



Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels

February 20, 1964 - October 16, 2021

Funeral services for Mrs. Melissa Runnels, 57, of Keatchie, LA will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 22, 2021 at the Longstreet U.M.C. with Rev. Dean Register officiating. Burial will follow in the Runnels Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 11:30-2:00 p.m. Friday prior to the service.

Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels was born February 20, 1964 in Mansfield, Louisiana. She passed this life October 16, 2021 in San Augustine, Texas. Melissa was one of six children born to the marriage of A.J. and Charlie Fate Briggs Runnels. She was raised and schooled in South Louisiana graduating from Ascension Catholic High School.

Mrs. Runnels worked in welfare and food stamp offices in DeSoto and Red River parishes. She worked as an account specialist for Fastenall. Melissa loved crafting and spending time with her beloved grandson. She is preceded in death by parents A.J. Runnels Sr. and Charlie Briggs Runnels, brother and sister-in-law A.J. Jr and Trudy Runnels, brother in law Bryan Fountain. She is survived by daughters, Lacey Watson and Husband Matt; grandchildren, Light of her life, Gabriel "Fathead" Watson, Bella Watson, Mallery Watson, Mikayla Wheatley, Dalton Wheatley, Remi Wheatley, and Levi Wheatley; Brother Charles Runnels and Wife Marsha of Baton Rouge, La; Sisters, Glenda McGinty and husband Louis of Joaquin, Texas, Rita Morris and Husband Donnie of Tyler, Texas, Gail Fountain of Shreveport, La; Numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pall Bearers will be, Kirk Nelson, Chance

Tomaszewski, Justin Runnels, Stoney Runnels, Kolton Whitton, and LJ Whitton. Honorary Pallbearer, Gabriel Zayne Watson.

Cemetery Details

Runnels Cemetery

198 Winter St.
Keatchie, LA 71046

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Longstreet U.M.C.
196 Winter St.
Keatchie, LA 71046

Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ I worked with Melissa at the DeSoto OFS. She was a caring lady. Praying for the family.

Ronnie Hooper - October 28, 2021 at 01:00 PM

DW

“ Melissa and I went to school together. We would always talk on the phone and had a couple of sleep overs. She was a sweet, funny girl. I'm sad that we lost touch. Will be praying for her family. I know from Facebook how she loved that little grandson. I enjoyed seeing all her posts and pics with him.

Donna Winstead - October 24, 2021 at 09:31 AM

TM

“ Toni and Rob Mertzweiller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels.



Toni and Rob Mertzweiller - October 21, 2021 at 01:23 AM

SD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Melissa. We worked together at Red River DCFS. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sally Danley

Sally Danley - October 20, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JR

“ I have watched Melissa grow up into a beautiful young lady, mother and grandmother. She is gone much too soon but will be remembered lovingly by us all. My heart goes out to her family that she loved so much! Until we meet again Melissa! Julia Runnels

Julia Runnels - October 20, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels.



October 20, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels.



October 20, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels.



October 20, 2021 at 11:23 AM

SO

“ I met Melissa when our kids were little at church. She was so much fun to talk to. Guarantee to have a laugh. I did her hair and I'll miss our conversations. Praying for her sweet family, she will be missed



Shani Oswalt - October 20, 2021 at 03:40 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels.



October 19, 2021 at 09:42 PM

EM

“ So sorry to hear about Melissa. We worked together at Red River Parish DCFS for several years. We are praying for the family. You have our deepest condolences.

Eunice Miller & Family
Coushatta,La

Eunice Miller - October 19, 2021 at 08:58 PM

BW

“ I worked with Melissa at Risk Management in Baton Rouge for years. She was such a happy person and was so much fun to be around. Never a dull moment. I'm shocked & saddened at this news. Prayers and condolences to all the family! The picture attached is an example of the fun we had. This was on her birthday around 1985-1986



Beth Darnell White - October 19, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels.*



October 19, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melissa Kay Runnels.*



October 19, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Melissa was a wonderful person she loved her daughter and her grandson sending prayers for her family and friends*

paula sanaugustine - October 19, 2021 at 08:26 PM