



Melissa B. LaFrance

August 11, 2017

Melissa B. LaFrance, 57 of Kenneth City passed away Friday, August 11 at home with her loving family at her side. Born in St. Petersburg, she was a graduate of St. Petersburg High School and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents Mildred J. and James “Jim” Brown. Melissa is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Lenny; her daughter, whom she loved more than anyone else, Danielle LaFrance; also survived by two sisters: Barbara “Bobbie” Weaver (Wayne), Betty S. Evans (Andy); brother: Edward Norton; granddaughter: Giovanna LaFrance and many close friends, nieces and nephews. Everyone who crossed her path knew her loving warmth that she radiated. We have lost a kind soul who embraced all people with loving arms.

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Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Melissa B. LaFrance uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Char - Friend posted a condolence This is for Melissa family its almost been a year. I miss her still as I know all of you do you will be on my mind and in my prayers*

Char - Friend - August 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Greg LaFrance - Brother-in-law posted a condolence It has been three weeks since Melissa passed through the gates of heaven and I am still in shock. My heart is heavy for Lenny, Danielle and all of us that will miss her love and infectious laugh. I remember first meeting Melissa and creating a special bond during a vacation at Dads in Arizona. We immediately became brother and sister. I smile remembering me chasing her down a hotel hall way yelling "wait for me, wait for me" as we scrambled to get some last minute slot machine play in before leaving Las Vegas. Every single phone call started with that and laughter ever since that day! Her love for her family, others and caring demeanor will be missed. Thank you for your love Melissa. Until we meet again, Rest In Peace. XO*

Greg LaFrance - Brother-in-law - September 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Cookie - Cousin posted a condolence To all of Missy's family: Please know that you all are in my thoughts and heart. I know how hard it is to lose someone you love so much. I can remember Missy's snow white hair as a child and how happy, funny & intelligent she was. We had fun times when she came to visit us here in WV. We will miss her, too. I will be thinking of all of you as you try to heal from this sudden pain of losing Missy. Love, Cookie*

Cookie - Cousin - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Jacki - Friend posted a condolence I'm sad so very sad. I know how much Danielle loved you. I promise you that I will take the best care of her and our granddaughter. I am so sorry that you will not be here to share and all this Joy that our baby will bring us. If I promise that we will keep your spirit alive. I wish that I would have gotten to know you a lot better. We just didn't have very much time. Melissa you can rest in peace and no that my family will take very good care of your daughter and her baby. We all miss you. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with your family*

Jacki - Friend - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Edward Norton - Brother posted a condolence What can I say about my sister. How does one wrap up an entire lifetime in a matter of a few short weeks. We were separated when she was 1 year old & were not reunited until she was 31. We were able to share a few more weeks together in person over the past 19 years as well as a few dozen calls & emails. There is so much left undiscovered, unspoken & incomplete. A life's story left with no ending. We lived completely different lives, our paths so very far apart yet we had a special type of connection. There was nothing “normal” about our relationship other than the emotional connection a sibling has for in their mind. We shared a birth bond that just did not have enough time to grow thus cheating us out of life's greater experiences. I can now only wish for more time, for one more text, one more call, one more visit. I will miss her gruff sort of voice which was identical to that of my favorite grandmother, her goofy look on life & her laugh. I will never forget how her eyes lit up when she saw me each short visit we had. None of us are perfect, trust me I know, I see the most imperfect person each time I look into a mirror but, I think for the most part she was a good person. I know she loved her “Danny” girl as well as her husband Lenny. I also know she loved her sis Barb to whom I am very grateful for the times she arranged for Melissa to travel to see me and my family here in Indiana. Without Barb, sis & I would have had far less time together. In closing all I can really say is, thanks sis for the short time we had together & thanks to those responsible for making her & my time possible!

Edward Norton - Brother - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Don Kiernan - cousin posted a condolence My family sends our deepest condolences for your loss. May God bless you during these days ahead Although we haven't seen Melissa for several years, we knew her during her early years and loved her free spirit. RIP. Melissa you will be missed. Prayers and blessings now and in the future.

Don Kiernan - cousin - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Katherine - Step-sister posted a condolence Melissa, even though we didn't know each other very well as step-sisters, it is my hope and prayer that we come to know each other well as sisters in Christ in eternity. I always thought we'd have some moments together in our old age. I am deeply saddened by your passing. I wish your family the love of God in Christ as they recover from your passing.

Katherine - Step-sister - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ PATTI - BEST FRIEND posted a condolence MELISSA AND I HAVE BEEN BEST FRIENDS FOR MORE THEN 35 YEARS. I WILL MISS HER SO MUCH. I WILL LOOK OUT FOR ALL YOUR LOVE ONES. SHE WAS VERY LOVING AND HAS A BIG HEART. SHE WAS A GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER. I WILL MISS HER SO MUCH. FLY WITH THE ANGELS MY FRIAND . UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. I LOVE YOU LOVE PATTI

PATTI - BEST FRIEND - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Tammy Shamblin Dixon - Cousin posted a condolence Missy. I will never forget when you, aunt Mildred, Uncle Jim, Cousin Bobbie, Betty and the rest of the family came to WV for the family reunion. We had such a blast. Then we came to FL to visit Aunt Mildred and I brought my daughter Chelsey. Her and Danielle had so much fun. Me and her were just talking the other day about us going out to eat and Danielle eating oysters and her spending the night with her, you and Lenny. She talked about swimming in the pool. Chelsey was young, but she still remembers. I will miss you. My prayers go out to Lenny, Danielle and Giovanna the grandbaby. Plus cousin Bobbie, Betty, Ronnie and the rest of our family. You will be greatly missed, but you will be in heaven with your mom, aunt Virginia and Uncle James Shamblin. I hope that you all celebrate up a storm. Luv you my cousin till we see each other again

Tammy Shamblin Dixon - Cousin - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Charlene - Friend posted a condolence I love you so much and I promise I will be here for every one. All my love

Charlene - Friend - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Matt Martin - Nephew posted a condolence Saying goodbye to someone we love is heartbreaking. May we find comfort in all the special memories shared with Aunt Melissa

Matt Martin - Nephew - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Betty Martin - Sister in law posted a condolence Dearest Lenny and Danielle, words can't even express our true feelings for your loss! For whatever reason Melissa was called to heaven too soon! Maybe it is to watch over us all, or maybe to get ready to watch over Giovanna when she is born. Whatever the reason she is at peace and probably laughing up a storm with her mom!! We all will miss her laughter, her kindness, her love for family, but mostly just her!!! Her entire family are in our prayers!! RIP Melissa With all our Love Betty and John and family

Betty Martin - Sister in law - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dotti La France - Sister from another mister posted a condolence My Melissa. I have a lifetime of memories and stories that are in my heart and thoughts. I will miss you..... I was blessed to have had the opportunity to talk to you daily. For us to share our thoughts, concerns and absolutely ~~~~~ The laughs. I love you much most. Xoxoxo Dotti

Dotti La France - Sister from another mister - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Larry Lafrance - Brother in law. Friend posted a condolence "My sweet Melissa"... Remembering all the great times we had. Whether we were all on vacation or weekend sleepovers. Forever I will hear you calling me "Mither Mither". And I chuckle every time. Too many good memories to count. I will love and miss you forever. Larry

Larry Lafrance - Brother in law. Friend - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Shirley Rappoli - Sister In Law posted a condolence Melissa, You were there for my Brother through his sickness taking care of him. For that I am very grateful. I will miss you and your smile. Heaven got another Angel. Love Shirley

Shirley Rappoli - Sister In Law - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Joe LaFrance - Brother in Law posted a condolence I am so sorry for my brother Lenny and my niece Danielle to have such broken hearts. Melissa will be missed by so many. She had a heart of gold. May God grant you peace and wrap his loving arms around you both for comfort during this very difficult time. God Bless

Joe LaFrance - Brother in Law - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM