



Melissa Rae Anderson

January 27, 1968 - November 29, 2020

Melissa Rae Anderson, 52 of Mount Joy, went to be with her Lord and Savior on November 29, 2020. She was the loving wife of Garon Anderson, with whom she shared 33 years of marriage. She will be deeply missed by her loving husband and children, Lucretia Anderson of Mount Joy, Tyler (Elissa Aulhouse) Anderson of Maytown, Curtis Anderson of Mount Joy, and Kelsey (Nathaniel) Kotzmoyer of Elizabethtown. She will also be missed by her four grandchildren, Danielle, T. Ryan, Lucas Anderson, and Henry Kotzmoyer, who adored her.

Melissa was a graduate of the Christian School of York. She later received her Bachelor's degree from Lancaster Bible College and received her Master's degree in education from Penn State University.

Melissa was employed at a job she loved as a kindergarten teacher for over 22 years by the Elizabethtown Child Care Center. She and Garon were members of Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church, Maytown Campus. Among her family/friends, she is known for her collection of homemade dolls, white dishes, antique shopping, and making scrapbooks. Events and activities like camping and ATV riding where she could spend time with her loved ones making memories.

During her life, Melissa was a loving and caring person who touched many

lives. Her family and friends will deeply miss her.

Born in York, she is the daughter of Frank and Carol Rae (Hare) Almoney of York. She is also survived by a brother Frank (Virginia) Almoney and her sister Sara (Mike) Becker of Spring Grove, nieces, and nephews.

A viewing will be held on Sunday evening, December 6, 2020, at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy from 4 to 6 pm. Masks and social distancing are required. The funeral service and interment will be private. If desired, memorial contributions to the Elizabethtown Child Care Center, 777 South Mount Joy Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. To leave a condolence for the Anderson family, please visit www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

EE

“ I had moved to PA from MI with my parents in 2010. I began to work at ECCC not long after that, and that is how Melissa and I met. Mom and Dad had gone on an extended trip and that was not too long after we had moved here. They had been away for a couple weeks or so, and Melissa invited me to a chicken barbecue at her house over the weekend, as she knew I was having a hard time being by myself after not having lived here too long. That was so thoughtful and kind of her, and I treasure that memory immensely. Our (I have a brother) dad had been diagnosed with early stage bone marrow cancer in 2019, and he had been doing well with the infusions for that. Melissa was very supportive of me and our family and that meant a lot to me as she was going through her own struggles. Dad got a rare strep infection and he died in August 2019. Melissa said that she would come to the service to support me, and I so appreciated that, as well as Tyler driving her to Fort Indiantown Gap for the service. The sympathy card and her words of support are also special. I also scrapbook, and will use the card when I make pages in honor of you, my dear friend.

Elise M Eckenrode - January 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Melissa was a great Sister-In-Law. She was a wonderful addition to our family. I have told many that I never seen anyone handle such a serious illness with such great faith, hopefulness and gracious spirit. Our family is broken and very saddened by her loss but we do have the comfort of knowing she is in Heaven with our Heavenly Father. She is singing and rejoicing with the angels and for that I am so happy for her! Where there is great grief, there was great love. We all need to honor Melissa by supporting and lifting up her immediate family! Until we meet again Dear Melissa! With love -- Carolyn

Carolyn Clark - December 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Many years ago, I had the privilege of meeting Melissa for the first time and then hire her as the kindergarten teacher at the Elizabethtown Child Care Center. I am so glad I did! I am so grateful that I had the chance to work with her. I will remember her smile, her sense of humor, her honesty, her ability to get along with everyone, her genuine respect for the staff, children and families she served, and the wonderful program she created year after year for each and every class. She always tried to make things better for us all. In a nutshell, she was a true example of a dedicated early childhood professional and I will miss her greatly.

Gina Strouse - December 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I grew up with Melissa, and we created so many memories as children. I enjoyed playing in her playhouse with her and going to church with her family. She was always smiling, and I will miss her smile and laughter. My prayers go out to her family and to all those whose lives he touched. Melissa will be missed.

Barbara Leiphart - December 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Words can't express how much I'm gonna miss Melissa. I will miss her prayers, her kind words, swapping pictures of our grandchildren, and especially her friendship. May God comfort us all.

Charlene Grove - December 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Melissa was such a joy to work with, and my children were blessed to have her as their teacher. She always took time to play with the children, individually, and really knew them well. She was a trusted teacher, coworker and was respected by all. Heaven gained an angel in her. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Allyson Cook - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Melissa always thanked me for calling her, taking time to walk, and to spend time playing games, going to movies, and just hanging out. She was of great help to me when I first started working at ECCC, and supported me not only professionally but personally, whether in good times or bad. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to get to know Melissa and to have a strong working relationship and a strong friendship when I moved on to other employment.

Elise M Eckenrode - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I will miss our many conversations...she would often let me contemplate the deep questions that rarely had a right or wrong answer...She accepted you for who you are...She would help you as much as she could...I will miss you..my dear Friend..Until we meet again....

Dawn Wolgemuth - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We were so saddened to hear of Melissa's passing. I asked my daughter who had her as a teacher of her special memories which she said she had quite a few. One of her favorite things to do with Mrs. Anderson was puzzles. She will be forever missed by her ECCC family.

Rogati Family - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. I am a class of 88 CSY alumni and graduated with Frank. My prayers go out to the families. She passed way too soon. May the peace of God cover you during this difficult time. Sherri (Rupert) Tanner

Sherri Ruppert Tanner - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ I love working with at daycare she was joy to work and kids loved 😊 she is teacher and friend I will miss greatly

Ashley Epple - December 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ It was honor to work with Melissa for so many years. She was such a well respected teacher and wonderful friend to many. I think of how many children learned to tie their shoes from her. She made sure all of the kids in her class had learned to tie their shoes in the month of January. That was her birthday gift to herself every year! We will miss our friend and co worker! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Kristi Long - December 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM