



## Melissa Anne Desmond

November 18, 1969 - January 12, 2011

DESMOND, MELISSA ANNE (nee MACLENNAN) Age 41 January 12, 2011, after a courageous 3 year battle with cancer. Beloved wife of her high school sweetheart Sean. Proud and loving mother of Connor, Shea, Colin & Donovan. Dearest daughter of Ron & Linda MacLennan. Adored sister of Matthew & Megan MacLennan. Loving granddaughter of Ilene Roberts. Dear niece of Diane(the late Bruce)MacLennan and cousins Mark(Pam)MacLennan & Laurie(Paul)Haight. Dearest daughter in law of Dennis(Julie)Desmond. Sister in law of Chris(Amy)Desmond & Matt(Michaele)Desmond. Loving aunt of Jack, Max & Gavin. Melissa leaves scores of friends who throughout the Midwest were inspired by her, and who inturn inspired and comforted her, Sean and their four children in these difficult last days. She was nutured in her Christian journey, with active participation at these Christ centered Lutheran Churches: St. Thomas in Eastpointe, Peace Lutheran in Warren & Faith Lutheran in Troy. Melissa received her education from Troy Athens H.S. and her B.A. from Michgian State University. Her life's work was one of Faith in the Resurrection, her friends & her family. Visitation Saturday 4-9pm, Sunday 1-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Funeral Monday Instate 10:00am at Faith Lutheran Church 37635 Dequindre (Btw. Metro Pakway (16 Mile) & Wattles (17 Mile) until time of Service 11:00am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Desmond family for future educational needs. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @

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# Tribute Wall

PZ

“ It is with sadness that I write this. I have not seen Melissa since she was a small child and I worked with her mother, Linda, at Kindercare, so many years ago, but when I saw the notice of Melissa's passing in the paper, I immediately remembered a strong, loving family. My heart goes out to Ron and Linda at the loss of their beautiful and loved daughter. Although I didn't know Melissa grown up, it is so clear what a happy and loving home she made for her husband and children. I hope the memories and love they all shared will provide peace at this difficult time.

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**Patti O'Grady Zimmermann** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Sean, I don't have the words to say how sorry I am for your loss. Melissa was an amazing girl and I am sure an even more amazing woman. Her time here was too short and you and your children know this too well. It is clear from all of the entries that she touched all that she met. An inspiration for all. My thoughts are with you.  
Heather

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**Heather (Packwood) Montgomery** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Melissa was my best friend growing up. Even though I hadn't seen her in many years, I never stopped loving her. Melissa brought a lot of joy to my childhood and I'll always be thankful for the memories.

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**Meribeth Rains** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Sean and children, our prayers are with you and your family at this time sorrow. Melissa was such a strong, loving, caring women. She fought with her heart and soul and never lost her sense of humor. She will be missed my many and remembered by all. God Bless Vicki, Tom, Matt and Sara Lowther

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**Vicki Lowther** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I will never forget the many years I had growing up on Greensboro Dr next door to Melissa. I remember when she left for Michigan State University and I wanted to follow her footsteps, she was a leader and always will be. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the MacLennan's, Sean, and her beautiful children. With Love, Jessica ("Jessie dodo")

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**Jessica DiCicco** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I DID NOT KNOW MELISSA. BUT I DO KNOW MEGAN SOME AND I KNOW HOW MUCH NICK VALLECOCCIA CARES FOR HER, HOW HE SPEAKS OF HER AND HOW MEGAN CARES FOR HER SISTER. I KNOW THAT THERE IS PAIN AND SUFFERING IN ALL OF YOUR HEARTS. I PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE ALL OF YOU THE PEACE IN KNOWING WHERE MELISSA HAS GONE AND THE STRENGTH TO LIVE EACH DAY WITHOUT HER PHYSICALLY HER. I LOST BOTH MY PARENTS A YEAR APART AS AN ADULT. I CANT IMAGINE LOSING A PARENT AS A CHILD BUT I DO KNOW THAT WITH LOVE FROM FAMILY YOU CAN GET THROUGH THIS.

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**DANIEL PRICOPIO** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Linda & family, We are all here for a reason, if only for a season. God has called your Melissa Home. Take comfort in knowing her physical pain has ended and she is now in a much better place. Take care of yourselves and each other as you mourn the loss of your Melissa. Count each day you spent with her as the blessing it is. My deepest sympathies. Sincerely, ~Tania

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**Tania Konopada** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dear Sean, We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Tom and Jenny Shea

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**Tom and Jenny Shea** - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Maclennan and Desmond families. Melissa was a beautiful girl. I met her at St. Thomas. My heart sank when I heard of her passing. I moved out of MI 5 years ago and did not know the struggles she endured. I reflected on many memories of Melissa. When I think of her I remember a radiant glow around her. I remember a girl with a big smile and a big heart. She was a beautiful person and her radiant light will always shine.

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**Marianne Staats** - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Sean, Conner, Shea, Colin and Donovan- I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Melissa. What a beautiful woman you had in your life. Melissa was a light and a smile and a positive voice of encouragement during anything. And she loved you all so much. I am so glad I had her in my life every day for the time we were in college together. Although that was a long time ago, her outlook made a permanent impact on mine. I am so thankful I knew her, but am so heartbroken that she is gone. My prayers are with you all. I still have the Christmas card she sent to me in Japan of the kids right after Donovan was born in 2004. You guys look so much like her. Gorgeous.

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**Mary Wanley** - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM