



## Melissa Richardson

February 28, 1964 - February 22, 2017

Melissa Beth (“Missy” Glidden) Richardson, 52, of Herscher, IL passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at Miller Healthcare Center, Kankakee, IL after complications involving cancer and multiple sclerosis. She was born in Marshfield, WI on February 28, 1964 to Charles E. and Doris R. (Bobzin) Glidden. During her youth, she lived in Abbotsford WI, Philo IL, Morton IL, and Coal City IL and also for one year in the Melbourne, Victoria region of Australia while her family spent a year exchanging homes and schools with another minister's family. During high school, she enjoyed playing piano, marching bells and percussion, cheerleading, and musical theatre. She earned college degrees from Eastern and Northern Illinois Universities and worked as a speech-language pathologist in many Central IL schools.

On July 1, 1989 she married Bruce Richardson in Manhattan, Illinois. They shared a love of working with school children throughout their careers in the Illinois communities of Manteno, Island Lake, Round Lake, Pittsfield, Milford, Sheldon, Herscher, Dwight, Joliet, Ellwood, Braidwood, and Minooka. She also found great joy and pride in caring, sharing, loving and making a home with Bruce, Sarah, Bryan, Braeden and Melody. She was a lover of all things bright and beautiful in art, music, theater, literature, dance, and nature. She enjoyed crocheting, singing in many community and church choirs, Clown Ministry and Wesley (Bradley, IL) United Methodist Women Prayer Shawl and Infant Clothing Ministries.

Melissa is survived by her parents, "Ted and Dorie" Glidden of Plainfield, IL; husband of 27 years, Bruce Atwood Richardson of Herscher, IL; step-daughter Sarah (Marlon) Jones of Streamwood, IL; step-son Bryan of Bourbonnais, IL; son Braeden of Herscher, IL; daughter Melody of Herscher, IL; grandson Milove Jones of Streamwood, IL; granddaughter Mya Mays of Streamwood, IL; sister Cynthia (Terrence) Glidden-Tracey of Tempe, AZ; and brother Robert (Jacquelyn Smith) Glidden of Pittsburgh, PA. She was preceded in death by her niece, Kelly Lewis of Opdyke, IL.

There will be a visitation on Friday, March 3 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at the Kankakee Chapel of the Schreffler Funeral Homes (1900 W. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901, 815-932-2421). There will be an additional time of visitation on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 AM until the 11:00 AM funeral service at Dwight United Methodist Church (701 S. Columbia Street, Dwight, IL 60420, 815-584-3420). The graveside committal service will be held on Saturday, March 4 at 1:00 PM at the Manhattan Center Cemetery, on County Highway 4 (S. Cedar Road) at Manhattan-Monee Road, Manhattan, IL 60442.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the college education fund for Braeden Richardson and Melody Richardson (Charles Glidden, 23454 W. Winston Avenue, Plainfield IL 60586).

For viewing of funeral service please go to:  
<http://dwightumc.churchonline.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Manhattan Center Cemetery

South Cedar Road  
Manhattan-Monee Road  
Manhattan, IL 60442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Dwight United Methodist Church  
701 S. Columbia St.  
Dwight, IL 60420

## Funeral Service

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MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dwight United Methodist Church  
701 S. Columbia St.  
Dwight, IL 60420

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Richardson*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Dear Ted and Dorie, I just today learned of Melissa's death when your Christmas letter arrived. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Melissa's Family. Missy's life, well lived and loved, was a life to celebrate. I wish you peace.*

*Kathy Rowell Kozikowski  
Your New Hampshire Glidden Family*

Kathy Kozikowski - December 20, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ *Yvonne lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



Yvonne - March 28, 2017 at 07:06 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with Missy's family and friends . . . cherish the memories!*

*Morton High School  
Class of 1982*

Sharyl Nuske - March 14, 2017 at 07:42 AM

LL

*“ We knew Melissa as a speech-language pathologist. She possessed such insight it was as if she could read our minds. She was a credit to the profession. She was a bright light in this world. Her passing is a tremendous loss. Sending much love and care to her family, from the Loica-Kisners*

**Laura Loica** - March 06, 2017 at 05:48 PM



*Nice words. Thank you. Bruce*

**Bruce Richardson** - March 08, 2017 at 08:27 AM

AW

*“ Arlene Warda lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



**Arlene Warda** - March 04, 2017 at 05:12 PM

AW

*“ We send our love with peace and prayers to Melissa. We are her cousins of her dad and the Glidden's side. Love, Arlene, Peter and Elaine Warda, Oak Park, IL*

**Arlene Warda** - March 04, 2017 at 05:12 PM

PF

*“ Thinking of your family during this difficult time. Melissa was extremely friendly & KIND even when I would see her struggling with pain. She had a very kind heart. She will be dearly missed.*

**Pinto Family** - March 03, 2017 at 11:19 PM

MA

“ *Maxine lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



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**Maxine** - March 03, 2017 at 10:09 PM

LO

“ *So sorry for your loss Bruce. My prayers and thoughts go to you and your family. Lesley Osback from Central Christian Church*

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**lesley osback** - March 03, 2017 at 06:50 AM

DR

“ *Sending my sympathy to Melissa's family. I was a friend of Doris' through genealogy.*  
*Dorothy Riegel*

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**Dorothy Riegel** - March 02, 2017 at 03:28 PM

AW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God comfort and bless you.*  
*Amy Wancho*

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**Amy Wancho** - March 02, 2017 at 10:14 AM

RS

“ *Ron & Joan Senffner lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



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**Ron & Joan Senffner** - March 01, 2017 at 09:12 PM

RO

*Thank You to Ted for sharing his daughter with our Memory Care Support Group @ Senior Star! Such an example she was to us! Rest in Paradise, Melissa !!!*

**Ron** - March 01, 2017 at 09:16 PM

 Glo  
Parker

“ *My Condolences To The Family*



**Glo Parker** - March 01, 2017 at 07:43 PM

SA

“ *"and friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them. And a friend will not say never, 'cause the welcome never ends. Though it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hands we know that a lifetime's not too long to live as friends." She was such a blessing and example as she lived her life with such courage and strength in the face of so many obstacles. My heart and prayers go out to the family.*

*Sonja Aten*

**Sonja Aten** - March 01, 2017 at 01:10 PM



*Almost had that song at her funeral. Words are so fitting, aren't they?*

**Bruce Richardson** - March 08, 2017 at 08:29 AM

CI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindi - February 28, 2017 at 10:11 PM



“ Gary Glidden lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Richardson



Gary Glidden - February 26, 2017 at 06:35 AM



“ I never met my distant cousin Melissa, but I knew her Mom & Dad Ted and Dorie Glidden from genealogy study and her husband Bruce through the Barbershop Harmony Society. I was so impressed with her courage faith and strength in her struggles with health these last few years! Rest in the Lord sweet lady!  
Gary & Carole Glidden So. Glens Falls NY.

Gary Glidden - February 26, 2017 at 06:27 AM

AW

We send our love with peace and prayers to Melissa. We are her cousins of her dad and the Glidden's side. Love, Arlene, Peter and Elaine Warda, Oak Park, IL

Arlene Warda - March 03, 2017 at 12:51 PM

BG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



**Bob Glidden** - February 25, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Our condolences are with you and your family during this difficult time. In Swahili we say "poleni sana". Peace to you. Randy and Carol Stubbs*

**Randy Stubbs** - February 25, 2017 at 09:25 AM

TB

“ *Tony And Brenda Buono lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



**Tony and Brenda Buono** - February 25, 2017 at 05:30 AM

FA

“ *Faith lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



**Faith** - February 25, 2017 at 12:06 AM

Rachel  
Buono

“ *Rachel Buono lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Richardson*



Rachel Buono - February 24, 2017 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sandy Dion lit a candle in memory of Melissa  
Richardson*



Sandy Dion - February 24, 2017 at 08:25 PM

RH

“ *I remembering having Mrs. Richardson for speech back in grade  
school. She was probably one of the nicest people I've had for  
speech, she never judge on where I was at, she was always there  
for assistance and gave me that extra attention for school that i  
need. I was always appreciative for everything she has done for me  
and I miss her terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with the family  
at this time. Thank you.*

Ryan Hall - February 24, 2017 at 07:49 PM

MO

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mrs Richardson's  
passing. You're in our thoughts.  
Morissa Decker & Andrew Hoenisch*



morissa - February 24, 2017 at 07:34 PM

BR

“ We went to tim hawkins together she was so sweet and caring van never meet a better person.



**Bre** - February 24, 2017 at 03:58 PM

TG

“ The Grubers purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Melissa Richardson.



**The Grubers** - February 24, 2017 at 02:19 PM

BD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Melissa's passing.



**Beth Dattilo** - February 24, 2017 at 02:08 PM

JS

“ Jim Shrove lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson



**Jim Shrove** - February 24, 2017 at 11:53 AM

RF

“ *Randall & Judy Farris lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



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**Randall & Judy Farris** - February 24, 2017 at 11:22 AM

GP

“ *Gloria Parker lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



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**Gloria Parker** - February 24, 2017 at 10:35 AM

SP

“ *Sherry Parks lit a candle in memory of Melissa Richardson*



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**Sherry Parks** - February 24, 2017 at 08:44 AM

HE

“ *I remember Bruce and Melissa fondly from their Pike County days. We were all very active in theater together. Very good times. So sorry for this loss.*

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**H. Todd Evans** - February 23, 2017 at 10:31 PM



*Sorry the service clashes with IHSA contest.*

**Bruce Richardson** - February 24, 2017 at 05:07 PM



*Bruce, so sorry for Melissa passing. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Warren Wickham*

**Warren Wickham** - February 26, 2017 at 01:32 AM



*Sincere condolences . We first met Missy when she was a little girl and lived in Abbotsford, Wisconsin. Our families were good friends, and therefore our children; have stayed in touch across the years, including FB. Rev. Hugh & Emily Evans, former Pastor Medford & Dorchester, Wisconsin*

**Rev. Hugh W. & Emily Evans** - February 26, 2017 at 04:30 PM



*Our daughter and Missy were in the same class at Philo Grade School, Philo, IL and we attended Philo Presbyterian Church with the Glidden family. Our sincere sympathy to your family.*

**Carl and Carol Erb and family** - February 27, 2017 at 02:14 PM



*We have been friends with the Gliddens since Ted was pastor of the Philo Presbyterian Church. Missy was such a sweet little girl and we have been so touched by her faith through all her illness. She was so brave and always had faith in the Lord. Our sincere condolences to the family.*

*Donald and Betty Rice and family*

**Donald and Betty Rice** - February 27, 2017 at 08:47 PM