



MELONI JAMES BIRTLEY

December 17, 2018

Meloni James Birtley, 52, left this broken world and entered her eternal rest to receive her heavenly reward on December 17, 2018. She was a resident of Hueytown, AL. She was born August 3, 1966 in Madison, TN., to Roger and Janice James (survivors). She is survived by her husband Billy Birtley, daughter Shanna Mead (Nathan, son-in-law), sons Jonathan and William Eric Birtley, parents Roger and Janice James, sister Memori Weaver (Lee, brother-in-law), grandchildren Ella and Peyton Mead, nieces Hannah-Lee and ElliAnn Weaver, and nephew Levi Weaver. She is preceded in death by uncles John W. and Don Duke.

Meloni was a 1984 graduate (Valedictorian) of Hueytown High School and attended Auburn University.

Meloni was an office/production manager for Southern Nameplate Graphics (SNG) in Bessemer, AL for ten years. Her co-workers loved her as a friend, mentor, counselor and confidant. SNG's clients appreciated her no-nonsense and forthright approach to business. SNG will never be the same without Mel's contagious laugh.

In 1996 she met and married the love of her life, William (Billy) David Birtley. On the night of her passing she wrote, "Abundantly blessed to live this life with you by my side!" Meloni was passionately devoted to her family. She loved

her children and grandchildren. Her motherly advice was direct, at times brash, but always from the heart and couched with love. On December 16th, she celebrated 22 years of marriage.

Meloni had a servant's heart. She was involved in several civic organizations within the Hueytown community. Many people within the community loved Meloni because of her service to the community.

Meloni had many passions, but none were greater than her Lord Jesus Christ and His church. She knew what it meant to be saved by Jesus and, as a result, had a passion to share that love with all she knew. To know Mel was to know Jesus. She lived in such a way as to reflect the light of Jesus. Generations of children have sat at her feet and learned the Gospel of Jesus in ways that only Meloni could express it. Friends and strangers alike have come to know about God's love by simply knowing Mel.

Meloni loved fiercely, loved hard, loved deeply and loved generously. She had an extremely tender heart willing to provide a willing ear and shoulder to cry on. Meloni loved the Lord her God with all her heart, soul and mind. She also loved her neighbor as she loved herself. Mel loved. What a great testimony!

The visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM, Wednesday, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 10:00 AM, at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Forest Grove Cemetery.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers that memorials be sent to: Sacred Selections (adoptions), 1608 Manasco Circle Folsom, CA 95630
916-770-0336 info@sacredselections.org

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Peoples Chapel Funeral Home
195 Brooklane Drive
Hueytown, AL 35023
(205) 497-2273
<https://www.peopleschapelfuneralhome.com>

Service

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Meloni's light shined so brightly you wanted to stand in it. She was kind, generous, compassionate; a joy to be around. She reached out to me, and offered her friendship, when I needed it most. She holds a very special place in my heart; in my son's heart as well. I was so sad to learn of her passing and wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends. Billy, Roger, Janice, and Memori - lifting you up in prayer.*

*Love,
Christy & Staylon*

Christy - December 22, 2018 at 02:59 PM

PC

“ *Pat Coleman lit a candle in memory of
MELONI JAMES BIRTLEY*



pat coleman - December 21, 2018 at 02:50 PM

TE

“ *Beautiful obituary. Meloni was always so very nice to me. I pray for the family. From reading the obituary, you were blessed to have her in your life. I will miss her voice. TERRI in FL (Heritage Adv)*

Terri - December 19, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of MELONI JAMES BIRTLEY.*



December 19, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MELONI JAMES BIRTLEY.*



December 19, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ *Meloni was the angel on my shoulder in my youth. I could always count on her advice to do what was right and just. I don't know where I would be without her influence in my life.*

Roger, Janice, Memori and family I can not begin to tell how sorry I am for your loss. I can only tell you that she is in a better place now among the other Heavenly angels. My heart is heavy but I rejoice in the knowledge of the love and caring in your family. I am a better person because of Meloni and your family. May God bless all of you and comfort you at this time of sorrow.

*Yours truly,
Alan Irvin*

Alan Irvin - December 19, 2018 at 08:45 AM

LR

“ *Mel was truly one of a kind, her smile and laughter would brighten up any room. You will be missed Mel. I pray for peace and comfort for your family.*



Leona Roper Riley - December 19, 2018 at 08:24 AM

PH

“ *Billy, I know she was special or you would not have chosen her specifically to be your life partner. She sounds so much like your mother. Seems they shared such similar characteristics. I am sorry for your loss, but we know where to meet her soon. I will be praying for you.*

*Pam (Elliott) Hammontree
(ENC family, Pensacola FI)*

You are loved !!!

Pamela D Hammontree - December 19, 2018 at 08:23 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of MELONI JAMES BIRTLEY.*



December 19, 2018 at 08:16 AM

GH

“ *Roger and Janice: My prayers are with you and Meloni's family. Such a great and unexpected loss. She leaves behind a wonderful legacy.*

Gerald Hicks. - December 18, 2018 at 08:41 PM