



Mrs. Melinda K. Hoyer

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Melinda Kim Upchurch-Hoyer, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Monday August 22nd at 9:55 pm. Melinda is the daughter of Gordon Upchurch and Pat Upchurch-Gilbreath of Houston, and was born in Jonesboro, Louisiana on the 23rd day of August, 1957. Melinda is preceded in death by her brother Gordon Jennings Upchurch of San Diego, California and survived by her husband Rick L. Hoyer of Houston Texas. Also surviving are her children; daughters Reema and husband Jeff Forster of Kingwood, Texas, Leila and husband Adrian Markiw of New Haven, CT., Chasity Horton of Springfield, Mo., Christen and husband Shaun Murphy of Kingwood, Texas and MaryAnn Hoyer of Houston, Texas. Surviving sons are Rick Hoyer II of Whittier, California and Chad and wife Kara Hoyer of Springfield, Mo. Melinda is survived by 5 siblings, Pamela and husband Fred Chambers of Kansas City, Kansas, Karla and husband Mike Hoy of League City, Texas, Phillip and wife Arlene Upchurch of Denver, Co., Lisa and husband Gene Barnette of Sugarland, Texas, and Bob and wife Leslie Upchurch of League City, Texas. Melinda is survived by many nieces and nephews and 14 grandchildren.

Melinda and her family moved to Houston from Louisiana in 1968 and later attended Deer Park High School and Wharton Junior College.

Melinda received the "Opera Guild" award and graduated Oral Roberts University with a Vocal Performance Degree in 1995. In 1996 Melinda spent a year in Vienna, Austria where she focused on private study. Melinda was an accomplished violinist, a song writer, composer and created incredible portraits by pencil.

On July 8th 2016, Melinda was diagnosed with Glioblastoma and 46 days later she is gone, Melinda maintained her courage all the while praying for our Father God to take her home quickly.

Melinda was an ordained minister whose ministry was borderless, Melinda spread



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the good news with word and music at every opportunity and touched many who were hurting as can be witnessed on U-Tube under MKHoyer, Melinda K Hoyer or Bibleway Temple. Melinda recorded 3 Christian/Gospel CD's and performed many solo appearances as a part of her normal routine. Melinda believed in the power of prayer and never lost her faith, even to the end.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, August 26, 2016


 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM CT


 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, August 27, 2016


 10:00 AM CT

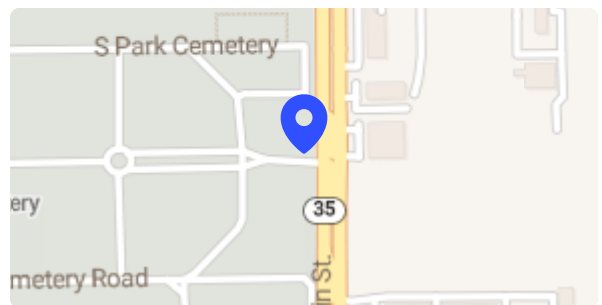
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Cemetery Details

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 **(281) 509-9228**





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LB

Lisa Barnette lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

My sister we are almost reaching the one yr mark since you left us. It still seems like yesterday. I will never understand why God took you from us. I will never understand why you of all people had to get cancer!!! Brain cancer at that. You only lived 46 days after we found out. This has been the hardest thing for all of us to handle. I love you my precious sister. And miss you like crazy. I miss your hugs and miss hearing your laughter and your singing. You were our songbird. Until we meet again watch over us pls... tell our brother Jay and papa I love them and miss them. RIP ❤️❤️🙏



July 4 at 5:01 PM

LB

Lisa Barnette posted:

My precious sister Melinda. I miss you so much and I just can't understand why you.. My life is so empty my heart is heavy. I will always cherish our times together. You were the light of our family..RIP my big sister. I love you forever..

August 30 at 2:58 AM

DF

Dawn Firczak lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

August 27 at 9:28 AM



AB

Andrea Bateman sent a virtual gift in honor of Melinda.

Melinda was so special to my husband and me. She was so sweet and kind to everyone she met. Melinda never met a stranger but made everyone feel as if she had known them for years. You could look into Melinda's eyes and see love for all mankind. She sang at our wedding and truly made it special. I know she is singing with the angels and what a blessing they are getting in Heaven. We will see you one day Melinda and hear your voice and get one of your hugs. You are truly missed my dear sister. Adrian and Andrea



August 27 at 6:11 AM



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Wesley Dale Willis posted:

To a delightful singer from your favorite poet there you no longer linger Heaven is singing we all know-it. Here is one of my poem's that I think was Melinda's favorite. It's a letter a man wrote to his wife who never made it home from the Civil War. General Grant hand delivered the letter to her. Six years later. "The Civil War Love Letter" Those palmed kisses you blew from the porch that day, Softer than spring rains, caressing my face. I am the nights with you that could not stay. You are my days of each mornings embrace. I am that star we watched together at night. You are the smile, that lingers in my dreams. I am your glimmer of hope at twilight. You are the soft babble, beside the streams. I am the falling star that glows in your eye. You are my love, that live's on in my heart. I am the tears from you, when you sit and cry. We are the sadness of two lovers apart. I am for you, the love that has always been. If love is forever, we shall meet again. By: Dale Willis

August 27 at 1:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hoyer family.

August 26 at 12:10 PM



George And Lisa Hutcherson sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hoyer family.

August 26 at 11:06 AM



Dave And Vickie Halvorson sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hoyer family.

August 26 at 8:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hoyer family.

August 26 at 6:42 AM





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SU

Suzy, Evan, Austin, Olive, Astrid, Lincoln Upchurch sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Hoyer family.

August 26 at 6:39 AM



VM

Verlin & Joyce Mancke sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Hoyer family.

August 26 at 4:24 AM



PC

Pamela Chambers shared an album called **New Album Name**.

August 26 at 2:40 AM



LS

Laurie Snyder posted:

Heaven just got a wonderful and talented angel. God bless your family and we will be praying for them. We loved your Violin music and your specials you sang at First Baptist Church. Your accent was so cute and you always had a welcoming smile on your face. Melinda, you will truly be missed down here, but I can't wait to celebrate with you up there. Thank you for being such a blessing to everyone around you. Laurie Snyder.

August 26 at 2:05 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 9:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 5:28 PM





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AH

Anwar Houwari posted:

one day short of fifty nine, but a lifetime of selfless and tireless giving, our lives had more meaning and luster. you will shine in our hearts forever.

August 25 at 5:00 PM

AH

Anwar A Houwari sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 4:59 PM



HA

Hope And Albert Acosta sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 3:35 PM



Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 9:50 AM



Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 8:59 AM



FS

First Baptist Church Family Springfield II sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 8:20 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 7:46 AM



Andrea And Adrian Bateman sent a virtual gift in honor of Melinda.

August 25 at 5:29 AM



Debbie & Frank Boudar sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Hoyer family.

August 25 at 4:11 AM



Debbie Boudar posted:

Rick - You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. - Debbie Boudar

August 25 at 3:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Fruits and Blooms Basket to the Hoyer family.

August 24 at 2:56 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Hoyer family.

August 24 at 11:40 AM





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Steve/Brenda Jimbo/Beverly Janie/Rickey Judy/Tony sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hoyer family.



August 24 at 11:05 AM



Judy Sonnier posted:

Dear Aunt Pat, our cousins, Reema, Leila and Rick. What beautiful memories of precious Melinda we have! Thinking of Melinda always brings a smile, she would make us laugh and you just never knew what was coming out of her mouth. Our hearts are breaking with yall as we try to accept this unbelievable loss. Keeping yall in our thoughts and prayers. The Williams Family.

August 24 at 9:44 AM



Andrea Bateman August 25 at 5:22 AM

This is truly a loss to us here on earth. We were lucky enough to have known and loved our dear sister in Christ Melinda. She was so special and her voice was of an angel. Her singing at our wedding was the best gift anyone could have given. She blessed everyone at our church in Springfield. I speak for me and my husband when I say that sweet Melinda is singing with the angels in the presence of our Lord. She is not hurting anymore and we all will see her again. Rick and Reema just know that Adrian and I feel the loss deeply and our thoughts are with you in prayer. Adrian and Andrea Bateman



Anonymous sent a Basket of Joy to the Hoyer family.



August 24 at 8:00 AM



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DW

Donna Walters lit a candle in honor of Melinda.

Rick - I am so sorry for your lost. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

- Donna Walters

August 24 at 4:59 AM



AB

Andrea Bateman August 25 at 3:36 PM

Adrian and I would like to express our deepest sorrow of the loss of your mother and to Rich. Please know that we feel her loss with you and your entire family. Melinda was a true blessing to my husband and me. She was a dear friend and sister in Christ. She sang at our wedding and made my wedding even more special. She was so loving to each and everyone she met. She behaved as if she had known them for years. She never looked at anyone as a stranger but treated them as a friend. Adrian and I feel so fortunate that Melinda was a part of our life at First Baptist in Springfield. We love her and know that she is now singing with the angels and how beautiful is that. She was an amazing woman that all of us will one day see again in Heaven.

PH

Pastor Michael Henderson August 25 at 2:44 AM

Bro. Rich and Reema, I am deeply sorrowful to hear of the passing of our dear sister in Christ and your wife and mother. Melinda touched everyones life wherever she went and her reward will be heaped up on high. But really, her love was just a reflection of the love of Christ within her and her love for God's work and church. She is blessed and now plays and sings joyfully in God's presence. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I know you will miss her dearly and our prayers go out to you and the family. God Bless Pastor Michael Henderson, Brenna and Mika and Gracey.



Media

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Pamela Chambers shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

August 26 at 2:40 AM



Melinda blowing me a kiss. At our Girls beach retreat fall of 2015.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melinda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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