



Melissa McClelland Rowles

January 18, 1954 - October 20, 2023

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home sends condolences to the family of Mrs. Melissa Rowles.

Melissa McClelland Rowles, 69, of Woodstock, passed away on October 20, 2023, at Winchester Medical Center. She was born January 18, 1954, at Quantico Marine Base to Robert Kinter McClelland, Sr. and Mary G. McMillin McClelland.

Melissa graduated from Central High School in 1972. In 1976 she graduated from NVCC in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

She was a PTA for 46 years while working at Fairfax Hospital, Warrenton Hospital, and Shenandoah Memorial Hospital treating in patients, out patients, and her favorite, Home Health patients.

She enjoyed singing, reading, and walking her dog, Brody.

In 1977, she married Sherman "Rick" Rowles and was married just shy of 46 years.

Melissa is survived by her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Stephens (Jon), her son, Samuel Kinter Rowles, Sr. (Megan), and four grandchildren, Lilly Sue Rowles, Emma Grace Stephens, Samuel Kinter Rowles, Jr., and Jonathan Andrew Stephens, Jr.

A memorial service will be held on November 4, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Woodstock, at 11:00 AM. Pastor Doug Frazier will officiate. Fellowship will follow the service.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite animal rescue or to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas, 66675-8516 or www.woundedwarriorproject.org, in Melissa's name.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
116 Lakeview Drive
Woodstock, VA

Fellowship to follow service.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ I met Melissa about 54 years ago at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church. She had that smile even then. We had the pleasure of attending church together years later. Her friendly way and comforting smile will never be forgotten. Mary, Sam and families we are praying for the comfort, peace, grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus to be with you in these difficult times.

Kevin & Anita Foltz - November 03, 2023 at 02:21 PM

MM

“ Mike and Jenn Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa McClelland Rowles.

Mike and Jenn Mason - November 03, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melissa McClelland Rowles.



November 03, 2023 at 09:41 AM

PT

“ I am saddened at the loss of Melissa. I worked with her many years at SMH. She always had a smile. RIP dear lady. Gone too soon.



Phyllis Hollar Thorpe - October 27, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Melissa was a best friend in high school, and an old soul who cared for others even as a child. I know, because I was a recipient of the care of her kind heart from the day I met her until now. She epitomized peace for me in all of her observable actions. I can't even imagine a situation that would cause her to anger. Steadfast, dependable, kind, patient, and gentle is how she went through life, I hope so much that her family of whom she was rightfully so proud can continue to feel her love. I am picturing her reunited with her husband and her parents, especially her mom, and that picture brings me joy. We will miss your close presence, Melissa.*

Gael Shaffer - October 25, 2023 at 05:31 PM

PF

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of this wonderful lady, sending love and prayers for comfort in this difficult time*

pam foltz - October 25, 2023 at 12:21 PM

EB

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to Melissa's family. She will be fondly remembered by the Class of 1972 and the SMH team.*

Evelyn Barb - October 24, 2023 at 07:54 PM

KH

To the Rowles Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Melissa always had a beautiful smile and friendly personality. She was a great therapist. May God bless and strengthen you each and every day.

Kay Hamman - October 26, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melissa McClelland Rowles.*

October 24, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melissa McClelland Rowles.*



October 24, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ *Jorge and Lori Gutierrez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melissa McClelland Rowles.*



Jorge and Lori Gutierrez - October 24, 2023 at 04:51 PM