



Melissa Noel McDowell

December 8, 1974 - March 14, 2024

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Psalm 116:15
Melissa Noel McDowell, 49, went to be with the Lord on March 14, 2024.
Born December 8, 1974, in Huntington, WV, the beloved daughter of
Marceline Wheeler McDowell of Taylors, SC, and the late Edgar Allen
McDowell.

After graduating from Washington Center, Greenville, SC, Melissa attended
Piedmont Skills/Thrive Upstate, and most recently, Elite Day Center, Greer,
SC.

She enjoyed her day programs, family gatherings, young children, going to
church to joyfully put her offering in the plate, and bananas with peanut butter.
She loved her collections of large pattern books, stickers, and bracelets.
Melissa was well known for her beautiful smile and her giant hugs, and for
blowing kisses to everyone. She was blessed with a cheerful personality.
Surviving in addition to her mother are two sisters, Julie Gainous and her
husband, Jeff, of Greenville, SC and Cynthia Ford and her husband, James,
Jr. of Moore, SC; her niece, Catherine (Don) Silvey; nephews, Michael
Gainous, James (Lydia) Gainous, and Mitchell (Grace Ann) Vaughan;
grandniece, Charlotte Jackson; grandnephews, Thomas Jackson and Everett
and Branson Vaughan.

Melissa was predeceased by her brother, Michael Allen McDowell, and her
grandparents, Stanley and Minnie Earle McDowell, and Forrest and May
Wheeler.

Visitation will be held 10:00-10:45 a.m., Monday, March 18, 2024, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 11:00 a.m., at Faith Baptist Church, 500 West Lee Road, Taylors, SC.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Garden of Memories, Mason County, KY.

Because of allergies, we respectfully request that there be no flowers.

Donations may be made to Hidden Treasure Christian School, 500 West Lee Road, Taylors, SC 29687 or <https://give.hiddentreasure.org/>

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church
500 West Lee Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms. McDowell, This is Debbie Coleman that lived across from you. I am sorry to hear of Melissa's passing. I know she was a blessing to you and your family. Your family will be in my prayers.*

Debbie Coleman Damery - March 20, 2024 at 04:09 PM

IL

“ *Cyndie & Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Isabel Lappin - March 18, 2024 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Thoughts and prayers for you Marceline and the girls. Heaven gained a sweet angel*

Sharon Landreth - March 16, 2024 at 10:10 AM

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“ *We will miss Aunt Melissa's smiles, hugs, and playful spirit. She was loved by all who met her. Her unique personality was unforgettable and positively one-of-a-kind. Memories of Melissa are always good ones and we look forward to Heaven where we will meet again. Love in our hearts, The Vaughan family. (Mitchell and Grace Ann; Everett, Branson)*

Mitchell Vaughan - March 15, 2024 at 05:07 PM