



## Melanie Gay Ridge

November 6, 1960 - March 15, 2024

Melanie Gay Ridge, age 63 of Cotontown passed away Friday, March 15, 2024 at Hendersonville Medical Center. She was born November 6, 1960 in Nashville, TN to Russell Edward & Nellie Weatherly Wheeler. She worked as a merchandiser for Acosta Merchandising until becoming disabled. She enjoyed lounging by the pool, traveling to the mountains and to Panama City and having family get togethers. She is preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her loving husband of almost 45 years, James Ridge; sons, Rusty Ridge and Adam Ridge; mother, Nellie Wheeler; sisters, Sandra (Randy) Ventress, Karen (Cliff) Graves and Jenny (JR) Randolph, all of White House, Tennessee. A Celebration of Life Visitation is planned for Thursday, March 28, 2024 from 5-7PM at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Whit House with a Service of Remembrance beginning at 7PM in the chapel.

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ It has been a few years since we have spoken but you were such a caring friend to me. I am thankful for the chats and heartfelt conversations we shared for all the years I was able to do your hair. I absolutely hate the fact that you have passed but cannot help but smile when I think of the unimaginable views and happiness you share in heaven for eternity. My heart hurts for those you left behind and my prayers are with the family.

Carrie Kiebler - March 28, 2024 at 01:09 PM

SA

“ Melanie was such a sweet soul and good friend! I will never forget the sound of her laugh! Rest in peace and fly high sweet friend. To Steve and the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you! Hang on to all those memories until one day you are reunited again! God Bless!



Susie Anderson Adcock - March 27, 2024 at 03:37 PM

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“ Ron & Betty (Peewee) Minchey & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melanie Gay Ridge.



Ron & Betty (Peewee) Minchey & Family - March 25, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - March 25, 2024 at 01:55 PM

MB

“ Oh, the happy fun times we had together at work, Mel! I will treasure every memory, and never forget our great conversations about you-know-who! Rest in peace, my friend, until we meet again! Hugs and prayers to Steve and the family.

Mary Bennett - March 18, 2024 at 09:09 PM

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“ Melanie, such a great soul gone too soon. Will always remember the great smile you always had no matter what and you always made us laugh. Will miss you 😊

Constance Kirschbaum - March 18, 2024 at 06:35 PM

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“ Rest Peacefully Sweet Girl 🙏❤️🙏

Anita O'Brien Henry - March 16, 2024 at 05:04 PM