



Mrs. Melanie Hope Lanier Obituary

January 28, 1964 - September 4, 2012

Melanie Hope Lanier, 48, of Albany, died Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Her funeral service will be Friday 11 AM at Byne Memorial Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Mathew Nance will officiate. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Thursday from 5-7 PM. Melanie will be taken to Ethel, Mississippi for a graveside service at Tabernacle Methodist Church Cemetery on Saturday at 11 AM.

Melanie was born in Kosciusko, MS, and moved to Albany in 1987. She graduated from Winston Academy in Louisville, MS in 1982. She attended the Mississippi University for Women and graduated from the Mississippi Medical College in 1987 with a degree in Physical Therapy. She worked as a physical therapist in Albany for several years. Melanie was a member of Byne Memorial Baptist Church, and in prior years worked with the Children and Youth Ministries. She also sang in the choir. Melanie was known by friends, neighbors, and family for her giving spirit. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Melissa Howell, and by her brother, David Reynolds.

Melanie is survived by her husband, Tod Lanier, Albany; son: Nathan Lanier, Albany; parents: Harlan and Linda Reynolds, Ethel, MS; brother: Ladd Reynolds, Starkville, MS; sister: Erin Rees and her husband Adam, Clinton, MS; mother-in-law and father-in-law: Donald and Sylvia Lanier, Albany; 13

nieces and nephews; 3 grand-nieces.

Those desiring may send memorials to Byne Memorial Baptist Church, 2832 Ledo Rd., Albany, GA 31707.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Byne Memorial Baptist Church
2832 Ledo Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Interment

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tabernacle Methodist Church Cemetery
Kings Rd
Ethel, MS 39067

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Melanie Hope Lainer Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Melanie Hope Lainer Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Tod and family,
I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I did not know Melanie very well but I know she will be missed so much. My prayers are with your during this time and I pray the Lord will bring you peace and comfort. May you find comfort in knowing that she is with the Lord and you will see her again one day.*

Teresa Key Rayburn

Teresa Rayburn - Leesburg, GA - friend - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tod - So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and I pray God will give you peace and comfort in the days to come.
Lelo Pilkinton (Jerry)*

Lelo Pilkinton - GA - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Lanier, Please accept my condolences at the loss of your wife. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless,
Shirley Armstrong*

Shirley Armstrong - Albany, GA - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I sure was saddened to hear that Melanie had passed away. We were friends & Reveler social club sisters at MUW. She was such a sweet spirit as was Melissa. Please know I'm praying for all of you & thinking sweet thoughts of my college friend.

Andrea Guthrie - Huntsville, AL - college friend - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Melanie was such a sweet girl. I have so many sweet memories with her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this very difficult time.

Gwen Luke Clark - Louisville, MS - Childhood friend - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Tod, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

BJ Reynolds - Leesburg, GA - Friend - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Tod, I was so sorry to hear about Melanie. She was such a sweet person and always had a smile on her face. You and her always made me feel welcome in your Sunday School class at Sherwood. I will be praying for strength and comfort for you and Nathan. Sincerely, Janet Baxley Thomas

Janet Baxley Thomas - Albany, GA - Friend - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Tod, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Connie Sangster, Crisp County

Connie Sangster - Cordele - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Tod and Nathan,*

I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Melanie. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May GOD guide and continue to be with you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Rita Greene

Rita Greene - Blakely, GA - friend - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *Tod and Nathan, I am so sorry to hear of Melanie's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. It has been a privilege to and honor to know and work for you and with you. May the best of memories both strengthen you and carry you through this time. Bless you both, Mike Phillips*

Mike Phillips - Edison, GA - Lanier Engineering, Inc. - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *TO MELANIE'S FAMILY: I just learned of Melanie's passing tonight. I am deeply saddened. She was such an inspiration. I would like to share fond memories of her with you. When my husband and I moved to Crofton subdivision 11 years ago, Melanie brought us a loaf of nutbread, I believe it was, welcoming us to the neighborhood. Several years ago, she brought me a beautiful vase of fresh cut flowers she had grown and wanted to share with me. Giving and sharing was what she always did. She had such a big heart. It was very apparent as she would often walk in the neighborhood and I would see her and stop to talk to her about random things. She was always so very upbeat. I don't think I ever heard her say anything negative about any one. We are all going to miss you Melanie from walking in the neighborhood and sharing things as we talked whenever we saw each other. But, we know that you are with the Lord. To your husband, and the rest of your family, the days ahead will be different and not like any that you have ever experienced before, but know that earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Remember the good times you all shared with her and you'll find yourself smiling as you recall the many, many memories I'm sure you all have of her. I will be praying for you that each day will bring you peace in knowing that Melanie's presence and her spirit are both still with you guys and in our neighborhood. That will never disappear. The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:1 tells us that if this earthly tabernacle (body) dissolves that we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So just know that Melanie traded her earthly tent, the place where she used to live, for a building that will never decay or give way in a land where she will never grow old. God bless you and keep you is my sincerest prayer. Judith*

Judith Hampton Thompson - Albany, GA - neighbor - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Tod,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Judy Crosby McElveen*

Judy Crosby McElveen - Nicholson, GA - Friend - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *We are praying that God will deliver His peace and comfort for you during this difficult time.*

Eric & Lynn Miller - Albany, GA - Friends from Byne - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Tod and Nathan so sorry about what you're going through right now. Melanie was always sweet to everyone. Praying*

Chastity Finnicum - Leesburg, GA - Friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Tod - We are deeply saddened in your loss.*

Mandy and I will be praying for you, Nathan and the rest of the family. God's love, peace and comfort is here for you.

"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." Ps 46:1

Harry & Mandy Rowe - Valdosta, GA - Friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Lanier Family,
The same arms that now embrace your loved one with a tender
"Welcome Home" also reach out to embrace you now with His
comfort. Prayers are with you during this difficult time.
II Corinthians 1:3
Christ United Methodist Church
505 Byron Plantation Road

Christ United Methodist Church - Albany, GA - Church - September 06, 2012 at
12:00 AM

JS

“ Tod & Nathan,

We were so sorry to read of Melanie's passing. Our thoughts and
prayers go out to you and her family. She was such a sweet person
who's life touched so many. Praying for God's peace & comfort for
you all during this time. Isaiah 26:3.

Jerry & Sandra Lokey

Jerry & Sandra Lokey - Leesburg, GA - Friends from Sherwood - September 06,
2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Tod, I was so saddened to hear about Melanie. She was such a
sweet person. My first memory of her is that of fighting over a
snowman at a BYW Christmas party. That is how our friendship
began. I always enjoyed sitting by her in choir. The most special
times were those we shared when she helped me in the church
kitchen. My prayers are with you and your family.

Marjorie Savage - DeLand, FL - friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *Tod , My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time of sorrow.*

Vince Hill - Douglasville , GA - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Tod, I am so sorry to hear about Melanie, my prayers are with you and Nathan and the Reynolds family. Only God can truly sustain you at a time like this, May His peace that surpasses all understanding comfort you now.*

Julie Taylor - Albany, GA - Friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Dear Tod, Nathan, Lanier family and Reynolds family, I am so very sorry for the loss of beautiful Melanie. She had a wonderful spirit and a love for God and family. I will never forget when she and Melissa were together, they always held hands and it stayed with me the love they shared. No one should have to bury their child, but I know she is a child of God and you shall all see her again one day. Love, Wanda*

Wanda Allen Sumler - tifton, GA - friend - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Tod,
My heart is so sad for you , your son, and the Reynolds family.
Please know that all of you are being lifted up in prayer. Reflect on the good memories you shared to get you through the sad times.
Hope it will soon comfort you to know that Melanie is with God and that His love is eternal and immeasurable.*

Leslie Duke Kirk - Acworth, GA - Friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Such a tragic loss. She will always be in my heart for the simple times she stopped and talked to me about lifes ups and downs. Always optimistic and I always felt better in life from the words she shared. Heaven is a much better place than ever. She was such a giving person.*

Todd and Renee Holton - albany, GA - friends and neighbor - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Tod an Nathan,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that the arms of God will comfort you in this difficult time.

Larry Gridley

Larry Gridley - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Tod & Nathan,*

I am so sorry to hear about Melanie. She was a beautiful young lady. I will be praying for you during this sad time in your lives.

God is so good and will give you the strength to endure the pain.

Lynn Carswell

Lynn Carswell - Albany, GA - Friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Tod,

Words can't convey the feelings I have for you and your family right now. Know that we are thinking of you and our prayers are for you. If there is anything you need, please let us know.

With Highest Regards,

David

David Smith - Albany, GA - Professional/ Friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Tod, Nathan, and Family- I am so very sad with you at this time. Melanie was always so kind to me. Nathan, I babysat you several times when you were very young. I know your mother is very proud of the man you have become. I am praying you all will find God's comfort during these difficult days.*

Nancy Dill Freeman - Oxford, GA - Friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Tod, Nathan and family, We are saddened to hear of the loss Melanie. She wa such a sweet person. We are praying the Lord to bring you strength and comfort as you adjust to your loss. May God bless.*

Ray & Kay Bradley - Dawson, GA - friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To Melanie's immediate family, her parents and siblings:

I am so sorry to hear of Melanie's passing. I did not know her personally but knew Melissa. I am sure being twins that they were a lot alike. Therefore, I know she was a caring, loving, and giving person whose candle burned out way before her memory ever will. Words cannot comfort your grieving hearts. Please know others share your pain and grief. We pray that God will wrap His arms around you and give you the peace and comfort you need at this time and the days ahead.

David and Sue Pollock

David and Sue Pollock - Pelham, GA - Friend of Melissa's - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mr and Mrs Reynolds and family,

I am so sorry. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers daily. We don't understand why, but God does.

Prayers for you, we love you.

Lamar and Mylinda Dempsey

Louisville, MS

Mylinda Dempsey - Louisville, MS - friend of family - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Tod and Nathan,
We are so very sorry for your loss. When we heard, we began
praying for God to put His comforting arms around you. We will
continue to pray in the days to come.
Love,
Clay and Rebecca Miller*

Clay & Rebecca Miller - Albany, GA - Friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Tod and Nathan, we are thinking of you during this difficult time and
are so very sorry for your loss. Ann & John Shepherd*

Ann and John Shepherd - Leesburg, GA - Friends - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM