



Melissa Ruth Trader

August 16, 1968 - January 31, 2022

Melissa Ruth (Wilkerson) Trader was born to Robert and Mary “Ruth” Wilkerson in Macks Creek Missouri on August 16, 1968. On January 31, 2022 Melissa was reunited with her husband in Heaven. Melissa, known as Missy by those in her youth, grew up and spent her entire childhood in Urbana, Missouri on the family farm. She attended Skyline School District where she was a cheerleader, in the marching band including first chair for clarinet, and was also a member of the chess club where she won several tournaments. She was elected President of the Skyline FFA during her senior year and was presented the State Farmer Degree. Anything that Melissa did, she did wholeheartedly and excelled at. Melissa was a dear friend to all that knew her. She kept many good friendships from childhood throughout her adult life. She was saved as a young child and dedicated her life to God. Later, when Melissa was in her 30’s she was baptized at the First Christian Church of Buffalo, Missouri.

Melissa met Max Trader during his leave from the military. They fell in love and two years later they were married on June 4, 1988. They were blessed with two children, Douglas Thomas and Jacqueline Elizabeth. Melissa and Max lived a happy life together and were the best example to their children of what true love should be. They were inseparable for all their 32 years of marriage, until the Lord called Max home on January 19, 2020.

Melissa was a dedicated employee and worked for a few local banks, Moore Veterinary Clinic, Harris Real Estate, Ash Grove Aggregates, and lastly

Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) where she served for 15 years. Her last position at OTC was a Veteran & Military Certifying Officer which gave her satisfaction in helping the community. She always had a soft spot for our service men and women. Being able to help each and every one of the individuals filled her with so much pride.

Melissa obtained two Associates degrees through OTC, and was finishing her Bachelor's degree in Science. Melissa loved being with her family any time that she could. Family was an important part of her life. She was incredibly proud of both of her children and talked about them when given the opportunity. Melissa was blessed to also have three amazing grandchildren, Daylen, Kaylee, and Natalie. She enjoyed going to the kid's ball games, recitals held at their schools, and having sleepovers at "Gromma's House" as they would say. She also enjoyed every moment that she was able to spend with her newest granddaughter Natalie.

Melissa was preceded in death by her husband, Max Trader, and her father Robert Wilkerson. She was survived by her son Douglas Trader and wife, Elizabeth and their daughter Natalie of Springfield, daughter Jacqueline (Trader) Courtney and husband, James and children Daylen and Kaylee of Sparta, her mother, Mary Ruth (Linton) Wilkerson of Urbana, her brothers, Benton Wilkerson and wife, Juli of Hermitage, and Matthew Wilkerson and wife, Donna of Urbana as well as many numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and multitudes of friends.

Funeral services for Melissa will be 11:00 am Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Hopewell Cemetery in Tunas, Missouri under the direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo, Missouri.

Visitation will be 10:00 to 11:00 am right before the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to K9's for Camo

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

Hwy 73
Tunas, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo
931 W. Main St.
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Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Ruth Trader*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Melissa Ruth Trader*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Melissa Ruth Trader*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Melissa Ruth Trader*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Melissa Ruth Trader*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Kim & Rick Davis lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Ruth Trader*



Kim & Rick Davis - February 08, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melissa Ruth Trader.*



February 07, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Doug and Jacqueline, your Mom and Dad were the most beautiful people. We got to know both of them here in Pulmonary Rehab. They had a special love and it truly showed. Your Mom was such a survivor after your dad passed. I lost my husband in June and your Mom was so kind and caring with me. She offered me advice and was a caring shoulder to cry on. I just can't believe she is gone. I know we will meet again and I truly feel she and Max are having a fantastic party in heaven.*

We are overbooked with new patient admissions tomorrow and will not be able to attend the funeral, but please know you all are in our hearts and prayers. They say time heals all but someday I am not so sure. Sincerely, Carolyn Beard, RN Wheeler Heart & Vascular Center.

Carolyn Beard, RN - February 07, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *From Rob and Mary Jo Taylor purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Melissa Ruth Trader.*



From Rob and Mary Jo Taylor - February 05, 2022 at 08:19 AM

JT

“ Jayme Trolle lit a candle in memory of Melissa Ruth Trader



Jayme Trolle - February 04, 2022 at 06:28 AM

JT

In loving memory.

Jayme Trolle - February 04, 2022 at 06:31 AM

JJ

“ Jayedee and Jayme purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Melissa Ruth Trader.



Jayedee and Jayme - February 03, 2022 at 09:44 AM

DH

“ We are sending prayers and love to the family. Missy was such a bright light and we are so very sorry for the loss.

Debi & Tony Henderson - February 02, 2022 at 08:26 PM

MW

“ So sorry to hear about missy aunt Ruth my thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family at this difficult time I know it hard to lose a love one but take thought in they are in a better place and one day we will be with them again and I'm so sorry for your lose



mike wilson - February 02, 2022 at 05:54 PM

DD

“ *Diane and Dina purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Melissa Ruth Trader.*



Diane and Dina - February 02, 2022 at 03:09 PM

JM

“ *Jayedee Molinaro sent a virtual gift in memory
of Melissa Ruth Trader*



Jayedee Molinaro - February 02, 2022 at 11:45 AM

JM

“ *Jayedee Molinaro lit a candle in memory of
Melissa Ruth Trader*



Jayedee Molinaro - February 02, 2022 at 11:44 AM

CB

“ *To all her family: I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for the
Lord to give you peace and comfort for your hearts that are hurting
so much. Coeta Barker (My husband, John "Tommy" Barker is
Ruth's first cousin.)*

Coeta Barker - February 01, 2022 at 10:32 PM

MM

“ I have a lifetime of memories of us. It would take weeks to share them all. Just know she was the best friend a person could ever have in their corner. I will miss our talks and the laughter because there was lots! Love you more Miss! Love always and forever, Bear

Mary McGregor - February 01, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melissa Ruth Trader.



February 01, 2022 at 06:54 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the family.
John and Jo Miller
Muscatine Iowa

John and Jo Miller - February 01, 2022 at 05:55 PM