

## Michelle Y. Chiotti



Michelle Yvonne Chiotti, age 27 of Bay Port, passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2010 after a long courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

Born in Pigeon on March 17, 1983, she was the daughter of A. Mark and Ilene H. (Holland) Chiotti, and graduated from Bay Port Elementary School and Laker High School, Class of 2001. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in April 2008 with a B.A. in Special Education, and began her teaching career at Laker High School. Her contagious smile and positive outlook impacted many.

Michelle was first diagnosed with ovarian cancer in August of 2008. Over the past two years she actively supported Relay for Life, the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, and the "I'm Too Young for This" Cancer Foundation. Throughout her illness, the support of the community and the school went above and beyond Michelle's and her family's expectations. Words cannot express how much Michelle and her family appreciated all the prayers and support.

Michelle loved to travel and in fact, did her student teaching in New Zealand. When she became ill, she learned cake decorating to pass time. She loved and adored spending time with her family and friends, which she had so many.

Michelle was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh.

Michelle is survived by her parents, Mark & Ilene, sister Amanda and brother Adam, all of Bay Port; her fiancée, Danny Gonzales of Grand Rapids; maternal grandfather Duane Holland of Sebewaing; paternal grandmother Ruth Chiotti of Bay Port; aunts & uncles, Suzanne (Dean) Jones, Diane Holland, Dawn (Brad) Pagratis, Joyce McGathy, Tom Chiotti, Jean (Roger) Maynard, Randy (Cindy) Chiotti, Jill Terrian, Mary (Kevin) Sting, and Tammy (Jerry) Schweitzer; great aunts and great uncles; many cousins; and so many friends. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Yvonne Holland and grandfather Albertus Chiotti.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 9 at St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, with Rev. Michael L. Teuscher, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Michelle's family would prefer the consideration of the following memorials: "I'm Too Young for This" Cancer Foundation ([www.i2y.com](http://www.i2y.com)), the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition ([www.ovarian.org](http://www.ovarian.org)), EPBP Special Education Department, or the charity of the donor's choice.

### VISITATION AT MEYERSIECK-BUSSEMA FUNERAL HOME, PIGEON:

Thursday, October 7 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, October 8 1:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### AND AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, KILMANAGH:

Saturday, October 9 10:00 a.m. until the time of service