



Melissa Gilbert Smith

February 27, 1967 - August 6, 2025

Melissa Gilbert Smith, born on February 27, 1967, passed away on August 6, 2025, at the age of 58. She was a beacon of love and warmth to all who knew her.

Melissa is preceded in death by her parents, Richard “Buddy” and Dorothy “Dot” Gilbert, her grandparents Robert and Myrtle Turner and mother-in-law, Jacqueline S. Smith. She leaves behind her loving and devoted husband of 25 years, Greg P. Smith; her beloved children, Brandon Cleveland, Jordyn Gilbert (Kam), and Sydni Smith, and her four grandchildren, who will carry forward her legacy of love and kindness. She is also survived by her father-in-law, Ben P. Smith, Joyce Overton, her sister-in-law, Cindy Owens (Craig), three nieces, one nephew, who will all hold her memory close to their hearts.

Family was the cornerstone of Melissa's life. She was a loving individual, known for her deep affection for her children and her dedication to her family. As a grandmother, she cherished her role profoundly and loved being Gigi to her four grandchildren Leilani Rose "Bug", Kyndall Jadé “KPop”, Kodie Blaze "Koko", and Laiken Nash “Laiky”.

Melissa loved the Lord and accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior, and was baptized as a very young girl at First Baptist Church Forest Park (Forest Park, Georgia).

Her career was dedicated to home building and remodeling, where she brought creativity and passion into transforming spaces into cherished homes. Beyond her professional pursuits, Melissa’s life was rich with interests that

reflected her vibrant spirit. She adored watching cooking shows and took great delight in entertaining family and friends, always bringing joy and laughter to those around her.

Melissa had a particular fondness for Shark Week, a testament to her time with the Discovery Channel where she combined her work and love for the ocean. Melissa's compassion and kindness extended beyond her family to encompass all living creatures. She was an avid animal lover who, if able, would have saved any and every animal in need.

No words will ever describe the amazing wife, mother, Gigi and friend she was. Melissa Gilbert Smith will be remembered for her boundless and unconditional love, her devotion to her family, and her zest for life that inspired everyone fortunate enough to have known her.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Newnan-Coweta Humane Society, <https://givebutter.com/newnan-coweta-humane-society-inc> or The National Kidney Foundation, https://support.kidney.org/campaign/612763/donate?utm_source=kidney.org&utm_medium=Website&utm_content=Donation&utm_campaign=Evergreen_Donation_Campaign&amount=&c_src=DonationEvergreen.

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“ Aunt Melissa was always one of my biggest supporters. I always loved sharing my new adventures and future plans with her because I was always met with excitement. She was someone who never failed to bring light and warmth into our family gatherings. Every celebration will a little more empty without you here. However, it makes me smile knowing you are up there with your mom and Ma'mere ☐



McKenzie Owens - August 17, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ What a wonderful woman she was! Melissa was ever so kind, compassionate, and loving! We had the best times at holiday gatherings, family outings up to Burt's Pumpkin patch with all the kids, celebrating family milestones, cabin weekend getaways with family... the list goes on! She was a precious jewel! My thoughts and prayers are for her husband Greg, her two beautiful daughters, Sydni and Jordyn, her son Brandon, and her four adorable grandchildren. We will see you again! Love you!



Cindy Owens - August 14, 2025 at 08:20 PM

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“ Aunt Melissa, our family will never be the same without you on this side of Heaven. I know it had been a while since we last saw each other but I never stopped thinking of you and praying for you. You left a huge impact on my life and I always admired you for your sense of style, accepting spirit, and zeal for life. You are deeply missed and your absence is felt. It brings me peace to know that I will see again. Love you forever and always.



Madison - August 13, 2025 at 07:39 PM

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“ Melissa was an amazing aunt to my three siblings and I. She was always very supportive and showed love and kindness to everyone. I will always cherish the times where I would spend a night with Sydni when we were little; Aunt Melissa treated me as her own. Halloweens won't be the same without her, but her memory and legacy will live on. We love you Aunt Melissa and know you are with your mom and Mamere in heaven ☐



Montana Owens - August 13, 2025 at 07:34 PM

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“ Loved meeting her as a neighbor and assistance with room mom when are girls went to school together. Loved watching her cheer on our girls during soccer season and being Sydni coach. We loved Jordan too babysitting my kiddos. Greg and Melissa had the best house for Halloween. She will be missed! Prayers to all xo

danielle lamson - August 13, 2025 at 12:36 PM