



Melissa Sue Delamater

December 10, 1949 - December 3, 2022

Melissa Delamater, eternally 17, suddenly passed from this life on December 3, 2022, and entered forever land where she was gleefully reunited with her mom, dad and grandparents! Melissa lived in Glendive, MT most of her life. She moved to Indianapolis and pursued her Master's Degree in Counseling. She also had adventures in Texas and Florida. Melissa's gift from God was having a servant's heart. She was dedicated to her family, friends and students. She loved teaching, reading, listening and swaying to her beloved music – especially Bon Jovi. Anytime there was a sports event in town she was there – if she couldn't be there then she was watching sports on TV while sometimes listening to a game on the radio.

Melissa successfully accomplished her calling. As one of her students wrote on her FB page, "Every single one of us absolutely adored you. You were always there for us with that true mom patience and a disapproving (but amused) head shake and sigh. You always made sure we knew that we could do better, and you didn't think less of us. You impacted so many kids who had been given up on by so many." She touched many lives and gave so many hope that life could be different.

There will be a memorial service in June at Makoshika. In the meantime, we are asking you to honor her life by tying a ribbon around the tree at her sister, Kelly's house – as that was her favorite place to be. The address is 313 Linden – white house with ramp in front. Melissa adored her nieces and nephew and her great nephews and the newest great niece – as they all

brought such joy to her. She leaves behind her family and friends who say,
“What will we do without Melissa?”

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ *Greg Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



Greg & Peggy Johnson - February 03, 2023 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ *jim alice bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



jim and alice bachmeier - December 27, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *So heartbroken to stumble across this news belatedly and by accident! Ms. Delamater (as I knew her) was my high school counselor at Medicine Lake High School in the mid-to-late 70s and was such a positive force in my life. I remember fondly conversations with her in the counseling office and the warmth and hope that she gave to me... it meant everything at the time. I was blessed by those moments that inspire and lift me still. She was a blessing to me and to so many others... I will be eternally grateful for her place in my life. w/ love, Mark Andersen 5617 Colorado Ave NW, Washington DC 20011*

Mark Andersen - December 25, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ not just running ramped in high school, ending up in the k mart. you always always inspired me to do better. i will miss your spirit and smile and will see you on the shores of the Jorden. love you .. Judi Baier Cramer

judi m cramer - December 12, 2022 at 09:42 PM

KB

“ What sad news! May Melissa's dear soul rest in peace. ❤️❤️❤️
Kim Johnson
Brown

kim johnson brown - December 12, 2022 at 08:03 PM

SS

“ Kelly Im So sorry for your loss



Sue Schwindt - December 11, 2022 at 12:48 PM

WD

“ Melissa was my confidante, my trusted go to friend, older and wiser. When my heart was broke she was there to pick up the pieces. She always saw and shared a bright side..So many shared times riding in her car, laughing. I am so glad to have been her friend. She helped me get through some tough years, and I will hold her in my heart forever. Fly high Melissa. We Love You. Thank you Always.

Wendy Denby-pascale - December 11, 2022 at 12:17 PM

NH

“ I was a sophomore in high school when I first met Melissa. I came from a super broken family, abandoned at 12, bounced around the system. She wasn't the only one that worked with me, but she was the one that broke through the hurt and pain and self loathing and let me glimpse at who I could be, and that I was OK, I was just a kid, I could be trusted and depended on and I deserved love. Seeing disappointment in Melissa's face hurt more than any beating. She was a mom, a sister, a mentor, a cheerleader, and a monument to faith for me. While the world is definitely a darker sadder place without her, it is most certainly a better place for having her here. There is so much more I could say, but it would only blunt the edge of the pain. She deserves better from me than sadness and hurt, so I will bury my tears and focus on the love and light she shared with me. Heaven is blessed for it has received a true angel...

nathan hopkins - December 11, 2022 at 01:09 AM

GP

“ Our deepest sympathy...



Ginger & Kelly Pulse - December 10, 2022 at 06:26 PM

EE

“ Eileen Entzel lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Eileen Vogele Entzel - December 10, 2022 at 04:09 PM

MC

“ To Debi, Carrie, Rob, Russell and Kelly, I send my love and deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of your cherished sister, and my cousin, Melissa. I treasure the visits to Montana, when I was young and especially the visit my husband, Chuck and I made in 2017 when we enjoyed a cousin's lunch in Glendive with Debi, Melissa and Rob. It was so special to be able to reminisce and talk about our family genealogy and share many stories of our loved ones. You are in my heart and prayers. please know that Melissa is loved and missed.
Maureen Coon



Maureen Coon - December 09, 2022 at 09:04 PM

TM

“ toni morasko lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



toni morasko - December 09, 2022 at 07:17 PM

VS

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Melissa. She was always asking how the kids were doing and would get so excited to see or talk to John. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Vicki Schieffer - December 09, 2022 at 05:45 PM

TK

“ *Melissa may u RIP and your Light Shine Forever..*



Terry Knapp - December 09, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *So sorry to here about Melissa's passing. I've known her for sometime her dad was my boss in the 70's! So we go way back! I'll miss seeing that wonderful smile when we saw each other, fly high high my friend!*



Toni Goroski - December 09, 2022 at 11:06 AM

MK

“ *Melissa was unfailingly kind and helped so many people. She was a bright light dimmed too soon! Rest In Peace, my neighbor!*



Myrna Kintz - December 08, 2022 at 08:45 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



Sharon Bain - December 08, 2022 at 06:09 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Temple lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



Kathy Temple - December 08, 2022 at 05:50 PM

KT

“ *I thought we'd be sitting in our rocking chairs at 90 saying, "Remember when we went to The Exorcist with Robbie?" or "We sure had fun in your yellow VW". Since senior year in high school, Melissa has been the person I could pick the phone and talk to and pick up where we last left off. She was one of the most caring, compassionate people I've ever known. I know how much she treasured the younger members of her family and tried to help in any way she could. Her passing leaves a huge hold in all of our hearts.*

Kathy Temple - December 08, 2022 at 05:46 PM

JG

“ *Janice Grigsby lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



Janice Grigsby - December 08, 2022 at 05:32 PM

TA

“ Ms. Delamater was an amazing advocate for our students. She loved working with some of the most challenging students and had such a soft spot for them. She was a bright light for students and staff! She wore a smile and saw good in even the hardest situations. She will be missed!

Tasha - December 08, 2022 at 05:09 PM

TH

“ Teresa Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater



Teresa Hathaway - December 08, 2022 at 03:38 PM

JL

“ Melissa was a classmate of mine & I always enjoyed visiting with her when we ran into each other. She always had a smile & a positive attitude. She will be missed!



Janette Legato - December 08, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ Larry and I were so saddened to hear about Melissa's sudden death. She was my closest friend while growing up in Forest Park. So many fond memories. Our deepest sympathies to the Delamater Family.

Larry and Ann (Bjerkreim) Powers



Ann Powers - December 08, 2022 at 12:38 PM

NT

“ *Noree Turnquist sent a virtual gift in memory of
Melissa Delamater*



Noree Turnquist - December 07, 2022 at 07:31 PM

BT

“ *Delamater Family I'm so sorry to hear about Melissa! She will be
missed by so many, I enjoyed visiting with her when she would sell
tickets to games!
Cherish your Memories and Hold them close.
Fly free Melissa!
Becky Chouinard Tipton*

Becky Tipton - December 07, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ *Melissa Sue Delamater*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM

RA

“ I'm seeing by the comments on here just how important Melissa was to numerous people. I met Melissa in 1966 when she was a Senior at DCHS and I was a lowly Frosh. I believe to this day that I had ADD before it was ever identified as such. Melissa took me under her wing and managed to get me through 3 years of High School. At 17 years old I quit and went into the Navy. She believed in me when my teachers and counselor had thrown their hands in the air and given up on me. In February of what should have been my Senior year I had my GED and was mentoring others on my ship to do the same. I was proud to call Melissa and tell her the news. I probably wasn't her first, even then. She may have been one of the most influential people in my young life.
Thanks for being a friend to that young kid.
RIP Missy you will be terribly missed...

Rolly Anvik - December 07, 2022 at 01:43 PM

RA

“ Rolly Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Rolly and Barb Anvik - December 07, 2022 at 11:07 AM

MK

“ Melissa was a kind and loving woman who
will be missed by many.



Myrna Kintz - December 07, 2022 at 10:37 AM

RB

“ Rick Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Rick and Karen Berg - December 07, 2022 at 10:36 AM

BS

“ Bob Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory
of Melissa Delamater



Bob & Kristie Stanhope - December 07, 2022 at 08:55 AM

AS

“ Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Anita Spencer - December 07, 2022 at 07:35 AM



“ Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Andeen Raymond - December 06, 2022 at 07:06 PM

CP

“ So sorry to hear about Melissa. Condolences to all of her family.
Cherish all the fond memories!

CHERISE PATTERSON - December 06, 2022 at 06:47 PM

RU

“ *randy cheryl unruh lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater*



randy and cheryl unruh - December 06, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MK

“ *Mary Kutzler lit a candle in memory of Melissa
Delamater*



Mary Kutzler - December 06, 2022 at 05:43 PM

HS

“ *Sincere sympathy to the Delamater family on
the passing of Melissa.*



Helen Bjerkreim Schmitz - December 06, 2022 at 04:26 PM

DB

“ Our condolences to Carrie, Debbie, Rusty, Robbie, and Kelly at this difficult time on the passing of Melissa. Really liked visiting with her over the years.



Denise and Joe Bortrager - December 06, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ I was blessed to call Melissa my best friend for 44 years. Her limitless compassion, loyalty, and great ability to love will always be remembered. I'll never watch football, listen to Bon Jovi, or ride in a convertible without thinking of her! My joy comes in knowing we'll be together again one day. Look out, heaven, it'll be quite a reunion!

Peggy Meidinger - December 06, 2022 at 11:35 AM

BS

“ Melissa was such a caring and friendly person. She will be missed by her friends and family



Betty Shearer - December 06, 2022 at 11:34 AM

LS

“ LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater



LaNette Simonton - December 06, 2022 at 10:29 AM

SD

“ *Melissa was a very kind person; always ready to lend a hand. She was a wonderful aunt to my daughters. She lived to laugh! She will be greatly missed. Missa* 💜

Sandra Delamater - December 06, 2022 at 10:26 AM

SD

“ *Melissa was a very kind person; always ready to lend a hand. She was a wonderful aunt to my daughters. She loved to laugh. She will be greatly missed. Missa* 💜

Sandra Delamater - December 06, 2022 at 10:24 AM

KS

“ *Karen Shanley lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



Karen Shanley - December 05, 2022 at 11:08 PM

DV

“ *Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



Deb and Pete Vogel - December 05, 2022 at 09:17 PM

CH

“ Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Carol Hanson - December 05, 2022 at 06:55 PM

DS

“ Donna Stanfill sent a virtual gift in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Donna Latka Stanfill - December 05, 2022 at 04:37 PM

AS

“ I'm shocked to hear of Melissa passing. I didn't even realize she
was sick. She was a very caring person especially with her nieces.
She'll be deeply missed.

Annie Schaefer - December 05, 2022 at 03:15 PM

DC

“ Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Delamater



Diane Crockett - December 05, 2022 at 01:23 PM

MK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. She was an amazing, giving woman, who loved a lot of kids, who didn't love themselves. Heaven gained an amazing angel.*

Melissa Kwasney - December 05, 2022 at 12:42 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Mischel-Keller lit a candle in memory of Melissa Delamater*



Nancy Mischel-Keller - December 05, 2022 at 12:26 PM