



Rosie O'Donnell Reflects on Michelle Trachtenberg's Death

Description

Rosie O'Donnell is mourning the loss of her friend, Michelle Trachtenberg. They acted together in the 1996 film "Harriet the Spy." O'Donnell remembers Trachtenberg as a talented young actress who could easily memorise lines and improvise. She described Trachtenberg's family as very loving.

However, O'Donnell said that Trachtenberg then struggled with drugs and alcohol. Trachtenberg's official cause of death was complications from diabetes, but O'Donnell believes addiction played a role. She tried to contact Trachtenberg's mother to understand what was happening. O'Donnell invited Trachtenberg to meet several times, but she often did not show up.

O'Donnell stated that she did not think Trachtenberg would die because many people hope their loved ones will recover from addiction. She feels regret, saying, "I wish I could have done more."

O'Donnell compared Trachtenberg's situation to Whitney Houston's. Both women faced severe addiction but did not receive the help they needed. O'Donnell understands this problem personally, as her own daughter has struggled with addiction too. She recently visited her daughter in prison, where she maintains sobriety.

Vocabulary List:

1. **mourning** //ˈmɔːrniŋ// (verb): feeling very sad because someone died
2. **memorise** //ˈmɛməˌraɪz// (verb): learn and keep something in your memory
3. **improvise** //ˈɪmprəˌvaɪz// (verb): make or say things without planning first
4. **complications** //ˌkəmpləˈkeɪʃənz// (noun): extra bad medical problems that happen later
5. **addiction** //əˈdɪkʃən// (noun): strong need to keep using something harmful
6. **sobriety** //səʊˈbraɪəti// (noun): not using alcohol or drugs anymore

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. In which film did Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Trachtenberg act together?
Option: The Flintstones
Option: Harriet the Spy



Option: A League of Their Own

Option: The Other Woman

2. What does Rosie O'Donnell remember about Michelle Trachtenberg?

Option: She was a poor actress

Option: She could easily memorise lines and improvise

Option: She was always late

Option: She was not talented

3. What was the official cause of Michelle Trachtenberg's death?

Option: Accident

Option: Suicide

Option: Complications from diabetes

Option: Heart Attack

4. What addiction issues did Rosie O'Donnell associate with Michelle Trachtenberg?

Option: Gambling

Option: Drugs and alcohol

Option: Food

Option: Cigarettes

5. How did Rosie O'Donnell attempt to assist Michelle Trachtenberg?

Option: By offering her job

Option: By contacting her mother

Option: By inviting her to meet

Option: By confronting her

6. Whose addiction situation did O'Donnell compare to Trachtenberg's?

Option: Her own

Option: Whitney Houston's

Option: A family friend

Option: Her daughter's

True-False

7. Rosie O'Donnell believes addiction played a significant role in Trachtenberg's death.

8. Michelle Trachtenberg showed up to every meeting invite from Rosie O'Donnell.



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9. O'Donnell feels regret about not being able to help Trachtenberg more.
 10. Michelle Trachtenberg's family was described by O'Donnell as unsupportive.
 11. O'Donnell stated that she expected Trachtenberg to recover from addiction.
 12. O'Donnell's daughter has struggled with addiction.

Gap-Fill

13. Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Trachtenberg acted together in the film _____.
14. O'Donnell described Trachtenberg's family as very _____.
15. Michelle Trachtenberg struggled with drugs and _____.
16. O'Donnell wished she could have done _____ for Trachtenberg.
17. O'Donnell's daughter is currently in _____.
18. O'Donnell compared Trachtenberg's addiction struggles to those of _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Harriet the Spy 2. She could easily memorise lines and improvise 3. Complications from diabetes 4. Drugs and alcohol 5. By inviting her to meet 6. Whitney Houston's

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. Harriet the Spy 14. loving 15. alcohol 16. more 17. prison 18. Whitney Houston

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