



## Melissa Kaye Bashore

August 13, 1983 - February 7, 2025

Melissa Kaye Bashore, 41, passed away on February 7, 2025 at Leesburg hospital in Leesburg, Florida.

She is survived by two children Austin Refino Cruz & Savannah Rose Cruz, Mother Kimberly Montalto, Stepfather Thomas Montalto, stepsister Jeannette Doucette; stepsister Laurie Montalto & several aunts, uncles & cousins, nieces & nephews.

Melissa found joy in music, dancing & writing. She had a special place in her heart for all animals & loved the beach. She was known for kindness & huge heart & desire to help others. Though she faced struggles with addiction and the challenges of how to live life, she will be remembered as a loving mother, daughter & friend. Also, the love she shared and the impact she had on those around her. Melissa's passing is a profound loss to those who knew her. May her memory bring comfort and peace to all who loved her.

The loss of her has been so traumatizing that a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *kim lit a candle in memory of Melissa Bashore*



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**kim** - March 14, 2025 at 05:49 AM

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“ *I remember Melissa so fondly. She lived in the neighborhood next to mine. She always treated me well. She had a huge kind and sweet heart. She was quick witted and had a pretty smile. She was fashionable and cared deeply about her loved ones. I don't remember many people from the period of my life but I'll remember how good it felt to receive Melissa's friendship. I pray she is eternally peaceful. I hope she has calm. I miss my friend. God please bless her.*

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**James Deter Jr.** - March 14, 2025 at 04:12 AM

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“ *My beautiful baby girl! Remember what you did doesn't define you! Your HUGE HEART & love for everyone was a natural thing! I love you sweetheart always & forever! Your with grandma now but on this earth your with me!  
Send me signs. I have had 2 feathers pass me by & know it was you!! God keep her in your arms & hug her tightly & now she has peace 🙏*

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**kim** - March 12, 2025 at 02:50 PM