



Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl

February 28, 1956 - December 14, 2019

Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl departed this Earth on December 14th, 2019, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, surrounded by the love of family.

Melanie was born in Alabama and has lived her life growing and making memories in Marianna FL, Manhasset/Long Island NY, Lewistown MT, Tallahassee FL, and ending those memories establishing a lasting home in Crawfordville FL.

Melanie loved being in the outdoors and you could often find her with a book in her hands, helping her plants thrive to their fullest, or drifting the river and lounging oceanside with her closest friends and family. She was a fighter and an amazing, loving, mother.

She is survived by 4 sons, Shane Broome (Helena Daly), Craig Hatcher (Heidi Hatcher), Chris Gestl (Kiera Gestl), Jeremy Gestl (Haley Gestl). and 4 brothers, Wayne Hanks (Carla Hanks), Dewayne Hanks (Stephanie Hanks), Michael Hanks (Mary Hanks), and Scott Hanks (Barbara Hanks). 7 grandchildren, 1 grandchild on the way also 7 nephews and 1 niece.

We will not say goodbye, because goodbye is too final, so we will just say, See You Later.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, December 21. 2019, 1:00 pm at the Sky Box in Crawfordville, 2581 Crawfordville Hwy.

Skip & Trey Young are assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sky Box
2581 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lori Helmke lit a candle in memory of Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl*



Lori Helmke - January 04, 2020 at 09:24 AM

WB

“ *Mel was an amazing friend. She was always there for you when you needed to talk to someone. I'll miss her laugh and her smile. RIP sweet lady. You are truly missed and loved. Thank you for your friendship.*

Wendy Buckley - December 19, 2019 at 12:21 AM

TF

“ *The CACI Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl.*



The CACI Family - December 17, 2019 at 01:10 PM

CW

“ *RIP Melanie.. may the beauty of your life and memories sustain and comfort your family and friends.*

Charlene Williams - December 17, 2019 at 10:55 AM

CW

“ *Charlene Williams lit a candle in memory of Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl*



Charlene Williams - December 17, 2019 at 10:50 AM

BM

“ *Mel was one of the first people I met when I started going to the SkyBox, loved her from the first day. She told it like it is and I loved that about her, She will be missed by me and Badger.*



Brenda Mitchell - December 17, 2019 at 09:44 AM

SC

“ *Sabinnna Clevenger lit a candle in memory of Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl*



Sabinnna Clevenger - December 17, 2019 at 07:36 AM

JM

“ *Joan Mattern lit a candle in memory of Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl*



Joan Mattern - December 17, 2019 at 04:36 AM

GN

“ I have too many happy memories of Melanie to list here. As cousins. We were close during childhood although she lived in Florida and I in Alabama. Summer weekend trips to each other's home was always lots of fun. She and her brothers and I and my brother enjoyed being outside, day trips to PCB, boating on the millpond beside their house, and stories of the caves there. As we all grew to adulthood we spent less and less time together but I was never far away from those wonderful memories. I love you Melanie. RIP my sweet cousin❤️

Gwen Newton - December 16, 2019 at 09:20 PM

SW

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Stephanie Wulfekuhl - December 16, 2019 at 08:09 PM

CL

“ When you first met her, she treated you like you were her family. She always was pleasant and had a beautiful soul and smile. Rest in your fathers house and know one day we will meet again.

Carol Luke - December 16, 2019 at 07:20 PM

VM

“ She was like a sister for more than a dozen years she even moved to Montana to be closer to me and although we lost touch for many reasons I have always held her close in my heart. I pray for the boys and their futures I know they were her world. I can't even encapsulate the bond her family and I had. I was privileged to have Christopher as a son for sometime before they moved back to Florida. I know how much the boys needed her since she was the only parent for 20+ years. May God give them peace.🙏❤️

Voni Mosaner - December 16, 2019 at 06:28 PM

FC

“ *The only person that I know that never let me down. She said what she meant and she stood by it. She will be missed. May she have wings!*



Flo Chason - December 16, 2019 at 06:08 PM

TB

“ *Teresa Barksdale lit a candle in memory of Melanie Anne Hanks Gestl*



Teresa Barksdale - December 16, 2019 at 05:32 PM