



Melissa J. Gardner

March 16, 1973 - February 25, 2016

Melissa J. Gardner, age 42, with God's help, decided it was time to join the angels in heaven. She is no longer confined to her wheelchair, she is now able to dance and more importantly be pain free and enjoy life again. Melissa will be dearly missed; however, we know she is in a better place.

Melissa is survived by her father, Bill Gardner and Madonna of Hockessin; mother, Nancy (Furness) McGinnis and Harry of Wilmington; sister Kimberly Gardner and niece, Kira, with whom she lived, of Newark; nieces, Kiya and Kora; a host of uncles, aunts and their families: Harry, Robbie, Danny and Joe Furness, Henry Gardner, Barbara Fenton and Marie Swiate; and her closest friends: Betsy, Sandi and Karen. The family would like to acknowledge Melissa's doctor, of over 35 years, Gloria Fong and most recently the nurses and aides from Bayada Home Healthcare.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 6:30-7:30pm at Cavaliers Country Club, 100 Addison Dr., Newark, DE 19702, followed by a service in celebration of Melissa's life at 7:30pm. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Melissa Gardner Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1678, Hockessin, DE 19707. For directions or to send an online condolence visit stranofeeley.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Cavaliers Country Club
100 Addison Drive
Newark, DE 19702

Service

MAR 1. 7:30 PM (ET)

Cavaliers Country Club
100 Addison Drive
Newark, DE 19702

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Bill, Nancy and Kim-*

My name is Susan Robinson, my mother is Unni Robinson from Orinda Dr. I hope this message reaches Nancy. My mom and I would love to get together very soon. I miss my god mother! My heart hurts for you all as I just learned of Melissa's passing. My deepest sympathies to you all. Its been ages since I have seen everyone. My last memories of you all was when Nancy and Bill took me and my sister, Kristine, Melissa and Kim to the beach for 2 weeks and we all jammed out to Prince's new song Purple Rain. Precious childhood memories never to be forgotten... Your all in my thoughts during this difficult time. We lost Kristine 3 years ago too so sadly I know the pain your experiencing. If you receive this message, please have Nancy and/or Kim contact me at (302) 588-0520. Praying for Melissa on her birthday and may she rest in peace.

*With love,
Susan Robinson*

Susan Robinson - March 16, 2016 at 01:24 PM

BS

“ *Dear Bill, Nancy and family,*

So very sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved daughter Melissa. There is very little in life more wrenching than the loss of a child, but sometimes there is peace knowing that they are now in the hands of the Lord. I hope that all the memories you share of Melissa will help your heart heal in the coming days. Again, my sincere condolences.

Brenda Saulsbury - February 29, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Melissa J. Gardner.*



February 28, 2016 at 04:32 PM



“ *Melissa was amazing!!! She really was a special person, such a joyous soul. I was blessed to have had her in my life. She did my hair for my first homecoming dance, and my flower arrangements for my wedding!!! I remember cat sitting frisco her cat, and laughing with her during summer pool parties and holidays. She really was beautiful inside and out! And I know she's the life of the party in heaven.*



Erica Stroud - February 27, 2016 at 08:54 PM

SW

“ *Those special memories of you will always bring a smile, if only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do, you always were there for everyone, and asked for so little. I am happy that you are now at peace and the pain is all away. Till we meet again on the other side...you are forever in my heart.*



Sandi Wolfe - February 26, 2016 at 11:27 AM