



Melaney Mathis

January 1, 1947 - August 4, 2022

Melaney Magruder Mathis passed from this life peacefully on Thursday, August 4, 2022 after a lengthy illness. She was a New Year's baby, born on January 1, 1947, the oldest of three children to Warren and Mary Margery (Nonnie) Magruder.

Melaney was truly a "Pike County" girl, having lived most of her life there. Her formative years were spent in the Clopton schools graduating in 1964. She attended college in what is now Truman State University in Kirksville, MO where she met and married a young physician. When he was drafted and went to Vietnam, Melaney came back to Eolia and stayed for that year. Following his return, they moved to Chesterfield, MO where they resided for over twenty years.

Melaney was community-minded, always giving of herself to worthwhile causes. She was most active and held offices in the local, state, and national osteopathic auxiliaries, receiving the Medallion Award from the MO Assn. of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for meritorious service to the profession. She was also a member of the St. Louis Variety Club Women and an advocate for child abuse.

In 1991 Melaney returned to her beloved Pike County and opened the Prairieville General Store, operating it until 2006. This was a gathering place and an important part of the Eolia community. She served on the Pike County Home Health, and Hospice Endowment Board, the Clopton Alumni Board, and the Pike County RIII School Board. She was also involved in the family

business and was active in the Missouri Limestone Producers Association. In each and all of these organizations she organized fundraisers: golf tournaments, dinners, and special events. Melaney was a life-long member of the Eolia Methodist Church.

In retirement she pursued other passions: golfing, reading, watching St. Louis Cardinal baseball games, and she continued to organize charity events.

Her real passion however, was her love and support for all her friends including two groups; the "Eolia Kids" as she called them (those who went all twelve years of school together), and her ATOG friends from osteopathic auxiliary days (All the Old Gals) who gathered every summer for thirty years, and of course, her dear family.

Melaney was preceded in death by her parents, brother Mike, and husband, Walt Mathis. She is survived by her loving partner Reggie Penberthy, her brother Mark (Barb) Magruder, nephew Austin Magruder, niece Heather (Mike) McAlone and children Connor and Cooper, nephew Adam (Cassie) Magruder and children Mason and Ada, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Visitation will be Monday August 8, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. at the Collier Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, MO 63353. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday August 9, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. at the Eolia Methodist Church. Burial will be at the St. Johns Cemetery in Eolia, MO. Pallbearers are Adam Magruder, Austin Magruder, Mike McAlone, Blake Penberthy, Mark Liana, and Drew Grimes. Honorary pallbearers are Tommy White, Donnie Tucker, Mark Harvey, Bruce Penberthy, and Philip Smith.

In lieu of flowers a donation in Melaney's honor may be made to the Pike County Home and Hospice Endowment Board or the Eolia Methodist Church in care of Collier Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Johns Cemetery

Eolia, MO 63344

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
collierfuneral@att.net

Funeral Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Eolia Methodist Church
Eolia, MO 63344

Tribute Wall



“ Pamela Conley lit a candle in memory of Melaney Mathis



Pamela Conley - June 12, 2025 at 07:08 PM



So sorry to hear of Melaney's passing she was my Aunt and many fond memories, may she rest in peace and fly with the angels.

Pamela Conley - June 12, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ Melaney Mathis

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ Melaney Mathis

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ We will miss you so much Melaney! 😭 What a beautiful soul & force of nature! You & Reggie were always so kind, made us feel like family! A light has definitely gone out in Eolia, MO & beyond! So sorry we had not heard about the funeral, would had never missed being there for you & Reggie! Love to you both always, Ric & Eileen Hasting



Eileen Hasting - August 09, 2022 at 02:05 PM

JB

“ We knew Melaney through my good Marine buddy, Reg. She was always so welcoming when we visited. We were able to see her and Reg last Wednesday. Even though she was bed-ridden, her spirit was high and we had a grand talk. RIP to a wonderful lady. Jim & Sher

Jim Barns - August 09, 2022 at 10:54 AM

TS

“ She was a long time friend of my mother Charlotte Hagemeyer. Always vivacious, she lit up a room. Condolences to the family, she will be missed.

Scott and Tracy Strothcamp

Tracy S Strothcamp - August 08, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.



August 08, 2022 at 02:29 PM

KF

“ Kathy Lock and Cyntha Elders Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melaney Mathis.



Kathy Lock and Cyntha Elders Families - August 08, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 08, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 08, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 08, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 08, 2022 at 08:26 AM

GR

“ *Gail Rutter lit a candle in memory of Melaney Mathis*



Gail Rutter - August 08, 2022 at 02:43 AM

BP

“ *Bryce, Tasha, Ian, Mary Penberthy purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



Bryce, Tasha, Ian, Mary Penberthy - August 07, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 06, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JP

“ *We will miss this lovely lady. Melaney was so generous, and although her illness robbed her strength, her spirit remained strong. RIP Dearie.*
Jerry and Bobbi Penberthy

Jerry Penberthy - August 06, 2022 at 02:36 PM

SJ

Sincere sympathy to the family for the loss of Melanie

Stephen Jones - August 07, 2022 at 02:45 PM

GT

“ *Golda Turner lit a candle in memory of Melaney Mathis*



Golda Turner - August 06, 2022 at 12:06 PM

GT

Mark and family, so sorry to hear about Melaney, will remember every time Bob and I seen her she would always have time to stop and talk with us. May she rest in peace and fly with the angels. will remember you all in my prayers, Golda Turner.

Golda Turner - August 06, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Melaney's passing. She was a faithful and helpful friend, and one of my favorite things to do was to play WWF with her and share a bit of news! Will miss you Mel!*

Carolyn Weeks

Carolyn Weeks - August 06, 2022 at 12:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 05, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 05, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melaney Mathis.*



August 05, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Melaney was my oldest and best friend. I met her when I was 14 and she and I shared our crazy high school years. But our friendship lasted until now. I've lost a piece of my heart.*

Joni Brotherton - August 05, 2022 at 02:25 PM



I can remember all of us piked in her little Volkswagen collecting cents to buy 25 cent a gallon gas which went far in the bug. So many good memories. Bunking parties where she covered her baby doll pjs with a satin comforter. Leaned a little to hard and ended up in our renters floor where he was hosting a card game. Only Mel. Ate my first oysters at her house that nonny cooked for Sunday dinner after church. Loved her. Prayers now for her Reggie and Marks family

Linda Black - August 06, 2022 at 11:24 AM

SO

So sorry to hear about the loss of Melaney. I worked with her several years when we both served on the Pike County Hospice Foundation Board. She was a great supporter and worked tirelessly helping to raise funds for the organization. I loved her laugh. She will be missed but remembered by many.

Susie Oberdahlhoff

Susie Oberdahlhoff - August 07, 2022 at 03:23 PM