



# Melinda Harmon Palmer

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**A** Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Melinda Harmon Palmer, 58, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Stone Ridge Baptist Church. Dr. Brett Self will officiate. A private burial will be held at Weogufka Second Baptist Church Cemetery.

Brethren, today we gather not in the shadow of sorrow, but in the light of cherished memories as we celebrate the homegoing of a virtuous woman, Melinda Harmon Palmer. Born on the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-five, in the vibrant city of Atlanta, Georgia, Melinda was a beacon of love and faith until her peaceful passing on the fourteenth day of January, twenty-four, in Birmingham, Alabama.

Melinda, known affectionately as the heart of her family, is survived by a lineage of love: her devoted husband Mel Palmer of Alexander City, Alabama; her sons, Matthew Palmer and his wife Janet of Weogufka, Alabama, and Myles Palmer and his wife Carly of Alexander City, Alabama. She was the proud grandmother to Jack Palmer, whose youthful exuberance brought her immeasurable joy. Her nurturing spirit is also carried on by her dear mother, Evelyn Varner, her sister, Melanie Kervin, her nephew Chase Kervin and his wife Laken, her nieces Tinsley and Emberly Kervin, and her nephew John Blue. Melinda's extended family of affection includes father-in-law and mother-in-law, Melvin and Linda Palmer, along with special friends Jeff and Vanessa Green, and nephews Chad Green with his wife Sarah Beth, and Chase Green with his wife Janon. She was greeted in Heaven by her father, Jack Harmon, and her sister-in-law, Michelle Palmer, who preceded her in glory.

An exemplar of academic excellence, Melinda was valedictorian of Weogufka High School's Class of 1983. Her passion for nurturing others led her to pursue a Nursing Degree from Alexander City Junior College, now known as Central Alabama Community College. Melinda's professional life was marked by her compassionate service as a Registered Nurse and her meticulous care in Medical Billing. Her work was not just a job, it was a ministry of healing and comfort.

Melinda was a woman of profound faith, a cornerstone of the Stone Ridge Baptist Church community. Her Sundays were filled with joy, her voice a sweet amen in the chorus of worship. She was a Prayer Warrior like no other, her intercessions a testament to her unwavering belief in



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the power of the Lord. Her love for her family was boundless, her home an oasis of hospitality, where every soul was welcomed with open arms and a warm, loving heart. Melinda also had a great love for her sorority sisters in Beta Sigma Phi - Xi Xi Chapter.

This extraordinary woman, an amazing cook, nourished not just the bodies but the souls of all who were blessed to taste her chicken and dumplings, and her mac and cheese was a comforting balm to many. Melinda's spirit was as serene as a pontoon ride on the lake and as joyful as a trip to the beach. In times of trouble, her steadfast affirmation that "It's going to be okay" was the balm that soothed many a troubled heart.

Melinda was the embodiment of thoughtfulness; her every action was a reflection of her faith-filled, loving nature. To know her was to know a glimpse of Heaven's grace. She was the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, and her legacy is one of love, service, and devotion.

Let us find solace in knowing that Melinda Harmon Palmer has been called to that glorious shore, where Sundays never end, and the Lord's face shines forevermore. She has fought the good fight, she has finished the race, she has kept the faith. Now, there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give her on that day.

As we bid farewell to our beloved Melinda, let us carry forward the light of her life in our hearts, illuminating our paths with her enduring love and grace. Amen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Stone Ridge Baptist Church and designated for the Playground Fund, 611 Airport Road, Alexander City, AL 35010.

Radney Funeral Home is honored to serve the Palmer family.



# Tribute Wall

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**Radney Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



January 13 at 7:00 PM



**Linda Forbus** lit a candle in honor of Melinda.



January 18 at 7:00 PM



**Regina** posted:

Sending our love and prayers for the Palmer family! May you find comfort in the memories of your beautiful angel's time on earth. Love y'all! Lorene, Regina and Julie

January 17 at 7:00 PM



**Shannon Scott** posted:

For as long as I live, I will remember Melinda telling me, during a very troubled time in my life (after multiple poor choices) that forgiveness was in abundance and I was not defined any longer by my past. She truly helped me want to hold my head up a little higher. Her sweet spirit during that time has always stuck with me. May we all strive to be as virtuous as she was and live a consistent life in Christ as she did. Rest well and adore your new home Melinda. We all won't be too far behind.

January 16 at 7:00 PM



**Renea Hickman** posted:

My deepest condolences to Melinda s family. I wish I had stayed in touch with her after high school. She had a servants heart and was a beautiful example of a true Proverbs 31 woman.

January 16 at 7:00 PM



**Pine Belt Dermatology** posted:

Our Deepest Condolences on the loss of Melinda.

January 16 at 7:00 PM



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MB

**Misty Morris Bailey** posted:

My deepest condolences to all of the family as well as the extended families that she loved so dearly. Melinda lived her legacy of love for God, her family and friends. She loved life and had the most infectious laugh. Melinda was always so kind and just a ray of sunshine. I am heartbroken for each and every one of you. Your family is in my prayers. Misty Bailey

January 16 at 7:00 PM

SW

**Shelley Wood** posted:

Mel, Matthew, and Myles, Jeff and I send our most heartfelt condolences to you on your loss. Melinda was the sweetest, most wonderful lady. She will be missed by so many. We will continue to pray for each of you. Love and prayers, Jeff and Shelley Wood

January 16 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Medsouth- Fort Payne Branch** posted:

WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

January 16 at 7:00 PM

CR

**Cody.Cindy. David Ross** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

January 16 at 7:00 PM

SG

**Sheila Giddens** posted:

Melinda was one of the sweetest souls God ever made! My heart hurts for you all and selfishly my self. I love you you all so very much. Sheila Giddens (Wallace)

January 15 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Dewey And Summer Swims** posted:

Praying for you all.

January 15 at 7:00 PM



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LH

**Linda Hardman** lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

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PS

**Pippia Shafer** lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

Graduated LPN school with Melinda. Prayers for family 🙏

January 15 at 7:00 PM



LM

**Lavelle Mcgalliard** posted:

Mel, Matthew/Janet & Jack, Myles & Carley, Ms. Evelyn, Melanie, Linda & Melvin my heart hurts for your loss. Melinda was one of the most positive people I have ever known. We met during Michelle's battle with cancer, helped host her bridal tea, attended her beautiful storybook wedding, attended Weogufka 2nd together where we enjoyed fellowship, took trips, sent kids to camp, in-depth Bible studies, mission trips and grew in our knowledge of Christ and friendship. She taught kids, helped lead youth and did a fantastic job as VBS director under the mentorship of Frances Cooper. We had the privilege of working together for a few years. Our work took us to trade shows and conferences from the snowy roads of Huntsville to the sandy beaches of Gulf Shores. We woke up to the sound of tornado sirens before dawn one morning on the top level of the Governor's House hotel in Montgomery. We sat on the bathroom floor with pillows over our heads while the wind and rain blew in the ceiling vent. God's protection always with us! At daylight we saw the awning and parts of the roof blown off. We worked hard, shopped when time allowed and laughed silly! I always told Melinda she loved babies more than anyone I know. If we have service roles in heaven, I imagine God has her in Heaven's nursery taking care of the smallest babies, after all she gained that experience with her two precious sons. Prayers for all of you including Vanessa/Jeff and extended family and friends. She was a blessing, I loved her too. Lavelle

January 15 at 7:00 PM

AB

**Ann Bradford** posted:

Prayers for all of the family.

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**Ann Bradford** lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

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DT

**Denise King Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

I'm so sorry for the loss of Melinda. Love you all. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

January 15 at 7:00 PM



MN

**Mac Nolen** posted:

The last time I saw my cousin was 1995 when I took a trip and spent the day with Aunt Linda and visited with the family and went to gran grans and granddaddy's grave at the cemetery across from Papa Callaways Original Baptist Church' God bless and know I will always love each of you' Mac

January 15 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Jimbo And Pattie McLain** lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

We are send Prayers 🙏 for you all. We LOVE YOU ALL..Jimbo and Pattie McLain

January 14 at 7:00 PM



TS

**Tammy Smitherman** posted:

What great times we had clowning around for Christ for the Weogufka 2nd Baptist Church missions team! A true sister in Christ! What a great reunion we will have one day! Lifting the family up in prayer!

January 14 at 7:00 PM

DT

**Darlene Touart** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss of Melinda. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Darlene Touart

January 14 at 7:00 PM



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LV

**Laurie Vines** posted:

My heart aches for the dear family of our friend Melinda Palmer. Melinda was one of the most kind, loving, and positive people I have ever known. Her sweet, calm spirit, her unwavering faith, and her beautiful smile will always be foremost in my memories of her. I will cherish the memories of time together at Weogufka Second Baptist Church, Mel & Melinda's wedding, Mrs. Frances Cooper's Married Couples Sunday School Class, raising our babies together, the baby showers, birthday parties, VBS, mission trips, Baptist Young Women adventures, fun times at the Culver 's lake cabin- and some really sad times that life brings- I am so thankful I was able to call Melinda my friend and sister in Christ. I will always pray for Mel, Matthew, Janet, Jack, Myles, Carly, Evelyn, Melanie, Melvin, Linda, Vanessa, Jeff, and all of her family and friends. I'm asking God to give you His comfort, His strength, and His peace.

January 14 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jimmy Sanford** posted:

While I didn't know her I do know Myles and Carly and I am so sad to hear this news. RIP and God Bless

January 14 at 7:00 PM

TA

**Tammy Acklin** posted:

I am so sorry about Melinda! She was a sweetheart. I know Your hearts are broken!! Too young!  
Tammy Acklin

January 14 at 7:00 PM

HP

**Harry & Sheila Palmer** posted:

Words can't express our sorrow. We love you all.

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest sympathies. Please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers

January 14 at 7:00 PM



# Media

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Join us in honoring Melinda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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