



Melissa N. Reinelt

July 2, 1977 - April 7, 2016

Melissa Nicole Reinelt, 38 of Bonfield passed away Thursday, April 7, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family and loved ones. She was born July 2, 1977 in Kankakee to Robert and Sherry (Hayes) Reinelt. She had been ill for many years. Although she endured a lot of misfortune in her life, very rarely did she complain. All who were fortunate enough to know her were truly blessed.

She attended Wilmington School until the 6th grade at which time she moved to Bonfield and she later graduated in 1995 from Herscher High School. She attended K.C.C. for one year but became too ill to complete her dream of working with large animals.

Melissa was a Country girl through and through. She was a member of the FFA and would work on her best friend's dairy farm with her payment being the bull calves which would become her FFA project. Horse riding was her passion and she was an avid rider.

She is survived by her parents; Bob and Sherry Reinelt of Bonfield, her sister; Pam Reinelt Leranger of Limestone, her brother; Brandon (Amy) Reinelt of Braidwood, and her Godmother; Linda Holthouse. Also surviving are nephews; Cody Leranger and Logan Leranger, Jesse Zeb, Kyle Reinelt and Eon Reinelt, niece; Emily Zeb as well as numerous Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Melissa was preceded in death by her infant niece; Meranda Reinelt, maternal and paternal Grandparents, her Aunt Patsy and numerous Aunts and Uncles

especially Aunt Ruthie Auer and Uncle Kenny Hayes.

There will be a memorial visitation Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 p.m. at the Herscher Christian Church. There will be a memorial service held at 6:00 p.m. officiated by Rev. Tyson Graber. Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

“Melissa represented the triumph of hope over despair.” Doctor Daniel Hier M.D.

Please visit www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com to sign Melissa's online guestbook.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Herscher Christian Church
Herscher, IL 60941

Funeral Service

APR **19**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Herscher Christian Church
Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall



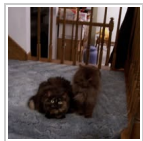
“ *Melissa N. Reinelt*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I didn't know Melissa that well in school but grew to know her through Facebook. She was a kind and mighty spirit that shared my love for animals ❤️. Her presence will surely be missed by many.*

Katie Holohan Locke - April 19, 2016 at 03:56 PM



“ *Melissa will always be in my heart, she was the kind of person who once she was there, she will never leave. She was a feisty loving child who grew up to be such an admirable young woman who was strong, determined, and lived everyday bringing joy and blessings to her friends and family. I feel very blessed to have known and loved Melissa*
I have great memories of our families being together, she was a remarkable person, she left us with a great legacy, I love you Melissa and will miss you greatly. Karen Dyer

Karen Dyer - April 19, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ *Working with Melissa she has taught me so much. She always had a smile on her face and always full of laughter. The boys and I loved her so much. We will always keep her in our hearts and we will see her again in Heaven. Praying for you all. Love ya.*

April Brown - April 19, 2016 at 09:51 AM

DF

“ *Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sun on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die.*

*mary elizabeth frye - 1932
uch a beautiful woman.. taken way to soon.
Fly high you've earned those Angel wings.*

Diane & Rich Furlong - April 16, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ *Sherry, Bob, Pam, and Brandon.....My first memories of Melissa were from teaching her in Sunday School. She was so very sweet and kind to everyone....always willing to participate in whatever we did. Some of her favorite times were dressing up at Halloween for Trick or Treat for Unicef and again, enjoying the costumes for the Christmas programs. (I still even have pictures from way back then!) She was always smiling! Melissa touched the lives of everyone she met.....I will remember her always. Keeping you all in my prayers.....Love, Patti Dziuban*

Patti Dziuban - April 15, 2016 at 01:23 AM

VL

“ Prayers are with all of you. Sorry for your loss.

Vanessa, Alex, & Allen

Vanessa Longtin - April 14, 2016 at 12:15 PM

BS

Thank you!

Bob and Sherry - April 14, 2016 at 10:19 PM



“ *Hi cousin Bob, so sorry to hear bout your daughter's passing....God be with you and yours at this time...cousin, Karen Haindl Wood*

Karen Wood - April 14, 2016 at 08:29 AM

BS

Karen, Bob hasn't seen this yet but I speak for both of us. Thank you for your' kind words.

Bob and Sherry - April 14, 2016 at 10:19 PM

HS

“ *There first winter after Melissa moved away to the country we visited as much as we could. It snow so heavy the ditches were full of snow. We put on snow suits and decided to home thru the snow with the new pups...at least until we went butt deep in the snowy ditch and spent a hour digging each other out.*

Heather Simo - April 13, 2016 at 04:09 PM



Lol love you Heather.

Pamela Reinelt-Leranger - April 14, 2016 at 03:15 AM

BS

The ditches are very deep out here somethings a mother is better finding out after the fact.-) A I keep remembering is you and her watching "Dirty Dancing" over and over. Love you Heather

Bob and Sherry - April 14, 2016 at 10:25 PM

HS

Mom had Mis and I a bag of Doritos ready for our dirty dancing marathon during the too hot days in summer.

Heather Simo - April 15, 2016 at 03:48 PM

VS

“ I can remember sitting in the Walmart parking lot with Mel listening to country music for hours and trying to sing and keep up with "Sold" then getting out of the car and running around the car jumping back in the car and listen to more music we laughed so much we cried we always said " I wonder what people who drive by think of us? Then we both said heck we don't care". Love you Mel

Vicki (Piggush) Strever - April 13, 2016 at 03:41 PM

VS

Another good memory was going to country concerts together especially Garth Brooks and also when MEL came out to see my horse

Vicki (Piggush) Strever - April 13, 2016 at 05:50 PM



“ I grew up in school with Melissa. She is a genuine, kind, fun person. I pray for her family to feel God's love during this difficult time. But to know she was love and she made a difference in peoples lives. Amen

Jeana Brian Matichak - April 13, 2016 at 11:12 AM

BS

Thank you Jeana for your words of kindness. God Bless

Bob and Sherry - April 14, 2016 at 10:27 PM

JS

“ I don't know how many times we were covered in sweat, mud, and manure growing up, but it was numerous. But no matter how many bumps, bruises, and such we had from riding or working with the cows, she always had a smile and a laugh, always! I can't count the times my stomach hurt from laughing so hard, it always started with a look and a giggle, then a few snorts, and we were gone. Although the road was rough at times, we always held each other up. Anytime I had a rough patch, she was there. Mel, I am sure on April 7 th, you received one hell of a greeting when you arrived and Coco got to you! Ride free my friend and save a spot for me!

Jamie Studebaker - April 13, 2016 at 05:18 AM

BS

Jamie, I have no words. You summed it up so well. She loved you so much as does our whole family you were on and are one special person. Luv ya Jamie

Bob and Sherry - April 14, 2016 at 10:36 PM

BS

As her mother I can truly say she was our gift. She had a pretty tough road but never complained and taught me gratitude among many other things. So fly high my sweet love you deserve it.

Bob and Sherry - April 14, 2016 at 10:46 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Melissa N. Reinelt.



April 13, 2016 at 05:18 AM

SO

“ I am happy that I had the opportunity to meet Melissa. She was a beautiful woman with a wonderful spirit. She is smiling down from heaven watching over everyone. God Bless all of her family.

Sharon Owens - April 13, 2016 at 12:05 AM



“ I have so many memories I don't know where to begin. We always had so much fun. Except at night I would get kicked out of our bedroom because she would snore and I would plug her nose. Lol not very long just enough to make her stop snoring. Then she would wake up and yell at me and my mom would come in and make me sleep on the couch. At the time I didn't think it was fair I either had to let her snore or sleep on the couch.

Pamela Reinelt-Leranger - April 12, 2016 at 09:46 PM

PL

Laura another good one is when we about 19 and we took my sister with us to taco bell and she started laughing so hard she almost choked on her refried beans. I can't tell you how long if ever she ate them or there again for that matter. She had the best most contagious laugh.

Pam Leranger - April 12, 2016 at 10:41 PM

SA

Prayers Pam to you and your family, she's an angel watching everyone and when you close your eyes and look up you'll see her oh so happy and joyous...love ya Pam!

Sallie - April 13, 2016 at 03:42 PM



Thanks Sally love you too

Pamela Reinelt-Leranger - April 14, 2016 at 03:20 AM



Pamela Reinelt-

Her laugh was contagious. He had this giggle she would get me laughing so hard I would snort then she would laugh at me cause I snorted and I would laugh at her because her her giggle. This was a common thing for us.

Pamela Reinelt-Leranger - April 14, 2016 at 03:23 AM



Pamela Reinelt-

She not he had the most contagious giggle

Pamela Reinelt-Leranger - April 14, 2016 at 03:24 AM

PV

“ I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING WITH THE REINELT FAMILY FOR FOUR YEARS AND TO THIS DAY I CARRY A PIECE OF THEIR JOY AND LOVE FOR LIFE. THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF GETTING TO KNOW YOU ALL. MELISSA IS GONE NOW FROM THIS EARTH, BUT NEVER FROM OUR HEARTS AND MIND. YOUR FAMILY WILL ALWAYS BE A VERY PRECIOUS MEMORY. GOD BLESS YOU DURING THESE DAYS. LOVE PATTI VAN HAM

PATRICIA VANHAM - April 10, 2016 at 12:53 PM

DK

BOB SHERRY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MELISSA WITH THE ANGELS NOW AND NO MORE PAIN MAY GOD BLESS ALL LOVE DAVIA AND JUN

dava kent - April 15, 2016 at 07:48 AM