-Goodrich Hospital to Gerri Moore Elie and Lolis Edward Elie. A graduate of Benjamin Franklin Senior High School, she received her undergraduate degree from Brandeis University. After graduating from the Tulane University School of Medicine, Dr. Elie devoted her life to service primarily in the healthcare field, working at Chartres Pontchartrain Mental Health Center, Orleans Parish Public Schools and at various healthcare organizations. In 1999, she received a Master of Science from the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Public Health. She is survived by her mother, Gerri Elie, her brother, Lolis Eric Elie, her nephews, Lolis Niriko Elie and Olajidé Tsaraso Elie, and her sister-in-law, Béatrice Elie as well her aunts, Bobbi Anna Dantzer and Althea Hills and a host of cousins. A memorial will be held at Dillard University's Georges Auditorium, 2601 Gentilly Blvd on Saturday, April 4, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. and a memorial at 11:00 a.m. Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are invited to participate in the Omega-Omega ceremony at 9:30 a.m. The family would also welcome pastors and members of Bethany United Methodist Church, Brooks Shaw United Methodist Church, Boynton United Methodist Church, Christian Unity Baptist Church, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church and Broadway Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the

online guestbook.

In lieu of flowers, Dr. Elie's family is asking that donations be made to the Benjamin & Yancy Foundation, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to providing screening, therapeutic services, and educational resources to those coping with breast and prostate cancer.

<https://www.benjaminandyancyfoundation.org/>

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Dillard University George's Auditorium
2601 Gentilly Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70122

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ Remembering you always. Life brought challenges, but God gave you strength. And most of all, a loving spirit and heart.

Elder Carolyn Johnson, Shelia, Wardell Jr., Michelle Reddish and Family

Shelia M. Reddish - April 06 at 10:55 AM

CT

“ I will always remember and receive the pure Blessing of Migel's full, vibrant smile. Your family remains in my heart and prayers for your peace, comfort and everlasting memories of pure Beauty, with God's Grace.

With Love Always, thank you for sharing Migel with us. Love, Christine Thomas



Christine Thomas - April 06 at 10:29 AM

EJ

“ This one hits me when I was young I was in love with Mick always said I was going to marry her we ever i seen a hug and kiss on the jaw she was a sweetheart warm spirit my prayers and condolences to the family sweet Angel take your rest in paradise love and will miss you Ernest e Weber jr

Ernest e Weber jr - April 05 at 06:06 PM

AT

“ My sincerest condolences to the Elie family. You are in my prayers.
Anthony Todd

Anthony Todd - April 05 at 05:10 AM

DW

“ *Darryl White lit a candle in memory of Migel Elie*



Darryl White - April 04 at 09:18 AM

TW

“ *Mrs. Geri and Eric,
We are so sorry for your loss of Migel. Our mother, Betty Hollingsworth, was so fond of her and always spoke highly of Migel. We will always remember her warm smile and kind conversations every time we saw her. I (Tarita) will be forever grateful for Migel opening her residence as the venue for my bridal shower. We are keeping your family in our hearts and prayers.*

Lolita Minor, Tarita Walker & Family

Tarita Walker - April 04 at 01:37 AM

TS

“ *The Hamikton Family: New York St. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Migel Elizabeth Elie.*



The Hamikton Family: New York St. - April 03 at 10:50 PM

DW

“ *God bless Miguel's memory and all the good work she did. She was dedicated to knowledge and her community. ~ D. Washington - Brandeis University Class of 1981*

D Washington - April 03 at 09:50 PM

LF

“ Always a bright shining star... shine on dear Migel. I know the birds of paradise are singing!

Lisa Fuller - April 03 at 08:56 PM

AA

“ To The Family,
May our Lord's loving promise of eternal life for Migel give you peace, strength & comfort today & always. God bless you! ❤️



Alvin & Phyllis Alexander - April 03 at 08:19 AM

DB

“ Dr. Rian Bush purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Migel Elizabeth Elie.



Dr. Rian Bush - April 02 at 03:56 PM

JT

“ Because Migel was such a legend at Ben Franklin, I knew about her long before I actually met her. In fact, my college counselor suggested I apply to Brandeis and its MLK Scholarship because Migel had studied at the University as an MLK Scholar. Decades later, Migel and I met through Lolis and became good friends. I'm grateful to have known her and to have been influenced by both her legacy and her presence in my life.

Julie Taylor-Vaz - April 02 at 02:21 AM

AS

“ I’m still so sad about this. Mick and I were friends since the 6th grade, and we lived on the same street, about a half-mile apart. I think I’ll always miss those rides home on the street car from Trinity and stopping in McKenzie’s to buy donuts to eat on the way. I enjoyed Grammy’s cookies and maybe Mick can enjoy them now again, if that’s allowed in heaven. It makes me happy to think it is, anyway.



I really miss Mickey’s common sense, and her intelligence, and her insight, and her ability to hold it together when she was surrounded by nonsense. I love that about her! Such a beautiful woman in every way.

Migel handled everything she went through with such grace and dignity. I learned a lot by knowing her and watching her. Migel, although I’ll miss you so much, I am glad you’re at peace. We may say goodbye to your body, but never your spirit. You have earned your rest. To Gerri and Lois Eric, Dad, and other family members, please know I’m thinking about you and praying for you - for your peace and comfort. I know what a loss this must be, but the pain is worth what we got from loving Miguel.

Alexis Stevens - April 01 at 07:34 PM

TF

“ The family has my sincere condolences, praying for All during this difficult time.

Trudy Ferrouillet



Trudy Ferrouillet - March 31 at 06:06 PM

MH

Miguel was an active member in all the classes she was enrolled in at the People Program. She always added much to each of her classes. She will be greatly missed. 💕💕

Merle Harris - April 01 at 02:21 PM

EV

“*Dear Cousins, as you go through this tender season of your lives, also rejoice with the angels in heaven; for Migel now sits in the Presence of God. Just imagine the joy she feels to look upon His Face! Remember, you are not alone in your journey. Because Jesus loves you, He is always with you; and you will be covered by the Peace of His Presence. Trust Him, and believe ...*

*Your Cousins,
Edward and Frances Ventress*

Edward Ventress - March 30 at 09:22 PM