



## Renee Ann Bitner

June 23, 1973 - March 21, 2024

Renee Ann Bitner, age 50, of Onsted, Michigan passed away suddenly on Thursday, March 21, 2024, with her family by her side. Renee was born June 23, 1973 to the late Raymond K Bitner. Renee is survived by her parents, Shirley and Larry Wentz, and her partner, Ron Masticano. His children are Bianca Masticano and Vincent Masticano, and his grandchildren are Eliana Simon and Noah Simon. She is also survived by her siblings, James A Bitner and Tara L Santiago. She was very close with Ron's sister, Stacy J McCormick and brother-in-law, Jeffrey Wiese. Renee also loved her pets: Nala, Gabby, Penny, Princess, Baxter and Maggie. They called it The Zoo!

Renee grew up in Romulus, Michigan. She attended Michigan State University and received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She worked in the financial industry with student loans for many years. Renee was also involved in successful start-ups like Sofi and Credible. She loved helping people and businesses succeed, and was a good friend to many co-workers along the way. Renee worked from home and traveled to business conferences across the country.

Renee loved to visit with friends and family, play euchre, bake, listen to bagpipes, and watch college football. Her favorite football team was the Michigan State Spartans. As she would always say, "GO GREEN"!

Renee, our hearts will continue to be broken and we know we must be apart from you for now. We hope that you find the beauty and peace you truly deserve. Being around you was peace and you blessed everyone around you with stillness, love, compassion and understanding. You will truly forever be missed. We pray you bless us with little ways of letting us know you are there. You were the peace we all truly needed. We love you.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Funeral Services will be held starting at 4:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory you have of Renee, to sign her guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 30. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ We always had a good time no matter where we went so blessed to have a best friend like her.



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**lisa Frost** - March 30, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ I am shocked & heartbroken. I was just thinking of calling her to catch up until a former colleague informed me of Renee's sudden passing. I had the privilege of working with Renee at the very beginning of SoFi, sharing a lot of laughs, frustrations & excitement as we pitched in to help this new company grow & thrive. I recommended her wholeheartedly to all the subsequent startups she move onto excelling as she did at SoFi. We talked twice a year for the past 12 years enjoying the stories she shared of the companies she continued to help grow --- I will soooooo miss those chats. My condolences to her family including the four-legged critters who will miss her so dearly. Rest in peace dear friend until I see you on the other side.

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**Walter Balmas** - March 29, 2024 at 11:45 PM

TD

“ I use to babysit all 3 of them when they were little, Renee was the best one, you will be truly missed. She always showed up to the Christmas Party's at the moose and we always had a great time. RIP you are in gods hands now. Love you

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**Tammy Diehl** - March 28, 2024 at 06:07 PM

SM

“ I was truly blessed to have meet Renee through Ron.She brought her strengh, calmess , support, and her beautiful smile to our Family, which we will all feel the void of her presence. My deepest condolences to her family. This is not goodbye but until we meet again Renee. RIP



Stacy McCormick - March 28, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MA

“ Renee was an incredible person, a supportive colleague, a kindhearted friend, and dedicated advocate for improvements to the student loan ecosystem, and she will be deeply missed. Her kindness, strength, and intelligence will continue to inspire me and I'm sure many others who knew her.

Mary - March 27, 2024 at 01:44 PM

Kim Desgrange

“ I am sad to hear this news. Renee was great to work with during MSFAA conference planning and events. I really enjoyed working with her and she will be missed.

Kim Desgranges - March 26, 2024 at 11:28 AM

CS

“ I had the honor of meeting Renee when she hired me at EMU in the Office of Financial Aid just over 22 years ago. Renee was such a great person. She was incredibly intelligent and driven, always so easy to talk to, and had the most amazing smile and laugh. After she left EMU I would see her at conferences and she would always smile and give a warm hug. She truly made an impact on me, everyone at EMU, and everywhere she went. I am thankful to have known her and will forever be grateful for her support and friendship. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

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**Chelyan Swafford** - March 26, 2024 at 08:34 AM

SH

“ Renee was a much beloved child who will always live in her family's heart.

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**Sue Ann Hart** - March 26, 2024 at 08:32 AM

CM

“ I remember Renee's first day in Financial Aid at EMU as a student worker. She was a hard worker and worked her way to the top. She was a bright light at EMU and in this world and will be truly missed. Love and prayers to Shirley and family

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**Cathie McClure** - March 25, 2024 at 11:07 PM

SP

“ Renee was always a ray of sunshine. She made me smile and laugh whenever I saw her. We had fun times working together at EMU in Collections, Admissions, and Financial Aid. I can't believe she is gone. She will be missed, but not forgotten. Prayers to all the family and her loved ones.

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**Stephanie Petsch** - March 25, 2024 at 01:20 PM

RM

“ *My heart is broken, I will forever miss you. I'm sure at some point the pain will subside but know you had my heart. You were my soul mate. I love you Renee, you were a blessing in my life.*

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**Ron Masticiano** - March 25, 2024 at 01:01 PM

JJ

*Renee was a fun loving person. I remember doing Halloween decorations with her. Later she became my supervisor and I will always remember her as a friend. Thoughts and prayers to her family*

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**Jenifer Igoe** - March 26, 2024 at 12:49 AM

JB

*I'm so very sorry for your loss my friend, turn to your faith in this difficult time. I love you let me know if you need anything.*

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**jim buck** - March 30, 2024 at 12:25 PM