



Michele M. Chonko

October 24, 1969 - April 5, 2024

Michele Chonko (nee Peddie), beloved wife of Edward, devoted mother of Kasey, sister, aunt, and dedicated community member, passed away on April 5, 2024. She touched the lives of many as an exercise physiologist, volunteer soccer and basketball coach, as well as an active member of numerous community organizations.

Michele's journey of impact and inspiration began at Bayonne High School as a three-letter athlete, participating in soccer, basketball, and softball. She then continued her education at Rutgers University, where she excelled both academically and athletically. As a standout athlete on the women's soccer team, Michele's determination and skill propelled her to a successful college athlete career, leaving a lasting mark on the Rutgers sports community.

Born with a natural talent for motivating and inspiring others, Michele pursued her passion for fitness and sports, positively impacting countless individuals through her training programs and coaching. Notably serving as a coach for Jersey City State University women's soccer team as well as many youth leagues. Her dedication to helping others achieve their goals extended beyond the gym and sports field; Michele also devoted her time and energy to serving her community as a committed volunteer.

Michele's love and devotion to her family were evident in every aspect of her

life. She was a pillar of strength and support, always there to uplift and encourage her loved ones. Her warm smile, infectious laughter, and compassionate heart will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of Michele's life will be held at Bongarzone Funeral Home on Wednesday April 10, 2024, where friends and family will come together from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 to honor her memory and the impact she made on the lives of others. A funeral mass will be offered at 10:00 am on Thursday April 11 at the Church of Saint Anselm in Tinton Falls. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington, NJ. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made in the form of charitable donations to the American Cancer Society.

Michele was predeceased by her parents Florence and George Peddie, and is survived by husband and daughter, Edward and Kasey Chonko, sister Lorraine Michelson and brother-in-law Robert and nephew Ryan, brother George Peddie II and sister-in-law Kim and nephew George III, and twin brother Matthew Peddie and sister-in-law Denise, and nieces Mackenzie and Morgan.

May her legacy of kindness, generosity, and dedication continue to inspire us all.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

340 Ridge Rd
North Arlington, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Visitation

APR 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Funeral Mass

APR 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Rd
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712-3146
(732) 493-4411

Tribute Wall

IR

“ Ed, we extend our deepest sympathies to you during this difficult time. Losing a loved one is never easy, and we hope you find comfort in the memories you shared with your wife. May her soul rest in peace.

*With heartfelt condolences,
Adam, Billy and Irina on behalf of SMC*

Irina Rosenzweig - April 11, 2024 at 01:53 PM

JB

“ Janet, Alex, Cleve and Brad purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Janet, Alex, Cleve and Brad - April 10, 2024 at 02:03 PM

AG

“ Ed,
We are deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your wife. On behalf of Atlas and the Crown Paper Group, please accept our condolences during this difficult time.

We will be keeping you and your family in our thoughts.

Please let us know if there is anything we can help you with.

*With deepest sympathy,
Janet, Alex, Cleve and Brad*

Atlas & Crown Paper Group - April 10, 2024 at 02:00 PM

GG

“ Gary and Laurie Gannon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Gary and Laurie Gannon - April 10, 2024 at 12:43 PM

GG

“ Gary and Laurie Gannon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Gary and Laurie Gannon - April 10, 2024 at 12:43 PM

RL

“ In recent years, my husband suffered from both mental and physical declines. Michele provided help with the physical limitations, but, much more important to me, she talked and laughed with him and made the hour so much more than just doing some exercises. Michele found topics that he could somehow relate to and for that hour there was a sense of normalcy in a life that was slowly drifting by. I was so grateful for her compassion and attempt to make their time together special and meaningful. She already was "an angel" to me and my husband! She will be missed, but is looking down still sending love.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Letko

Rosemary Letko - April 10, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



April 10, 2024 at 12:16 AM



“ *Love, The McCabe-Matto Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

Love, The McCabe-Matto Family - April 10, 2024 at 12:16 AM



“ *Chonko/Peddie family... me, along w/ the people frm REG 116 will miss her dearly... Rob*



Rob U. - April 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ *Kenneth F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

Kenneth F. - April 09, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



April 09, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Michelle's spirit will live on in all of us for she made that deep connection with all of us. We love her and will miss her greatly. Love the Papadopoulos family*



George Papadopoulos - April 09, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *George P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

George P. - April 09, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ *The Diaz Family (Sam, Wilda, Greg purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



The Diaz Family (Sam, Wilda, Greg - April 09, 2024 at 12:10 PM

TG

“ *The Diaz Family (Sam, Wilda, Greg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

The Diaz Family (Sam, Wilda, Greg - April 09, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LC

“ *Love, Jeanine, Sarah & Amanda Caprio purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



Love, Jeanine, Sarah & Amanda Caprio - April 09, 2024 at 08:04 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



April 08, 2024 at 09:49 PM

TD

“ *The Miller, Giordano, Martin and Drago's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

The Miller, Giordano, Martin and Drago's - April 08, 2024 at 09:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



April 08, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Peddie/Chonko family. I grew up around the corner from Michelle and Matt. We played softball together on Little League green team! Michelle was a trainer at the Forum and I spent many a morning with her there. She was a kind, caring person and she will be missed. My deepest condolences. Sincerely, Denise Clark*

Denise Clark - April 08, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ *John and Edward Butrym purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



John and Edward Butrym - April 08, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ *John and Edward Butrym planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

John and Edward Butrym - April 08, 2024 at 08:43 PM

DM

“ Debbie, Phillip & Christa Marchitto purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Debbie, Phillip & Christa Marchitto - April 08, 2024 at 08:35 PM

DM

“ Debbie, Phillip & Christa Marchitto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Debbie, Phillip & Christa Marchitto - April 08, 2024 at 08:35 PM

JM

“ Jill M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Jill M. - April 08, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



April 08, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Your Friends at Otterbourg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Your Friends at Otterbourg - April 08, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ The Stehl Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

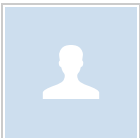
The Stehl Family - April 08, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



April 08, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



April 08, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*



April 08, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Marc & Denise Hansen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

Marc & Denise Hansen - April 08, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Susan and Barrey Davis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michele M. Chonko.*




Susan and Barrey Davis - April 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Susan and Barrey Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.*

Susan and Barrey Davis - April 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM

SO

“ So sorry for your immeasurable loss, Michelle was a great person and athlete and I had the privilege of playing against her in high school softball , my family has known the Peddie family for a very long time and our hearts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

The Pecoraro Family

susan oneill - April 08, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JA

“ Jordan A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Jordan A. - April 08, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



April 08, 2024 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ On behalf of the St. Anselm Hawks 5th and 6th grade boys basketball team, we send our deepest condolences. You've been a critical part of keeping children involved with the church through your years of coaching. I understand that during COVID, you and Kasey kept in connection with senior citizens in need. Your selflessness and love for kids will always be remembered.



We only knew each other for a few months but I'll always remember you. Thoughts and prayers go out to Casey and Ed.

Joe Martucci - April 07, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TB

“ Thomas Stremme & Haya Bailey purchased the Divine Light for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Thomas Stremme & Haya Bailey - April 07, 2024 at 04:10 PM

TB

“ Thomas Stremme & Haya Bailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Thomas Stremme & Haya Bailey - April 07, 2024 at 04:10 PM

AF

“ Albanese F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Albanese F. - April 07, 2024 at 03:59 PM

CA

“ Christina A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Christina A. - April 07, 2024 at 01:51 PM

VL

“ Valerie Lombardo sent a virtual gift in memory of Michele M. Chonko



Valerie Lombardo - April 07, 2024 at 01:38 PM

VL

“ There are no words to describe the emotions we are feeling with the loss of our beautiful Michele. She always had a beautiful smile on her face and she had the best hugs to always welcome you whenever we were together. She was the queen of the Rutgers Tailgate at all the football games. God has a beautiful Angel now and I know she will be watching over all of us. Michele will forever be in our hearts and memories forever. Prayers and love to Ed, Kasey and Michele's family.

Valerie Lombardo - April 07, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



April 07, 2024 at 01:27 PM

TF

“ The Lee family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

The Lee family - April 07, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



April 07, 2024 at 01:00 PM

WK

“ With love, Robin Klinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

With love, Robin Klinger - April 07, 2024 at 01:00 PM



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



April 07, 2024 at 11:42 AM

TP

“ The P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

The P. - April 07, 2024 at 11:36 AM



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



April 07, 2024 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ Jon Sullivan & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Jon Sullivan & Family - April 07, 2024 at 10:13 AM

LG

“ Love Sharon, Scott and Olivia Gades purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Love Sharon, Scott and Olivia Gades - April 07, 2024 at 09:41 AM

LG

“ Love Sharon, Scott and Olivia Gades planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Love Sharon, Scott and Olivia Gades - April 07, 2024 at 09:41 AM

JF

“ Michelle was a loving and caring coach. The tsunami team was like a family. So many fond memories. Michelle, Ed and Casie are the best. We'll never forget Coach Michelle and all her generosity and fun times she provided for us.

John Venino and family - April 06, 2024 at 10:15 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Consatance Madigan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Kevin & Consatance Madigan - April 06, 2024 at 09:27 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Consatance Madigan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Kevin & Consatance Madigan - April 06, 2024 at 09:27 PM

KB

“ Michele is in some of my earliest memories from taking me to get my ears pierced at Aloi's, to swimming and feeding the ducks on family trips to Brookdale, to taking me alongside, Matthew, to Seaside and letting me go on my first loop coaster...there are so many...We look behind us and we see things that in the moment were a thrill or laugh, but in the face of loss we see how much they meant and how much those moments shaped us.

My heart goes out to all who have lost this loving wife, mother, sister, and friend, but I know all have just as many precious memories and delightful moments to reflect upon as I do.



Kristen Branagan - April 06, 2024 at 08:49 PM

LK

“ Love Cathie, Ray, & Kristen purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Love Cathie, Ray, & Kristen - April 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM

PS

“ Parameswar S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Parameswar S. - April 06, 2024 at 07:54 PM

MF

“ Meredith F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Meredith F. - April 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

MF

“ Meredith F. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Meredith F. - April 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

PM

“ Peter M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Peter M. - April 06, 2024 at 07:41 PM

MF

“ Meredith F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Meredith F. - April 06, 2024 at 07:40 PM

MG

“ Matt, Sandra & Hannah Gallagher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Matt, Sandra & Hannah Gallagher - April 06, 2024 at 07:13 PM

MG

“ Matt, Sandra & Hannah Gallagher purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Matt, Sandra & Hannah Gallagher - April 06, 2024 at 07:13 PM

JM

“ Dear Michele was a gift to all of us. She was such an angel and just a magnificent human being. We are so very happy that she was a part of our lives at Thornbrooke. xoxoxo She will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless 🕊️🙏

Joan Murphy - April 06, 2024 at 06:49 PM

TF

“ The Liskiewicz Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



The Liskiewicz Family - April 06, 2024 at 06:44 PM

CT

“ Corrinne T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

Corrinne T. - April 06, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CT

“ Corinne T. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Corinne T. - April 06, 2024 at 06:11 PM

PO

“ PNCBC (New York Office) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele M. Chonko.

PNCBC (New York Office) - April 06, 2024 at 06:05 PM

PO

“ PNCBC (New York Office) purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



PNCBC (New York Office) - April 06, 2024 at 06:05 PM

TF

“ The Conway Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



The Conway Family - April 06, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LM

“ I will forever remember Michele for her laugh, her smile, her humility, her hospitality her love for others, and her natural she made everyone feel welcomed in her life. Working in George’s together back in the day will always bring a smile to my face as we hustled on those nights the bands played. Slings drinks, serving food....football Sundays etc. She always offered a helping hand and never complained. For Ed and Kasey May you find comfort in the memories you shared and strength in the love that surrounds you. My thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Lisa Shea Martinez - April 06, 2024 at 05:51 PM

DG

“ Michele was a gift to all who knew her... and, truly, to know her was to love her...for her smile, encouragement and laughter. I will always carry her in my heart. Sending love and healing energy to Ed, Kasey and all of her family. 🌸

Deborah Green - April 06, 2024 at 05:00 PM

SS

“ Sara Traberman & Elliot Schreiber purchased the A Full Life for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Sara Traberman & Elliot Schreiber - April 06, 2024 at 04:58 PM

JC

“ I first met Michele when she was pregnant with Kasey, at Parker Creek fitness. A few of us gave her a little baby shower because we had grown to love her! Fast forward to October 2022, and we became reacquainted through a mutual friend, and Michele worked with my husband and I each week. We looked forward to seeing Michele each week, not only because of all the progress we made with her, but also because of her kind, thoughtful, engaging manner! We grew to love our interactions with her, and enjoyed hearing about her lovely family. Michele taught us not only exercises but also how to be better people by her actions. She was truly one of a kind- a dedicated professional, and the most caring person I have ever had the pleasure to know. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this most difficult time. Love, Jayne and Frank Carmody

Jayne Carmody - April 06, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ Ingrid Cruz-Mejia lit a candle in memory of Michele M. Chonko



Ingrid Cruz-Mejia - April 06, 2024 at 04:28 PM

LL

“ Love always, Tabbie, Mark & Lea purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michele M. Chonko.



Love always, Tabbie, Mark & Lea - April 06, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in
memory of Michele M. Chonko*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - April 05, 2024 at 07:53 PM